

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th February 1868.*

No. 102. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1868, No. 624 :—

1. In consequence of the unfavorable nature of the season, the Board resolve to authorize the Collectors of the Districts named in the margin to relax the usual district rule requiring that withered crops for which remission is claimed shall be preserved until they can be examined and reported on by a Revenue Inspector—a duty which, in a year like this, can scarcely be overtaken by the ordinary establishment.

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North Arcot.	Salem.
South Arcot.	Coimbatore.

2. It is very desirable, in a season like the present, that full advantage should be taken of all available fodder for the support of the agricultural stock of the country, and to require that the straw of all crops, which have not come to maturity, shall be left exposed to the sun, until the Revenue Inspector has leisure to examine it, must, when loss of crops is so general as it will be this year, in many cases render it quite unfit for fodder. The Collectors will accordingly exercise their discretion in regard to relaxing the rule, and will take such other means of verifying applications for remissions on the ground that the crops have withered as they deem advisable.

3. The general rule forbidding all cultivation within the waterspread of tanks may also, as a special case, be relaxed in the present year, and the ryots may, at the Collectors' discretion, be permitted to cultivate such products in the dry beds of the tanks as the soil may be most suitable for, paying the average dry assessment of the locality. A Memorandum of the assessment payable should be granted, but care must be taken that no *Puttahs* are issued for such cultivation, for, in ordinary years, it is very undesirable, for many reasons, to permit cultivation on such lands, and no right in perpetuity must be allowed to be established by the present concession.

No. 103. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1868, No. 328.

Land Revenue.

The Board's proceedings are approved so far as regards the "Shavi," but the Government object on principle to any relaxation of the prohibition against the cultivation of tank beds, and desire that it be maintained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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the rule which prohibits cultivation in the
beds of tauts. The advantage to the ryots
will be small and only temporary. - The
disadvantage & counter loss to food
will be undoubted. - The ground always
taken for the prohibition, is that turning
the land within the ~~water~~ water spread
by the plough, adds to the capacity with
which tauts fill up even when there
is no ploughing. I would caution us to
the tauts then usual practice of being
unfurnished for the purpose proposed.

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