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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd January 1863.

No. 268. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th January 1863, No. 159 :—

Read the following letter from D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 31st October 1862, No. 907.

SIR,

1. Accompanying, I have the honor to forward the Annual Report, with the usual Statements A and B, on the management of the Government Estates of Palakonda and Honjaram for Fasli 1271, submitted by the Agent of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., the renters.

2. In the orders communicated to the Board under date the 12th September 1862, the Secretary of State for India approves of the suggestion that it will be sufficient if the management of these Estates is noticed in the Annual Report of the Disitrict.

3. The Board will observe on a comparison of dates that this was not practicable in this year, as my District Report was despatched on the 9th September.

4. SEASON.—The season on the whole was favorable; the rains heavier than usual, but no damage was occasioned thereby. Prices during the year were on the increase, and consequently remunerative to the Ryots.

5. The following is a Comparative Statement of the gross settled Demand, Collection, and Balance of these Estates during the year under review :—

Items.	Fasli 1270.				Fasli 1271.				Comparison between Cols. 3 & 7	
	Villages.	Settled demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Villages.	Settled demand.	Collection.	Balance.	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.
Ryotwarri	169	1 32,668 12 1	1,31,901 5 7	767 6 6	170	1,43,275 8 11	1,42,202 1 3	1,073 7 8	10,607	...
Jodi... ...	93	7,622 1 5	7,622 1 5	0 0 0	93	7,622 1 5	7.622 1 5	0 0 0	...	...
Total..	262	1,40,290 13 6	1,39,523 7 0	767 6 6	263	1,50,897 10 4	1,49,824 2 8	1,073 7 8	10,607	...

6. The settlement for the year was Rupees 1,50,897-10-4, or Rupees 10,607 above that of the preceding year. The increase is chiefly atributable to (1) Waste lands being brought under cultivation; (2), to Dry lands being converted into Wet; and (3), to Ryots being required to pay the full amount of Sist for such lands as they hitherto enjoyed on reduced rents.

7. On the waste lands brought under cultivation, Sugar-cane and the ordinary cereals of the Talook were raised. It will be observed from the Agent's report that the renters purpose increasing their Indigo cultivation during the next season.

8. The following Statement gives the extent of land cultivated throughout these Estates as well as the description of grains, &c., raised thereon :—

Name of produce.	Land in Acres for Fasli 1270.	Land in Acres for Fasli 1271.	Increase.	Decrease.
	A. C. V.	A. C. V.	A. C. V.	A. C. V.
Sugar-cane...	385 6 5	399 26 2	14 19 12	0 0 0
Paddy.....	9,574 21 11	9,710 22 2	166 0 7	0 0 0
Indigo...	103 7 5	103 11 13	0 4 8	0 0 0
Other grains...	2,564 15 11	2,550 16 15	0 0 0	13 38 12
Total...	12,627 11 0	12,793 37 0	180 24 12	13 38 12

9. ARREARS.—The arrears outstanding at the end of Fasli 1270 amounted to Rupees 1,699-14-8. Of this sum Rupees 656-12-3 were collected within the Fasli, and Rupees 44 remitted, leaving Rupees 999-2-5 still outstanding, adding to this Rupees 1,073-7-8 the current arrears, the gross amount outstanding under this head to the close of the year is Rupees 2,072-10-1.

10. MARAMUT.—The Maramut during the year was only Rupees 1,747-1-7, being Rupees 612-1-9 below that of Fasli 1270; the expenditure was entirely on ordinary works.

11. Mr. Minchin was called upon with reference to paragraph 2 of the Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated 31st July last, No. 26, to explain why the expenditure on Maramut in Fasli 1271 is so much below that of Fasli 1270, he replies that "the various Tanks, "&c., throughout the Talooks were put into such good repair in the former Fasli, and the damage "done by the rains was so trifling, that nothing but the most superficial repairs were called for.

"I need hardly add that it is to the interest of the renters to keep the various irrigationary "works in good repair, and that they will not be deterred by any false notions of economy, "from all needful expenditure on works of improvement." I trust it may be so, but I shall not forget, *pace* Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co.'s Agent, that, as remarked by an eminent authority not a hundred years ago, at Madras, "we all want looking after."

12. The Government under date the 25th September last, No. 2,088, sanctioned the compensation for the lands taken up for roads to which Mr. Minchin refers, and as soon as the Bill is passed by the Civil Auditor, the amount due will be disbursed. This has been intimated to Mr. Minchin.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Mr. C. MINCHIN, to D. F. CARMICHAEL, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam, dated Bimlipatam, 13th October 1862.

I have the honor to forward herewith for Fasli 1271, the Statements which the renters of Palcondah are required by Government annually to submit to you, as per Teloogoo List annexed.

The Fasli has not been marked by any vicissitudes worthy of notice. The rains have been rather heavier than usual, but no damage has been sustained in consequence, and the high prices that have continued to rule for all kinds of produce, must have insured good profit to the cultivators.

Of the Atkoobady Dowle of Rupees...	1,48,237	12	8
We collected up to the close of the Fasli...	1,48,082	4	9
Leaving outstanding...	175	7	11
We distributed in Tuccavee...	1,027	8	0
The whole of which has been recovered.			
At the commencement of the Fasli, the arrears outstanding amounted to ...	1,091	4	5
Of which were collected...	290	15	0
Leaving outstanding...	803	5	2
On the converted lands we claimed from the Ryots...	2,220	9	9
Of which we remitted...	26	0	6
And collected...	2,194	9	3
Leaving outstanding...	1,741	13	11
	452	11	4

The arrears outstanding on converted lands in Fasli 1270 were...	605	10	6
Of which we remitted...	44	0	0
	561	10	6
And collected...	365	13	3
Leaving outstanding...	195	13	3
On dry land converted into wet, we fixed an assessment for Fasli 1271 of Rs...	445	4	5
Of which nothing was collected up to the close of the Fasli.			
The outstanding Balances therefore amount to			
On Atkoobady Dowle	175	7	11
Former arrears...	803	5	2
Converted lands Fasli 1271...	452	11	4
Do. 1270...	195	13	3
Dry lands converted into wet...	445	4	5
Rupees...	2,072	10	1
The expenditure on Maramut was Rupees...	1,747	1	7

The cultivation of Indigo was the same as in last Fasli, but it is in contemplation to build in the current Fasli, several new Factories, which will proportionably increase the cultivation hereafter.

The Cholera which visited the Talook in the last months of Fasli 1270, continued during the earlier months of Fasli 1271, and many deaths were reported.

I take this opportunity to recall your attention to the compensation which is due for land occupied by the roads, made through the Talook.

All the necessary reports have been sent in, and I believe forwarded to the Revenue Board, but no settlement has yet been come to, though some of the claims are now of eight year's standing.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, A.

ABSTRACT.—Comparative Statement of Atkoobady Dowle Remission, Statement of Collections of the Palcondah and Hoonjaram Estates, under the rent of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. between Faslis 1270-71.

ENCLOSURE No. 3, B.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the Atkoobady and cultivation of the Palcondah and Hoonjaram Estates under the rent of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., for Fasli 1271.

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1. Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosures relating to the management of the Palcondah and Hoonjaram Estates held by Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co., on an annual lease of Rupees 1,20,000 be submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Collector having despatched his settlement report for Fasli 1271, before the receipt of the Orders of Government, dated 12th September 1862, No. 1,951, communicating the Despatch from the Secretary of State for India, dated 31st July 1862, has found it necessary to submit a separate report on the management of those Estates, instead of including them in the Annual Report as directed. The course proposed by the Secretary of State will be adopted from Fasli 1272.

3. The season is reported to have been on the whole favorable, and the rains heavier than usual, but not injuriously so. Prices were high and remunerative.

4. The entire settled demand on the two Estates for the Fasli amounted to Rupees 1,50,807-10-4, being in excess of that in the previous Fasli by Rupees 10,607-6-10. This increase is chiefly attributed to waste lands having been brought under cultivation, to dry lands having been converted into wet, and to the Ryots having been required to pay the full amount of Kist

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7. The extent cultivated with Paddy and Sugar-cane during the Fasli exceeded that of the previous year by 166 and 14 Acres respectively.

8. The Renters' management of the Estates appears to have been satisfactory.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed.) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 269. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1863, No. 137.

1. The management of Messrs. Arbuthnot & Co. appears to have been very satisfactory.

2. The Government presume that the compensation referred to in paragraph 12 of the Acting Agent's letter has since been disbursed.

3. The papers will be forwarded for the information of the Home Government.

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

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Secretary.

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

Copy to D. F. Carmichael, Esq., Acting Collector of Vizagapatam.

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No. 1153.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 13th *January* 1863.
Despatched.
Received.

No. 159.

Submitting with the Board's opinion a letter from the Acting Agent to the Governor, Vizagapatam, reporting on the management of the Palconda and Hoonjaram Estates, held on an annual lease by Messrs Arbuthnot and Co.