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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
23rd April 1864.*

No. 391. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th April 1864,
No. 2,215.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 5th April 1864, No. 571,
Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the Board's Proceedings, submitting a letter from the Collector of Coimbatore on the subject of the reduction of assessment on old well lands, and calling for report on certain points connected with it.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Collector of Coimbatore, who will at once carry out the revision sanctioned in paragraph 13 of the Government Order, and will report what will be the result of adopting the first class Punjab rate of each village as the maximum assessment for the old well lands situated in it.

2. He will take care that the Ryots distinctly understand that the rate now imposed on these well lands will be subject to further revision in common with the Punjab assessment of the District generally, and will explain to them that the addition of 2 per cent. on the Punjab rate reserved out of the Garden assessment now to be reduced, will be added to the Local Road Fund, and be applied strictly to local purposes, and that a similar per centage addition will eventually be made to the assessment of all lands for the purpose.

3. On paragraph 11 of the Government Order, the Board observe that they were not unmindful of the fact alluded to by Government, but that they have no evidence to show that the assessment of the Northern Division is much lighter than that of the Southern, although apparently the rates are lower. These two portions of the District were not assessed at one and the same time, by the same Officers, and on the same principles. They formed parts of separate Districts where the assessment was made, and until the lands have been re-classed and valued, it is not possible to say that the assessment of the one portion is positively lighter than that of the other.

4. The Board admit that it has not been satisfactorily explained why 25 per cent. should be the proper measure of relief to the old well lands, but the Board were unwilling to prolong the correspondence on so vitally important a subject, especially as the proposed arrangement could only be a temporary one, and they felt confidence in the judgment of the Officers who had advocated the per centage reduction after considerable local experience.

5. The Board, however, much prefer the rule which the Government have adopted, and which is entirely in accordance with their own views on the subject.

No. 392.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd April 1864, No. 709.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To P. Grant, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore.
 „ J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

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Letter to the
of 20th May 1864

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Dated 12th April 1864.

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