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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th February 1866.*

No. 155. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart., Secretary of State for India (Revenue), to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, dated India Office, London, 30th November 1861, No. 82.—

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4. With these letters are forwarded your further proceedings relative to the charge to be made for water supplied for irrigation in the Godavery and Kistna Deltas. The rules which you have laid down or based on the principles which received my approval in my Despatch, dated the 6th July (No. 43) 1860. I therein observed that the materials then before me did not enable me to form any very decided judgment as to the adequacy or otherwise of the money rates which you had resolved to impose. I learn from these letters that subsequent inquiry and consideration have led you, in some cases, to fix a higher rate than that originally proposed. Thus the temporary irrigation of dry crops in tracts is to be charged at the rate of Rupees $1\frac{1}{2}$, instead of one Rupee per acre. The rate for a first crop on Nunjah land continues at Rupees 3 per acre, but you have determined that the same, instead of half that amount, shall be charged for a second crop, the two rates to be reduced to a consolidated demand of Rupees 5, in cases where the holder of the land is willing to engage to pay at that rate, either permanently or for a term of not less than five years, except on the occurrence of a total failure of water. The whole question has been very carefully considered by your Government, and, as the proposed augmentation of the rates has been generally

agreed in by the district officers, whose opinions you obtained, and as they appear to be fixed on principles of sufficient moderation, I have no hesitation in according my sanction to the changes now reported.

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7. I much doubt, however, whether the sacrifice of revenue was called for by the circumstances of these Talooks, and there seems reason to believe that they do not contain a sufficient quantity of waste land to make up the loss by increased cultivation. The time of the Survey and Assessment Department might probably have been more profitably employed in other Districts, but, as their labors were completed in these Talooks, it was perhaps the wisest course to take advantage of them by introducing the revised assessment at once. I desire to be furnished from time to time with reports on its working.

8. I observe that the period for which the new settlement is to be fixed is not stated, a point on which orders were requested in paragraph 8 of Mr. Newell's Memorandum of the 31st August 1860.

Letter dated 21st January (No. 7) 1861.

9. The Reports of the Director of Revenue Settlements and of the Superintendent of Revenue Survey for the year 1859, are transmitted with this letter.

10. From the slow progress which has been made, I am apprehensive that the cost of the survey and of the revision of the assessment, as well as the time within which both operations were expected to be completed, will considerably exceed what was anticipated when the sanction of the home authorities was accorded to the measure.

11. Much of the difficulty and delay which has been experienced appear to have arisen from the manner in which the demarcation arrangements have been carried out. The Director of Revenue Settlement was permitted by your Government (without reference to the Board of Revenue) to combine a demarcation establishment with his classification establishment, but this arrangement has not been

found to answer. The demarcation of boundaries, both of villages and fields, ought to precede as closely as possible the operations of the Survey Department, and if it is found impossible as is apparently the case, to have the demarcation performed satisfactorily and at the proper time by means of the Revenue authorities, I am of opinion that the experiment should be tried of placing a demarcation party under the Superintendent of Survey, who would, under his orders, perform the necessary work preparatory to the entry of the surveyors on the lands of the village. It may be true, as alleged that the boundaries so laid down would not have the same authority in a court of law as they would have if settled by the Officers of the Settlement Department, but it appears to me that this objection, if it exists, might be met by giving an appeal in all cases of disputed boundary to the Revenue authorities of the District.

12. The cost of the lithographic establishment calls for your careful attention. The expense of preparing the village maps appears to be nearly, if not quite, equal to that of surveying their area, and, so far as appears, the Talook maps, copies of which were requested in my Despatch of the 3rd May (No. 27) 1860, have not even been commenced.

13. I have also to observe that the Reports are entirely silent as to the operations of the Assessment Department. The Board of Revenue remark that it does not appear that "any finished work was turned out during the year." As I apprehend that the principles on which the assessment is to be formed are now sufficiently settled for Mr. Newell's guidance, I must express my earnest hope that the next Report will shew a marked progress in this respect.

14. I desire that the practice of permitting the Director of Revenue Settlements and the Superintendent of Survey to correspond direct with your Government, without the intervention of the Board of Revenue, may be discontinued. It is peculiarly within the province of that authority to offer an opinion on the questions which must arise during the introduction of a revised system of assessment, and in regard to the modifications which may be required to adapt it to the varying conditions of the different Districts of your Presidency. If it should at any time be necessary, in order to avoid delay, that a direct communication should be made to you, copies of the correspondence should, at the same time, be furnished for the Board's information.

Letter dated 22nd January (No. 10) 1861.

15. I agree in the view taken by you in regard to the Ulkudi, or preferential right claimed by the resident Ryots to the occupation of the waste lands in their villages, and I am of opinion that the principles laid down by the Court of Directors in their Despatches of the 28th July (No. 3) 1841, paragraph 55, and 3rd July (No. 17) 1844, paragraphs 31 and 32, should continue to be acted on, which are in accordance with the views expressed by the Board of Revenue in their proceedings of the 27th July 1860, and concurred in by your Government.

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Letter dated 26th January (No. 21) 1861.

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Letter dated 23rd April (No. 62) 1861.

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No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1866, No. 344.

Land Revenue

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

India Office,
London, 30. November 1861.

Revenue,

No. 822

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Sir,

Your most obedient, humble Servant,



The Registrar, that the ⁷⁸Director of Revenue, Settlement and the Department of Charities, should correspond to him through the office of Revenue.

15th Concurring in the views of Mr =
= & Mr Gunk with respect to the Pres =
= of the right of the Residents
Targets to the occupation of waste
land in their villages.

16th Approving of the reduction
made in the expenses on certain
sandy tracts on the Coast of Guine-
a &c.

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thousand her were in all land in
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approving of the Resolution
of Congress took respecting the
system of requiring the Indians
of Villages on Ceded Lands
to cultivate a considerable dis-
tinct quantity of Cereal
land.

Expressing of the West Indians
have in favor the act for
the Anglo-Siberia equalling
two lands.

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8th July 1886

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1st Para. & knowledge in the receipt of
certain letters connected with the dis-
cuss and settlement operations in
proceeds in Trade Proceedings.

2nd Approving of the and authorizing the
for expedition the Survey on the
Survey and other objects.

4. Determining the rate paid for water. I applied for information the Governor and President.

Desiring to be furnished with a statement showing the terms and conditions in both the Government and Private Contracts for the year last expired.

7. By giving certain remarks on
the Establishment of the Manaroad
and Chudandaram Talera, on both
sides and regarding the the service
from time to time with a report
on the working of the service.

Reported that the police
had not the where withal to
bring force is not ready

My mother and I
are very much
interested in the
history of the
country.