

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.**Government of Madras.***Revenue* **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 241. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 12th May 1865, No. 1006.

Land Revenue.

1. The Governor in Council has had under consideration the rate of cess now charged for water supplied in the Gódvári and Kistna districts from the anicuts and their subsidiary works. The present rate, viz., Rs. 3 per acre for a full supply for a single crop of paddy, was fixed in 1859. In the interval of nearly six years which has since elapsed, the price of produce of every kind has greatly risen, the assessment on the land has been revised and fixed on an extremely moderate scale, and the extension and improvement of the channels has given the ryots cheap means of conveying their produce to market. The price lists appended to the Board's Annual Settlement reports show that the price of paddy of the first sort in the Gódvári district has risen from Rs. 94 per garce in fusly 1269, 1859-60 (the year in which the water-rate was fixed) to Rs. 136 in fusly 1273, and that of second sort paddy from Rs. 87 to Rs. 127. In the Kistna district, during the same interval, the prices of paddy have risen from 113 to 195 for the first sort, and from 105 to 182 for the second sort. With the single exception of horse-grain in the Gódvári, the price of every other cereal in both districts has risen in much the same degree. The Government are aware that the price lists are not implicitly to be relied on, and they give due consideration to the fact that the export duty on grain has lately been increased generally, and that a continuance of the high prices of late years is not to be confidently relied on, though any very material fall is very unlikely.

2. The "dry" assessment of the best land of other than the exceptional series (the alluvial island and permanently improved) is only Rs. 4 per acre, and in fixing this rate allowance has been made on a very liberal scale for vicissitudes of season and other circumstances. At present the best ordinary nunjah land of the Western Delta of the Gódvári pays (for assessment and water) but Rs. 7 per acre when fully irrigated for a crop of paddy, the supply being ample and certain, and the means of conveyance to market being cheap and speedy to a degree known only in the Gódvári and Kistna Deltas.

3. The present water charge is clearly lower than it ought to be and than the ryots can very well afford to pay, and the state of the public finances renders it incumbent on the Government to raise the cess to a rate somewhat more proportioned to the value of the irrigation, which has been provided and will have to be extended and maintained at a large outlay of public money—the proceeds of taxation levied from the community at large.

4. In Kurnool, under less favourable circumstances, the Government have sanctioned Rs. 4 per acre as the charge by the Irrigation Company for a full supply for an acre of land for a single crop, and they resolve to raise the cess in the Gódvári and Kistna Deltas to the same rate, believing that this is still a very moderate payment for the advantages of the irrigation supplied and one well within the means of the people. Similarly, the charge for occasional irrigation for dry crops will be Rs. 2 per acre instead of $1\frac{1}{2}$, the present rate.

5. The Board will cause immediate notice to be given in the districts of this enhancement, in order that it may take effect in the ensuing fusly.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Raitt.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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14th Dec 1880

1880

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1882

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by a Letter to England
of 2nd November 18th of 1865
Lud. Ross

10-2-90
17-8-94
2-11-95
20/9/65
6/7/17
21-7-19

Revenue 1865 Deptt.
Pr. of Court for May

No. 1026.
Pr. of the Madras Court
of 12th May/65.

Pro Board of Revenue
of 1 June/65 C.N. 14576

Raising the Water
rate in Cochin and Dist.
of Districts from 3 to 4
Rs. per acre.