

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	922	Press Mis.
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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1866.*

No. 294. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1866, No. 2,385.

Read the following letter from the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nursapur, 17th March 1866, No. 333-12 :—

1. I have the honor to state that in the year 1857, the late Mr. James Randall obtained a land certificate under the Rules issued by the Registrar of Government Grants with his Circular, dated 30th June 1851, for 6 Kanis, 21 Grounds,

1,413 Feet of land, situated in the villages of Razole, in the Nursapur Talook of the Godavery District, the annual quit-rent on the same being fixed at Rs. 69-0-6.

2. The present holder, Mrs. Randall, represents that this sum far exceeds the amount charged for land of similar quality under the new settlement, and requests that the quit-rent may be re-adjusted in accordance with the new settlement rates lately sanctioned by Government.

3. The area by survey of the land in question is 8.63 acres, and the assessment upon it at the settlement rates would be Rupees 34-12-0. I observe that in paragraph 6 of the Rules which I have quoted, it is stated that land for which such certificates are granted shall be subjected to the payment only of the survey or other rate of assessment prevalent in the same District; and under this view, Mrs. Randall would appear to have a fair claim to participate in the reduction of assessment to be hereafter enjoyed by the proprietors of the adjoining lands. I request the Board, should they see no objection, will submit the case for the favorable consideration of Government.

The Board consider that under paragraph 6 of the Rules for the issue of Government grants for land in the provinces, Mrs. Randall is justly entitled to the reduction of assessment on her land as claimed, and resolve to recommend to Government that the Collector be authorized to reduce the quit-rent to the amount assessed on the land according to the revised settlement, attaching a copy of the Government Order to the original grant certificate, under his official seal.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1866, No. 922.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government are unable to concur in the Board's interpretation of the rule referred to. The words "Survey or other rate of assessment prevalent in the same District," clearly mean the rate prevailing at the time of the grant, and this is further proved by the wording of the deed itself, which provides for the yearly payment of the fixed sum entered in it.

2. The Government wish to know the cause of the great difference between the stipulated and settlement assessment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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