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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th May 1864.*

No. 201. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th April 1864,
No. 2,516.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated Vellum, 14th December 1863,
No. 475 :—

1. I have the honor to submit the following report on the old balances of Land Revenue outstanding in this District for the years preceding the past Fusly (1272).

2. Of the amount of Rupees 14,700, outstanding for Fuslies 1268 to 1270, as specified in Mr. Morris's last report* Rupees 6,046 have been recovered up to the end of last month, leaving a net balance of Rupees 8,654. To this must be added the sum of Rupees 11,556, the amount outstanding on the 1st instant on account of Fusly 1271, thus making a total of Rupees 20,210, and which sum forms the subject of this report.

* Dated 11th November 1862, No. 426.

3. Of this last mentioned sum, however, no less than Rupees 10,083 are due on the Mokasa villages belonging to His Highness the late Rajah of Tanjore, and made over to his senior widow H. H. Kamakshibayi Sahib. As this balance has therefore to be recovered by that lady, and as the Government have no longer any concern in its realization, I recommend the same should be struck out of the accounts.

4. Of the remainder, a portion of Rupees 1,114 is from the nature of the items of which it is composed recoverable, and stringent measures will be taken for its early realization. The remainder, viz., Rupees 9,013, consists of irrecoverable balances, and which also I beg to recommend may be written off.

5. An abstract Statement of the whole of the outstanding old balances (marked No. 1) together with a detailed Statement (marked No. 2) showing in detail the particulars of each of the balances recommended for remission, with full and copious explanation of the grounds on which the remission is recommended, is herewith submitted.

6. The balance outstanding for the past Fusly (1272), and which amounts to Rupees 8,413, is in course of collection and adjustment. This, as also the recoverable portion of the old balances of the preceding years, viz., Rupees 1,114, will form the subject of my next report, which in pursuance to the Board's order marginally noted, will be embodied in my next Jamabundy Report.

Dated 19th October 1863, No. 6,674.

ENCLOSURE. No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract Statement of the old balances of Land Revenue outstanding for Fuslies 1268 to 1271 in the District of Tanjore.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the particulars of the irrecoverable balance of Land Revenue outstanding up to Fusly 1271, recommended for remission in the District of Tanjore.

1. Resolved that the above letter and its enclosures be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector requests sanction for writing off certain Land Revenue balances amounting to Rupees 19,096, outstanding in his District up to Fusly 1271. Of these arrears, a sum of Rupees 10,083 is due on the Mukhasa villages of the late Rajah of Tanjore, and which have been made over to his senior widow; and as the balance is recoverable by that lady, and as Government have no longer any concern in its realization, the Collector recommends that it be struck out of the accounts. The remaining sum of Rupees 9,013 consists of irrecoverable balances, the particulars of which, with explanation of the grounds on which the remission of the balance is recommended, are given in Enclosure No. 2 to the Collector's letter.

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3. Items 3 and 4 under the common heading of "Withheld on account of short produce and Shavi" call for slight remark as the Collector's explanation is not very clear.

4. The first item, viz., Rupees 44-5-5, is due by an Estate under the Court of Wards, and appears to have arisen in consequence of the renter of the Minor's village having fallen short in payment of rent by reason of proved shavi.

5. The Collector states that remission was not allowed because *the renter* did not apply in proper time; but this is no sufficient reason for disallowing remission fairly due to *the Minor*, whose interests the Collector was bound to protect. The renter was not directly responsible to Government, and the Board consider that the remission ought not to have been withheld.

6. The second item, viz., Rupees 2,131-12-1, due for Fusly 1271 is the difference between the full demand and the actual sale proceeds of the scanty crop reaped by the Government officers. This village also was rented; but although the Government officers actually reaped the crop, the Collector states that the custom of the District did not allow of a village of this class being dealt with under Amani or division of produce.

7. The Board do not consider that this argument affords sufficient reason for refusing remission where shown to be unmistakeably due, by the scanty out-turn obtained under Government superintendence.

8. The Board therefore recommend that sanction be given for writing off the whole amount, viz.:—

Amount transferred to the senior widow of the late Rajah...	RS.
Amount due on lands left uncultivated	10,083
Do. on Shavi, &c., land	564
Do. on disputed extra cultivation...	2,176
Do. on land over-assessed...	373
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Sundry Items	292
	5,108
	9,013
Total	19,096

9. In regard to Item 10, the balance due by the villagers of Naduthittu in the Combaconum Talcook, on which the Collector explains that the village which was transferred from the Trichinopoly District, continues under the old system of taxation, viz., levying the assessment with reference to the kinds of produce raised, while the Mirassidars contend that the assessment should be reduced to fixed Tarum rates, and that a portion of the demand against them is suspended in consequence. The rates now charged being too high, the Board observe that the Collector promised in paragraph 10, Clause 5 of his letter dated 31st January 1862, No. 38, to send a separate report in view to the revision of these rates. This report has not yet reached the Board, and the Collector will please to submit it without further delay.

No. 202. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1864, No. 851.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Collector and the Board of Revenue, sanction is granted for writing off Rupees (19,096) nineteen thousand and ninety-six out of the old balances of Land Revenue in the Tanjore District for the years previous to Fusly 1272.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Acting Accountant General.

„ the Acting Civil Paymaster.

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Dated 26th April 1864.

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