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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th May 1864.*

No. 183. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th April 1864, No. 2,562.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 29th September 1863, No. 379, in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th January 1864, No. 361.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 11th April 1864, No. 140:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th January 1864, No. 361, requesting me to explain why no remission of assessment was granted on lands assigned for Cotton cultivation, and to state whether the same Ryots are prosecuting the experiment in the current year also, and what amount of assessment is remittable to them, I have the honor to explain, that the north-east monsoon of Fusly 1272 set in earlier and lasted longer than usual, and the heavy rains of April 1863 coming at a time when the pods were opening did much injury to the Cotton crop generally, as reported in my letters to the Board of the 14th May and 27th July 1863, Nos. 196 and 297 respectively.

2. The Cotton crop on the land assigned for the experiment, under the terms of the Government Proceedings dated 29th October 1861, No. 2,069 failed, consequently remission was not granted under the terms of the Government Order above quoted; and as remission has never been allowed on crops that have failed on "Punjab" lands in this District, according to the standing custom of the District, the usual assessment was collected. Remission is only granted on Punjab waste.

3. The number of persons who agreed in last year to try the experiment was ten; of these three have tried the experiment again in the current year according to the conditions of the Government Order, and the plants are reported to be thriving; the amount of assessment remittable to them is Rupees 63. Three undertook to cultivate on a less extent of land than the minimum prescribed by Government, but the experiment has proved a failure in two instances. Two persons did not come forward to make the trial, whilst the remaining two have died.

1. The Collector has misinterpreted the Government Order. The remission is to be allowed so long as the terms of the agreement are *bona fide* fulfilled, which are that the land shall be devoted to Cotton, and that an annual Statement of the details of the cultivation shall be made to the Collector with a sample of the crop; the principle that selected seed shall be used for the improvement of the staple being an essential part of the experiment, though whether this principle be properly observed or not the Collector can only determine by the results.

2. The failure of the crop for circumstances beyond the Ryot's control is an additional reason for allowing him the promised remission, if he has performed his part of the agreement.

3. The Collector will apply for authority to refund any sum which according to the above instructions he may find to have been unduly collected.

No. 184.

ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1864, No. 842.

The Board's proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM;

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd, S. T. Augustin.

No. 361.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th January 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Tenkasy, 29th September 1863, No. 379:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 28th August last, No. 5,428, I have the honor to report that the particulars entered in the Statement embodied in the above Proceedings, as regards the extent of land assigned for cotton cultivation are correct, but as the result of the experiment proved a failure, as reported in my letter of the 27th July last, No. 297, no remission of assessment was granted.

The Collector will please to explain whether he means to say that because the season was bad and the experiment failed, therefore the full assessment was levied, or that for these reasons no special remission was needed as no tax was leviable. He will also state whether the same parties are prosecuting the experiment in the current year; and if so, what amount of assessment is remittable to them under the conditions of the Government Order.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

L. J. Wright

No. 2,562.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd April 1864.

Read again letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 29th September 1863, No. 379, in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th January 1864, No. 361.

Read also the following letter from the same Officer, dated 11th April 1864, No. 140:—

1. With reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th January 1864, No. 361, requesting me to explain why no remission of assessment was granted on lands assigned for Cotton cultivation, and to state whether the same Ryots are prosecuting the experiment in the current year also, and what amount of assessment is remittable to them, I have the honor to explain, that the north-east monsoon of Fasil 1272 set in earlier and lasted longer than usual, and the heavy rains of April 1863 coming at a time when the pods were opening did much injury to the Cotton crop generally, as reported in my letters to the Board of the 14th May and 27th July 1863, Nos. 196 and 297 respectively.

2. The Cotton crop on the land assigned for the experiment, under the terms of the Government Proceedings dated 29th October 1861, No. 2,069 failed, consequently remission was not granted under the terms of the Government Order above quoted; and as remission has never been allowed on crops that have failed on "Punjab" lands in this District, according to the standing custom of the District, the usual assessment was collected. Remission is only granted on Punjab waste.

3. The number of persons who agreed in last year to try the experiment was ten; of these three have tried the experiment again in the current year according to the conditions of the Government Order, and the plants are reported to be thriving; the amount of assessment remittable to them is Rupees 63. Three undertook to cultivate on a less extent of land than the minimum prescribed by Government, but the experiment has proved a failure in two instances. Two persons did not come forward to make the trial, whilst the remaining two have died.

1. The Collector has misinterpreted the Government Order. The remission is to be allowed so long as the terms of the agreement are *bona fide* fulfilled, which are that the land shall be devoted to Cotton, and that an annual Statement of the details of the cultivation shall be made to the Collector with a sample of the crop; the principle that selected seed shall be used for the improvement of the staple being an essential part of the experiment, though whether this principle be properly observed or not the Collector can only determine by the results.

2. The failure of the crop for circumstances beyond the Ryot's control is an additional reason for allowing him the promised remission, if he has performed his part of the agreement.

3. The Collector will apply for authority to refund any sum which according to the above instructions he may find to have been unduly collected.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Secretary.

To J. Silver, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely.

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

with copy of Board's Proceedings 19th January 1864, No. 361, in continuation of Board's Proceedings dated 28th August 1863.

Ed. J. Wright.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 19th January 1864.

No. 361.

Requesting to explain more plainly why no remission of assessment was granted on lands assigned for Cotton cultivation, and to state whether the same ryots will try the cultivation of Cotton this year and what amount of assessment is remittable to them.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 28th April 1864.
By J. B. G. G. G.
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No. 2,562.

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