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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 28th October 1864.

No. 373. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th October 1864.

Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 8th October 1864, No. 456:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 15 of the Board's Proceedings dated the 28th September last, No. 6,327, desiring me not to make any material alteration in the Settlement already made by Messrs. Banbury and Hutchins until further instructions, I have the honor to state that on the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 28th July last, No. 4,788, directing me to remit in full the assessment of Nunjah waste, if satisfied that the waste was the result of an insufficient supply of water to the tanks, I remitted the whole as I *was* fully satisfied, both from Mr. Banbury's own Note book and from the enquiries I had made, that the reason of the lands being so left waste was simply want of water. The remission was announced to the Ryots, and the amount deducted from the demand for the current Fusly; should the Government however finally decide, on the reference now made by the Board, that the amount thus remitted is to be collected, I will issue orders for its collection. The doing so will not be impossible although difficult, more especially as already personal and real property have been attached to the extent of Rupees 25,115, to satisfy the arrears of last Fusly and of that of the previous ones.

2. I conclude, however, that the Board's last letter to the Government will so thoroughly convince them of the propriety of these remissions that they will at once permit them; and save us thereby any further orders on the subject.

3. The precedent of thus granting remissions by one Collector that had been disallowed by another is no new one, as last year Mr. Ellis remitted a much larger sum than I have this year that had been proposed for collection at a uniform per-centage by his (Mr. Ellis) predecessor Mr. Cunliffe.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government in continuation of the Board's Proceedings quoted by the Collector.

No. 374. **Land Revenue.**

ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1864, No. 1,997.

1. This letter of the Collector of Madras, which the Board of Revenue have forwarded for the information of Government, is very unsatisfactory. It simply shows that Mr. Fane has carried out the object which he had in view when he first agitated the question, viz, "to remit "in toto the charges on Nunjah waste throughout the District." (Vide letter to Board, dated 19th July 1864, paragraph 15.) The Government have already declared in their order of the 18th August last, that so off hand a proceeding cannot be allowed, and they are somewhat surprised that the Board should have communicated the Collector's report on this particular point without remark, more especially as Mr. Fane's proceedings were also an infringement of their own orders, as stated in paragraph 7 of their explanation, dated 8th ultimo, No. 6,327.

2. The Government desire that their orders may be carefully adhered to, and that intimation to that effect may be sent to the Collector. They observe that Mr. Fane was not put in possession of their views till more than a month subsequent to the issue of the order of 18th August.

3. The Board's Proceedings of the 28th September will be taken into consideration when the Government have before them the report of the course which the Board may have seen fit to pursue upon the explanations of Messrs. Banbury and Hutchins. This report should be accompanied by the statements of those Officers.

4. Mr. Fane will be called upon to state how many of the villages, in which he has granted remissions, have been visited by him, and on what information he acted in the matter of these remissions.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 687

The Board should be told that the Govt is not at all satisfied with the letter of the Coll. of Madras, and that the Govt look to the Board to see that the public interests are properly attended to in the matter.

When Mr. Fane first agitated this question he plainly explained that his object was to result in toto the charges on the Simpl Waste throughout the District" (Letter of 19 July/64 P 15) —

To off hand a proceeding could not of course be allowed, and Govt declared the course to be taken in its Order of 10 Augt —

Rumjah waste throughout

- Before however any real enquiry has been made, & before information has been obtained from Phelps Barbery & Hutchins who conducted the settlement, the Board forwarded without such a letter of Mr Fane, in which carrying out his foregone resolution he expressly that he has "omitted the whole" being fully satisfied that no cause but want of water prevented the cultivation of the Bramput Land & left waste

Mr Fane has had little or no experience of Ryotwary Districts, & came a stranger to this Collectorate after the

effects of the monsoon were over. Yet without showing that he has made local enquiries in a single village he thus orders summarily to upset the settlement made by two experienced officers, thoroughly acquainted with the District who made the Jamabundy with care in different parts of the District after personal talks with the Ryots & careful local enquiry -

- The Board should be told that the Govt are not all satisfied with the hasty & summary proceeding of the Collector - They expect that the public interests will be more carefully looked

after, and cannot permit the expense on all the Rampah Waste to be wasted off in this hasty & careless manner, though ready to assist to any correction of Messrs Bunbury & Hutchisons which are known to be necessary in particular villages

- Intimation of this should be sent to Mr Fane, & the Board should be called on to submit hereafter Messrs B's & his explanation, with a report of the course which they have seen fit to adopt in the matter

20th Oct - [illegible]

"Rampah waste throughout

Revenue department

No. 1997.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 28th October 1864.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Submitting letter from the Collector of Madras reporting that the assessment on Nunjah wastes has been remitted in full and informing that the remitted amount might be collected if necessary.

(Here enter 12th Octr 1864)

1. This letter of the Collector of Madras which the Board of Revenue has forwarded for the information of Govt is not satisfactory. It simply shews that Mr Lane has carried out the object which he had in view when he first agitated the question viz "to remit in" "to the charges on" "Nunjah waste throughout"

"the District"-(vide letter to Board dated 19th July 1864, P:15.) The Govt have already declared in their order of the 18th August last that so off hand a procedure cannot be allowed and they are somewhat surprized that the Board should have communicated the Collector's report on this particular point without remark: more especially as Mr Jane's proceedings were also an infringement of their own orders, as stated in para 7 of their explanation of 8 ult to No: 6327.

2. The Govt desire that their orders may be carefully adhered to, and that intimation to that effect may be sent to the Collector-They observe that Mr Stane is to be put in possession of their views till more than a month subsequent to the issue of the order of 18th August

3. The Board's Proceedings of the 28th September will be taken into con-

have before them the report of the course which the Board may have seen fit to pursue upon the explanations of Messrs Bunbury and Hutchins. This report should be accompanied by the statements of those officers-

Mr Jane will be called upon to state the reasons of the villages - in which he has been restricted from having been visited by him - and on what information he acted in the matter of these restrictions.

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Requesting further explanation from the Collector of Madras respecting the remission of the charges on the Nunjah waste throughout the District.