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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 16th April 1861.

No. 261. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1861, No. 1,647 :—

Read the following letter from H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of Salem, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Salem, 27th February 1861, No. 32.

SIR,

1. With reference to my letter to the Board of the 13th instant, No. 20, stating that no correct statement of rain fall in Fasli 1269 can be prepared, I have the honor to inform you that the rain fall in that year may be reckoned, on an average of the three preceding years, at 40 inches for the entire year.

2. This average correctly represents the actual state of the season in Fasli 1269, for the monsoon failed in great part in that year, and owing to the want of rain it was necessary to grant special remissions for Shavee.

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1. Submitted to Government for information with reference to the note below the statement of rain fall appended to paragraph 5 of the Board's general report for Fasli 1269, dated 16th February 1861.

2. Under the circumstances no other course is open than to accept the average rain fall.

(True Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 262. ORDERO THEREON, 16th April 1861, No. 853.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

In Cons. 16th February 1861, No. 985.

From H. A. BRETT, Esq., Collector of SALEM,
dated 13th February 1861, No. 20.

With reference to an Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated the 22nd ultimo, No. 384, requesting me to examine the Rain Returns for the two Faslis 1268 and 1269, to ascertain how it happened that the fall of rain in the latter year was entered in the Returns at only inches 8-3; I have the honor to state that I have examined both years' Returns, and have found it impossible to prepare a correct statement for Fasli 1269, the year in which, no doubt, the chief error exists.

2. It appears that in June 1859, Mr. Fane, the Officiating Collector, directed the Tahsildars to use from the beginning of Fasli 1269, the new kind of Gauge referred to in the Board's Proceedings, dated the 29th of March 1856. I have no doubt that the Circular instructions issued at that time, though they are perfectly clear, were misunderstood both in the Taluqs and at the Huzoor office. In consequence, both the Returns received from the Taluqs, and the statements submitted to the Board were grossly erroneous, and were so prepared that nothing like a correct statement can now be formed from them.

3. I am very sorry that the Board's order calling for an immediate answer was not at once attended to. As soon as I received the Proceedings at Ahtur, I sent a copy to the Deputy Collector in charge of the account department, with separate instructions to him, pointing out that he should immediately submit the required explanation. The Deputy Collector ordered the servants in the account department to find and examine the accounts, but scarcely anything more was done before my return to Salem on Monday last. I have since satisfied myself that no correct statement can now be prepared.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

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Letter from the Coll.
of Salem to the Lds to
the Bd of Revs dated 13th
February 1851 at the Regt
Room Returns.

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Board of Revenue

Dated 28th
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