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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 400. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 16th January 1863 :—

Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Camp Penkonda, 23rd December 1862, No. 182.

SIR,

1. In forwarding the enclosed Statement embodying the information called for in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,995, dated 1st November 1861, I have the honor to state, that no lands have as yet been granted in this District under the Order of Government No. 2,069, dated 29th October 1861.

2. Some of the principal Cotton traders in this District, who were consulted, agree with me in considering that the following prizes may be given for the best produce of the indigenous Cotton, taking quantity and quality into consideration :—

		RS.
1	Prize	100
1	Do	150
1	Do	200
1	Do	250
1	Do	300
1	Do	400
1	Do	500
1	Do	700
1	Do	900
1	Do	1,000
1	Do	1,500
1	Do	2,000
1	Do	2,500
1	Do	3,000
1	Do	3,500
1	Do	4,000
1	Do	4,500
1	Do	5,000
1	Do	
		30,400

1. Mr. Hathaway submits a list of 131 Ryots in the different Talooks of his District whose holdings aggregate 15,114 Acres assessed at Rupees 16,284, and to whom he proposes to remit Rupees 3,204, or 2,468 Acres in various proportions, for it is presumed five years, with reference to the Proceedings of Government dated 29th October 1861, No. 2,069, communicating the Minute of His Excellency the Governor on measures for encouraging improvements in the cultivation of Cotton. He adds a list of prizes to be offered at the end of the time to those who show the best results, aggregating Rupees 30,500.

2. Bearing in view the remarks contained in Sir Charles Woods' Despatch, communicated with Government Order, dated 13th September 1862, No. 1,971, Revenue Department, the Board are not disposed to support the Collector's proposals, which are, moreover, as regards the prizes,

C. O. 22nd October 1862.

vague in the extreme and extravagant.

3. His letter will however be submitted for the information of Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 401. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th February 1863.

Read the following letter from A. HATHAWAY, Esq., Collector of Bellary, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Camp Pedda Manatur, 29th January 1863, No. 16.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, under date the 16th instant, No. 260, I have the honor to state, that the prizes suggested by me, were intended for the whole Presidency, and not for the single District of Bellary.

2. In paragraph 10 of the Minute of His Excellency the President forwarded with the Proceedings of Government dated 29th October 1861, No. 2,069, (on which the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 5,995, of 1st November 1861, were based), it is suggested, that prizes (no mention being made of the aggregate amount thereof), ranging from Rupees 5,000 to 100 should be offered; and in paragraph 2 of the aforesaid Proceedings of Government, it is directed that the Revenue Board were, in communication with Collectors, and others, to arrange the said prizes.

3. I therefore gave my opinion, leaving the selection, and specification, to be made by the Board, with reference to the aggregate amount it might in their opinion be advisable to recommend, and also to the opinions of parties specially connected with the Cotton trade, who do not exist in this District.

4. I do not myself expect that the offer of prizes *per se* will much stimulate the growth of Cotton in this District, a result which is much more likely to be effected by the remission of assessment for five years to the parties (or some of them) recommended by me in my letter of the 23rd ultimo, No. 182, and still more by the palpable demand for the article, which at present exists.

5. If the demand droops, the cultivation of Cotton will, I have no doubt, revert to somewhat like its ordinary level, as the Ryots of this District are not of a speculative turn, and prefer growing what is sure to meet with a steady market.

6. In consequence of the present demand, which exists through the stoppage of the supply from America, several merchants have contracted to give the Ryots 20 and 25 Rupees an Acre for the produce of their fields whatever may be the outturn. The fact, however, of the Ryots under such engagements, being bound to provide the seed incidentally shows that no attention has been paid by these capitalists to the improvement of the staple.

1. Pochireddi Ankalareddy.
2. Rungareddi.
3. Somappa.
4. Pullur Balanagireddi.
5. Bhumareddi.

7. In conclusion, I would recommend that the remission of assessment for five years, may be granted at least to the five parties marginally noted (and whose names are entered in the list forwarded by me to the Board) on lands amounting in all to Acres 151-18-8 assessed at Rupees 176-12-0, as it would appear from a recent report of the Tahsildar of Tadpatri, that under a belief that the concession would be granted, they have already cultivated this extent of land with Cotton, and refuse to pay its assessment.

8. Although no permission to do so was given to them, I consider it politic to grant to these persons the said remission, as the refusal to do so naturally tends to make the Ryots distrustful, and averse to quit the ordinary routine of cultivation for the purpose of experiments.

9. It may be observed that the land under cultivation with Cotton in this District in November, was in excess of that for the same month in the previous year by 56,297 Acres.

Ordered to be submitted to Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Collector, and with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances stated in paragraphs 7 and 8 of the above letter, such concession as Government may consider expedient be made to the five Tadpatri Ryots named by the Collector.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 402. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1863, No. 423.

1. The Despatch of Her Majesty's Secretary of State, dated 9th July last, No. 18, precludes the Government from sanctioning the remissions of assessment proposed by the Collector of Bellary in the first of the letters above recorded. The five persons mentioned in the Collector's second letter have already taken up 151 Acres of land, assessed at Rupees 176-12-0, and have cultivated it with Cotton, under the belief that the assessment would be remitted, if they conformed to the terms laid down by Government in G. O. 29th October 1861. The Collector states that no permission to take up the land was given to these Ryots, but he considers it politic to grant the remission "as the refusal to do so naturally tends to make the "Ryots distrustful and averse to quit the ordinary routine of cultivation for the purpose of "experiment." The Board support the Collector's recommendation. Before complying with this recommendation, the Government deem it necessary to ascertain more precisely from the Collector under what circumstances the parties got possession of the land in question, what reason he has for believing their application to be *bonâ fide*, and how far they are acquainted with and able to fulfil the conditions prescribed. The Government are not prepared to admit the right of persons to anticipate their sanction in the manner represented in this case.

2. As regards prizes the Board are requested to communicate with the Collectors of the four Districts in which similar experiments are being tried, and submit an uniform and suitable scale of rewards in accordance with the original design of Government.

(Signed.) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

For Orders.

In Oct 1861 the
Govt determined
on adopting the
methods of encouraging
the improving Indian
Cotton, viz

I. To allow to a
few intelligent
Natives in different
parts of the country
a remission of all
assessment on a
certain quantity
of land not Exceeding
30 acres for a period
of 5 years on Con-
dition of annually
denoting that area
to Cotton, and making
an annual report
of the Color of the area
under Cultivation

the Cost of Cultivation the amount of the Crop &c &c, Samples of the Crop showing all the Varieties from accompanying the Return -

II. To Growers Raising - graduated from Rs 5000 & 100 & all who at the End of 5 years should show that the Produce of their Land was superior in value taking Quantity & ~~Quality~~ Quality into Consideration to that of similar Land under Cotton, the reward being in some Measure proportionate to the improvement in the Quality of the Cotton

the result of a change in the Quality of the native Cotton, or of the introduction of a superior Species - proportionate in fact to the Price of the Cotton Lint in the market -

The Secy of State disapproved of first Raising "prizes for the Cultivation" & limited the Restriction to Land of 30 Acres in favour of any persons who may display a willingness to cultivate the Land & the improvement of Native Cotton" and decided that the Restrictions ceased

that effect might be withdrawn remarking however that if under that order arrangements had been made with any individuals they should be carried out.

The Collectors are accordingly informed through the Bd of Rev that assignments of waste land already made should not be disturbed but that future applications should be submitted for the orders of Govt.

The Bd moreover submit a letter & statement from Messrs Finlay the Collr & Kedlaya Mudaliar

The statement comprises a list of applications for land on the terms of the Govt order already granted and a schedule of 18 prices, ranging from 100 to 5000 Rs which "some of the principal cotton traders" in the district agree with the Collr in considering" may be given for the best produce of the indigenous cotton, taking quantity & quality into consideration".

The assessment to be annually remitted for 5 years amounts to Rs #3204 ~~——~~ 4

The area to be cleared & cotton is 2468 Acres

and the number
of applicants 131.
The proposed price
amount to R. 30,400.

The Mr, bearing
Sir Charles Wood's
instructions in regard
"are not disposed
to suspend the Civil
proposals, which are
moreover as regards
the price more
the extreme of Ex-
travagance".

Mr Hathaway's
Communication is
so brief & general
that it is difficult
to deal with it - From
the heading of his
statement it is to
be inferred that
the application for

grounds are those of
eyots selected from a
longer number of can-
didates as most likely
to give the proposed Ex-
periment a fair trial
It would at least
have been satisfactory
if we had received an
explicit assurance
of the ability as well
as readiness of the
applicants to undertake
to improve the Cotton
of the District - of
their having duly un-
derstanding the
conditions of the Con-
cession viewed by
pot and other similar
particulars which,
as Mr Hathaway
might have known,
would naturally in
[illegible]

de cision - Instead
of this, the Pt. are
left public with a
Table bar Statements
and a Scale of fines,
Such as pecuniary
Style of dealing with
a Re fractory Juror if
Pt. attack Should
in Pt. Kt the Attacks
hit Re fractory Juror.

Re Ka Harvey
State, that 2 Counts
have yet been framed
free of objections
from this I presume
Pt. are of opinion that
they are free & act
as they think fit.
Assuming this &
Re the case, it seems
to me that with Re

Charles Boyd's article
before them Pt. Com-
-mences by stating to
extent true an Experi-
ment as Mr Halloway
principles - At the same
time & draws Pt.
attention to the Word Make
the Pt. look & Pt. Charles
and Shake the Con-
-fidence of the people.
Under the cir-
Cumstances perhaps
Pt. Counsel Pt. can Pt.
Re & limit the for-
-mal & a few men
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& continue it for 5 years -
Saying for instance
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Pt. Pt. Pt. Pt. Pt. Pt.

Cultivators, the Number of the Experimental Fields should be 24 and the annual Remission Rs 750-

As to the Prizes, the Sums prescribed should be much too large for so limited an Experiment as that at the Sketches. I should say 3 Prizes of Rs 500- 1000 & 1500 should be awarded to that it should be left to the Committee to award the District- for Cultivators on their own footing may, possibly beat the Experimentalists and any how the greater the Competition the greater the Merit Succeeded are likely

for the- I should suggest for consideration the two annual Prizes awarded for a Series of years should not be two Series Prizes awarded for 5 years- Another Cycle would be fully as true Fields on each 5 years Series there may be a new Cycle a new Board & a new Set of Prizes of this sort & special interest in the Heads of Fields predecessors- The Sixth 5 years are the Chartered Period for a Permanent Record & improvements often but they are a long period in which

to "Keep the Re. Ho
Boiling" This Rupee
= for the Cocoanut Season
of fort.

Key orders as to
I It Refer on the Bond
of Lt C. Woods order
the Matter be Enfd
or
II Tried on a Limited
Scale on some such
Plan as Above
Sketched

III As to the amount
&c of the Prizes.

I & II 24.

III. The assignments
in other Districts are
as follows.

	Ryots	—	Ass.ts recommended	
Trinevelly	10	—	120 Rs	
Madura	1	—	42. 4. 9	
Coimbatore	10		210.	
Cuddapah	16	—	595	

I & I

Struck the experiment should be made - Indisputable would exhibit a ludicrous vacillation on the part of the Govt — WD

JP

The scale may be very much limited - that is the amount limited - that a experiment resulted might be limited to say 200 Rs.

If the prizes are for cultivated cotton they must be postponed till some has been grown for inspection +

JP

+ and annual prizes thereupon would be given - but the amounts would be determined materially — WD

Revenue Department.

No 1422.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 27th February 1863.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting, with the Board's remarks a letter from the Collector of Bellary forwarding a list of Ryots to whom he proposes to remit Rs 3,204 or 3,468 accordingly for encouraging improvements in the cultivation of cotton. —

(Here enter 16th Jany 1863 No 11)

Submitting letter from the Collector of Bellary on the subject of prizes for cotton cultivation and recommending that such concession as the Govt may deem expedient be granted to the ryots referred to by the Collector. —

(Here enter 20th Feb. 1863 No)

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Certain information
called from the Collector of
Bellary regarding the
Inquiry and remission of
Assessment for Attoor Cul.
situation.

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