

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	633	Press ~~Mis~~
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd May 1870.*

No. 28. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st February 1870, No. 1,180:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on circuit at Gudoor, 14th January 1870, No. 18.

In reply to Proceedings of the Board, dated 4th January 1870, embodying Proceedings of Government, No. 3,211, dated 18th December 1869, Revenue Department, I have the honour to inform you that I have this day personally inspected the tank at Remata, and find what Captain Hunter said about it is perfectly correct—it has not breached. The only repairs it requires is to the sluice which for retaining water in the tank is perfectly useless. Under the tank is a large extent of land which might be watered if the sluice were repaired, but the soil is so sterile, being of a chalky nature, and mixed with souldu, that it could never be profitably cultivated, and ryots would never take it up for wet cultivation. There are about $7\frac{1}{2}$ Acres pretty good, but for that a well, which has a perennial supply of water, furnishes all the water necessary for their irrigation. The valuable portion of the tank is its bed, on which I found splendid crops of Cholam and Wheat. The reason why remission was asked was, because the supply of water last year had been so large that some of the land in the bed could not be cultivated, the broken sluice not being large enough for the water to run off to allow of the ground being cultivated in season.

2. This, however, is seldom the case, and as the lands are peculiarly fertile, and only assessed at 2 Rupees an Acre, I consider that the extraordinary profits generally made by the cultivators should counterbalance any remission they may think themselves entitled to, when more rain falls than will admit of their bringing the whole land in the bed of the tank into cultivation. I proposed to the ryots to make a breach in the tank to allow the water to run off quickly; but to this they object, because the fact of the land being well soaked, and probably covered yearly with silt, accounts for its fertility. Under these circumstances, I told them that they could expect no remission, but must take one year with another, and allow the profits of one year to counterbalance the loss of another. They seemed to see the power of this argument, and expressed their willingness to abide by it.

3. I therefore consider that the recommendation I made for remission was wrong, and should not be admitted, and at the same time I still repeat my recommendation that the tank should be abandoned. The repairs of the sluice would not only be a useless expense, but would, by retaining too much water in the tank, throw out of cultivation a great portion of the bed now so profitably cultivated by the ryots.

4. I regret that a faulty translation of the Tahsildar's Arzi should have caused so much correspondence. He said the sluice had breached, meaning that it was out of repairs; and admitted too much water through it for the lands under the tank to be cultivated as wet; and when I said the bank had breached, I should have said the sluice was out of repairs.

5. If the Board agree with my recommendation regarding the non-admission of remission, I will have the remission, which has I find been made, collected.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government, with reference to Government Order, 18th December 1869, No. 3,211.

2. It will be observed that the Collector explains that he was mistaken in saying the tank was breached. The sluice was so out of repair that the water could not be properly retained and distributed.

3. The reports show clearly that there is no object in retaining the tank otherwise than for the purpose of soaking the soil in the bed with a view to its subsequent cultivation, and the Board therefore adhere to their recommendation.

4. The principle advocated by the Collector is, that as the lands are exceptionally fertile owing to the water occasionally standing over them, no remission is necessary when they are not cultivated owing to this cause; the Board think this principle is correct, and should be enforced, and the remission cancelled and assessment collected as proposed by Mr. Chaso in the last paragraph of his letter.

No. 29.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd May 1870, No. 633.

Land Revenue.

THE Right Honourable the Governor
in Council sanctions the abandonment
of the tank referred to in the foregoing

Proceedings and the assessment of the lands in the bed and Ayacut as ordinary unirrigated land. The land being classed as "dry" will of course receive no remission.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

Rev. Department

N^o 633.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3rd ^{May} April 1870.

Read again Pro. of Govt.
dated 18th December 1869 N^o 3211.

Read also the following
Pro. of the Board of Revenue.

Subj. letter from Hurmoor
Coll^r stating that tank in Bor.
matu village in Ramakhotu taluk
has not been breached, as pre-
viously reported by him, & that
remission of ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} by
Board on certain land in its bed
should be cancelled.

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The Right
Honorable the Governor
in Council
Sanctions the abandonment
of the tank referred to in
the foregoing Proceedings
and

J. O. S.

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated May, 1870.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. No. 1574, No. 633

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NO. 23-29.

Tank in Bor. village in Hurmoor - is
abandoned, sanctioned.

and the assignment of
the land in the bed and
adjacent as ordinary unim-
proved land.

2. His Lordship's Council
also concurs in the view ex-
pressed by the Board in
para 4 of their Proceedings
under date 21st February 1870

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The land being claimed
as 'dry' will of course
receive no remission

Land is not - as
dry land it will
receive no

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W. H. Hall