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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th October 1861.

No. 341. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1861, No. 5,492:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 26th May 1858, No. 1,872.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Madras, dated Sydapet, 21st September 1861, No. 333.

SIR,

Adverting to the 7th paragraph of the Board's Proceedings of the 26th May 1858, No. 1,872, I have the honor to state that the Renters of the Ábkári farm of the late Chingleput District, whose lease for five years, from Faslis 1266 to 1270, having expired, and the rents due by them having been liquidated with the exception of the 14,000 Rupees ordered to be suspended, consequent on the loss alleged to have been sustained by them as detailed by the late Collector in his letter of the 20th April 1858, No. 97, the Renters request that the two months' deposit of Rupees 15,000* in Government Promissory Notes may be returned, and the balance written off. The same course which induced Mr. Shubrick to recommend this remission having also existed more or less, as far as my inquiry extends, in the succeeding Faslis of their lease, I think that the balance may be remitted, and that the indulgence is not greater than is called for by the result of the lease, which, by general opinion, has not been profitable.

* In ready cash Rupees 441-10-8 besides.

Ordered that the above papers be submitted to Government with the Board's recommendation that the remission of Rupees 14,000 out of the late Ábkári rent of the old Chingleput District, which amount, the Board in 1858 permitted to be suspended in consideration of the high rate of the farm and the extremely unfavorable character of the season, be confirmed, and that the Collector be authorized to return their deposit to the late Renters, and to close the account.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1861, No. 2,061.

Sanctioned.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 1872.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th May 1858.

In Con. 26th May 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Chingleput, dated 20th April 1858.

(Here enter No 97.)

The Abkarry Farm of the Chingleput District was put up to auction for the five Fuslies 1266 to 1270, both inclusive at the upset price of Rupees 79,550 per annum. It was knocked down to E. Narrainsawmy for Rupees 90,450, but on his failing to make the required deposits, it was put up a second time and realized Rupees 92,650 per annum, the successful bidders being Alagherry Naick and four others.

2. These parties now apply for a remission of part of their rent, alleging as reasons for the indulgence, the losses entailed on them by the adverse character of the season, the high price of food and of Jaggery, the opening of the Railroad and of the Southern Canal, the renting of only ⅛ of the Streeharicottah jungles, and the transfer of the Collector's Treasury from Conjeveram to Guindy.

3. The renters may probably have sustained some loss from all these causes, but the first is the only one the Board are inclined to admit as a valid ground of claim, the season having been adverse to a degree which the renters could not reasonably have calculated on. The alteration in the mode of renting the Streeharicottah jungle and the transfer of the Treasury could have had but little influence on the gains of the year and are moreover contingencies for which a contractor should leave a margin in his calculations. The Railway, the Board apprehend, has not greatly diverted trade, and though the number of travellers on the roads may have diminished, the renters should have made allowances for the probable effect of the Railroad which was opened before their lease of the Abkarry commenced. The same remark applies to the S. Canal, on which moreover only four boats now ply.

4. The adversity of the season was however such as to cause the renters serious loss; not only were the prices of all articles of food greatly enhanced, so that the poorer classes could not afford to consume liquor to the same extent as in ordinary seasons, but the value of Jaggery rose so high that the Collector calculates the loss of the renters from this cause alone at more than Rupees 12,000 in Fuslies 1266 and 1267 as compared with Fusly 1265.

5. It is not easy in cases of this nature to calculate a renter's loss with precision, but the Board concur with Mr. Shubrick that some indulgence should in this instance be granted, although they are averse to such concessions on the general ground that such a course induces reckless biddings.

	Rents.	Per Fusly. Rupees.	
From Fusly	1256 to 1258...	76,500	} Exclusive of
do do	1259 to 1261...	73,200	} Pulicat.
do do	1262 to 1265...	79,550	
do do	1266 to 1270 Petitioner's term.....	92,650	

6. The terms on which Petitioners hold the rent are unusually high as the marginal abstract of the *"Demand"* of 10 years will shew, and the Collector considers that they could have gained little during Fusly 1266, the first year of their contract.

7. The Board however remark that Petitioners hold the farm for five years, and not three as stated in para 2 of the letter above recorded, and as the object of these long leases was to counteract the effects of an unfavorable season, it would be premature now to seek authority for remitting a part of the current Fusly's demand. But under the circumstances reported, the Board authorize the Collector to suspend the collection of Rs. 14,000 in the present year, and it will be hereafter decided, when the general results of the lease are more visible, whether this sum is to be collected or recommended to Government for remission.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Sub Secretary.

To

C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., *Collector of Chingleput.*

Enclosure referred in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 9th October 1861, No. 5,492.

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Letter from the Collector of Chingleput to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th April 1858 No. 97, regarding the Abkarry farm of the late Chingleput District and Board's Proceedings thereon.—

No. 5,492.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to B. Cunliffe, Esq., Collector of Madras.

Exd. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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No. 5,492.

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25 October 1861

For Order.

Yes Ellis

Will

This may I think be sanctioned. The Season was very bad and the following year not good.

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