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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th September 1862.

No. 238. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1862:—

Read Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, dated 17th June 1862, No. 1,330.

(In Cons. 18th June 1862, No. 3,763.)

1. Ordered that copy of Mr. Thomas' letter of 25th January last, No. 16, with the Board's Proceedings thereon No. 1,123, dated 17th February 1862, be submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of the foregoing Order.

2. Ordered also that the Order of Government recorded above be communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore.

(A true Extract.)
(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 25th January, 1862, No. 16:—

SIR,

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings of the 5th ultimo, No. 6,711, I beg to report on the old waste wells of Coimbatore.

2. There are about 2,620 old wells, waste and uncultivated from five years and upwards to 20, 30 and 50 years. They were originally dug by private capital, and have fallen into their present dilapidated state from various causes; failure of old springs, falling in, of the well; some never quite finished; others dug in poor and barren soil; many of them unclaimed; and all now in their present state, fit only for Punjah, and incapable of "well" cultivation.

Others stopped by rock.

3. I would propose to put them all up to auction to be assessed at Poonjah rates only, in future; being quite unfit to be charged at garden. Many will doubtless compete for them, at Poonjah rate; and some Ryots of substance will probably be then induced to re-excavate some of the wells, and expend capital upon them.

4. To prevent infringement of private claim, I would sell only those which have been entirely waste for 10 years instead of 5. Those of five years' waste to 10, I would sell in like manner; but where a *bonâ fide* claimant is a purchaser, I would *remit* the one *half* the purchase money. I submit a Statement of the above, and request the Board's orders.

Statement showing the number of waste garden wells, the extent of land, and the amount of assessment thereon.

	No. of Wells.	Extent of land in Bullahs.	Amount of Assessment.	Remarks.
			RS.	
Above 5 years...	513	403	5,571	
„ 10 „	470	335	4,638	
„ 15 „	279	198	2,619	
„ 20 „	365	298	4,079	
„ 25 „	399	336	4,675	
„ 30 „	193	135	1,852	
„ 35 „	206	168	2,342	
„ 40 „	39	48	706	
„ 45 „	86	70	972	
„ 55 „	70	90	940	
Total....	2,620	2,081	28,394	
These are divided as follows:—				
Owners not forthcoming.....	663	621	8,233	
Do. forthcoming...	1,957	1,460	20,161	
Total.....	2,620	2,081	28,394	

(Signed) E. B. THOMAS,
Collector.

COIMBATORE,
COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,
25th January 1862.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 13th September 1862.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1862, No. 1,973.

1. The Governor in Council sees no reason to reserve the Waste Well lands of the Coimbatore District for disposal in accordance with the Resolution of the Government of India, dated 17th October 1861, No. 3,264.

2. The wells on these lands were originally constructed with private capital, and have been allowed to fall out of repair from various causes. The sale of them, as proposed either by the Collector or the Board, would produce little, and would certainly be regarded by the people as an encroachment on private rights. The Government are of opinion that the proper course is to offer these lands assessed with their appropriate "Punjah" assessment, to the owners of the dilapidated wells or their representatives. The lands which are "unclaimed" and those which are declined by the original owners or their representatives should be treated like other waste.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 1,123.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th February 1862.

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Chepauk, dated 25th January 1862, No. 16:—

1. With reference to Board's Proceedings of the 5th ultimo, No. 6,741, I beg to report on the old waste wells of Coimbatore.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the number of waste garden wells, the extent of land, and the amount of assessment thereon.

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1. Under the circumstances stated by the Collector, there can be no doubt of the propriety of classing these lands as Punjah, and assessing them accordingly, they having in fact reverted to that class.

2. The Board, therefore, authorize the Collector to rate the lands as of this class, and to carry out in regard to them the rules laid down in the Resolution of the Supreme Government for the sale of *assessed* waste, so soon as the subsidiary rules of the local Government shall have been published.

3. Meanwhile he may take measures to notify the terms on which the lands will be available hereafter, and it would be well that these terms should be brought specially to the notice of any Ryots who could advance claims to the lands as former occupants, although under the recent decision of the Sudder, their abandonment of the lands has voided their claim.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To E. B. Thomas, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.

Exd. J. Wright.

By the Board as above.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dated the 13th Sept. 1862
Read the following
Submitting copy of the Collector's
Roman letter with the Board's Proceedings
thereon, regarding waste lands in the Ryt
Coimbatore District.

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(Received 23rd June 1862)

Read. Then are also.

letter 28820 dated 13 Sept 1862 from the Collector of Coimbatore, submitting a copy of his letter No 7952 dated 20th August 1862 and its enclosures.

Then are also the Petitions of Ryots for 1957 wells & 55780 Acres.

The Ryt. in Coimbatore have represented that the Government Assessment on wells recently constructed by them is very heavy, and that the Collector has refused to grant them any remission. The Collector has been directed to report on the Petitions of the Ryots for remission of the Assessment on wells recently constructed by them, and in accordance with the Resolution of the Board in Consultation of 15th April 1862 he has submitted the Petitions of 1957 Ryots for remission of Assessment on 55780 Acres.

The Collector recommends that the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots be remitted for a period of five years, and that the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots who have received Takavi advances be remitted for the period during which the Takavi remains unpaid.

The Board have carefully considered the Collector's proposal, and are of opinion that the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots should be remitted for a period of five years, and that the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots who have received Takavi advances should be remitted for the period during which the Takavi remains unpaid.

The Board have also considered the question whether the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots should be remitted for a period of five years, and that the Assessment on wells constructed by Ryots who have received Takavi advances should be remitted for the period during which the Takavi remains unpaid.

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Entered in the Book of Minutes of the Board to Govt. C. D. Dated 23 June 1862 ——

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17th February 1862.

Ryt-1806/62

No 1,123.

Passing orders relative to the assessment of certain lands.

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Mr Capers To the Bd of Road Dec 15

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To
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Passing orders on
Board's Proceedings on
the Waste well lands
of Coimbatore.

Old Wells
of Coimbatore.

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