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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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8th September 1870.*

No. 96. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1870,
No. 5,170 :—

Read the following letters :—

From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, dated Chittoor, 18th March 1870, No. 100.

ADVERTING to the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 19th May last, No. 3,441,
I have the honour to state that the transfer of land situated under the old so-called
Circar wells from a wet to a dry assessment has been completed. Some isolated
cases are still from time to time coming up for re-consideration, but these are
settled as they present themselves, and the transfer may, with propriety, be regarded
as complete in this district.

2. In only two of the nine talooks are there any wells having Daswandum
Inams attached to them. The land under these was formerly treated as "garden"
land irrigable by wells, but was transferred to a "dry" class during the general
revision of assessment in 1857. By such transfer the obligation to maintain the
well virtually ceased, and the Inams held on such condition should, it appears to
me, have been *then* charged with their full assessment at the revised rates. The
transfer of the ryotwary lands situated under these wells does not appear to have
been made at the request of the Inamdars or occupants concerned, nor to have
been formed subject of special reference; but as the area thus circumstanced is very
small, it is easy to understand how the exceptional nature of such tenures was lost
sight of in carrying out the general measure.

3. If the Board will refer to the enclosed Statement, they will find that by
the transfer then made the assessment of these Daswandum well-lands was reduced
from an average rate of some Rupees 20 to Rupees 6 the Cawny, and that in
addition to this large relief the fortunate holders enjoy cawnies 50 of Inam at an
average rate of about Rupees 7-8-0 the cawny.

4. As it would be a retrograde step to re-classify the lands thus inadvertently
transferred as well nunjah, just as we are about to get rid of the term altogether,
there could be no injustice or bad faith in cancelling the title-deeds issued by the
Inam Commissioner, and charging the Daswandum Inam land with its full
assessment.

5. In applying the rules, authorizing the transfer of well nunjah lands to
punjah, an oversight has been committed in the Case No. 3 in my Statement. A
Daswandum well nunjah land was transferred to punjah along with other well
nunjah lands to which Daswandum Inams are attached; but on the error coming
subsequently to notice, I ordered it to be re-placed in its original class in the
accounts.

Statement showing particulars connected with Well-lands to which Daswandum Inams are attached in the district of North Arcot.

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Name of Talook.	EXTENT, ETC., OF LANDS IRRIGABLE BY DASWANDUM WELLS AND TRANSFERRED TO PUNJAH.						DASWANDUM INAMS.		
	Num- ber of wells.	Extent.	Assessment at the old rate.	Dry assess- ment.	Difference between columns 4 and 5.	Punjah.		Nunjah.	
						Extent.	Reduced rate of assessment.	Extent.	Reduced rate of assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Well garden lands trans- ferred to punjah during the general revision of 1857.	18	12 9 8	RS. A. P. 266 1 11	83 8 0	177 9 11	0 15 12	5 14 6	42 1 14	330 9 7
	5	3 8 0	60 15 6	21 7 6	39 8 0	0 15 12	5 14 6	8 0 0	47 14 9
Nunjah well land lately transferred to punjah under Well Rules.	23	16 1 8	327 1 5	109 15 6	217 1 11	0 15 12	5 14 6	50 1 14	378 8 4
	1	1 9 12	13 9 7	6 12 0	6 13 7			0 9 0	7 12 9

CHITTOOR,
15th March 1870.

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

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From the Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, dated Chittoor, 3rd May 1870, No. 159.

ADVERTING to my letter of the 18th March 1870, No. 100, reporting the transfer of Daswandum well nunjah lands to punjah, and submitting a proposition as to how such lands should hereafter be treated, I have the honour to remind the Board that in disposing finally of this matter they should not overlook the fact that there are still some such lands in the district which remain under a "wet" class, and have not been so transferred to a dry assessment. I enclose a statement showing the lands which are thus entered and classed as nunjah in the accounts, as well as those to which the Statement sent with my letter above quoted relates.

Extent.	Assessment.	Number of wells.
203 7 8	RS. A. P. 1,440 3 1	128

2. The area and assessment of lands still remaining under a wet class are shown in the margin, with the number of wells under which those lands are situated.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1

STATEMENT showing the number of Daswandum wells under which punjah and garden lands exist, and the extent and assessment of such of them as still remain under nunjah, as well as of those already transferred to punjah, together with the number of wells under which such lands are or were respectively situated.

Name of Talook.	Number of wells.	As per Pymash.		Deduct lands still under Nunjah.			LANDS ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO PUNJAH.				
		Extent.	Assessment.	Number of wells.	Extent.	Assessment.	Number of wells.	Extent.	Wet Assessment.	Dry Assessment.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1. Chittoor ...	117	184 1 8	RS. A. P. 1 573 13 11	98	169 14 4	1,594 2 5	18	12 9 8	266 1 11	83 8 0	177 9 11
2. Chendragherry ...	31	33 4 12	187 9 3	26	29 12 12	128 9 9	5	3 8 0	60 15 6	21 7 6	39 8 0
3. Palmanair ...	4	3 12 8	19 6 11	4	3 12 8	19 6 11	...	...	...	...	...
4. Gudiattum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Vellore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Poloor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Wandowash ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Wallajah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	152	221 2 12	1,780 14 1	123	203 7 8	1,410 3 1	23	16 1 8	327 1 5	109 15 6	217 1 11

CHITTOOR,
18th May 1870.

STATEMENT showing the number of Daswandum wells under which Punjah and Garden lands exist, etc.—(Concluded.)

Name of Talook.	LANDS ALREADY TRANSFERRED TO PUNJAH.—(Concluded.)										DASWANDUM INAMS ATTACHED TO WELLS UNDER WHICH LANDS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO PUNJAH.			
	Punjah well land lately transferred to punjah under Well Rules.					Total of lands transferred to dry.					Dry.		Wet.	
	Number of wells.	Extent.	Wet Assessment.	Dry Assessment.	Decrease.	Number of wells.	Extent.	Wet Assessment.	Dry Assessment.	Decrease.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	13	14	13	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1. Chittoor ...	1	1 9 12	13 9 7	6 12 0	6 13 7	10	14 3 4	279 11 6	95 4 0	184 7 6	...	...	42 10 14	338 6 4
2. Chendragherry ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3 8 0	60 15 6	21 7 6	39 8 0	0 5 12	5 14 6	8 0 0	47 14 9
3. Palmanair ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Gudlattem ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Yellore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Poloor ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Wandewash ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8. Arcot ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9. Wallajah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total...	1	1 9 12	13 9 7	6 12 0	6 13 7	24	17 11 4	340 11 0	116 11 6	223 15 6	0 5 12	5 14 6	50 10 14	386 5 1

N.B.—In the Chendragherry Talook there are five wells, to which 0.15.12 cawnies of Daswandum Inams, assessed at Rupees 5-14-6, are attached, and which irrigate 2.8-4 cawnies of punjah land.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Collector.

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In the first of these letters the Collector, referring to Board's Proceedings, dated 19th May 1869, No. 3,441, reports that the transfer of lands under old or Circular wells from a wet to a dry assessment has been completed in his district.

2. He then alludes to certain Daswandum wells, which have Inams attached to them on the usual condition of supplying irrigation to the Ain or Government lands under them. During the general revision of assessment in 1857, the latter were transferred from the head "garden land irrigable by wells," to "dry," and the assessment proportionately reduced; but the former, viz., Inams attached to the Daswandum wells, were left untouched. The Collector is of opinion that on the transfer of the lands under the wells to a lower class, the obligation to maintain the well virtually ceased, and that the Inams held for the maintenance of the wells should have been then charged with full assessment at the reduced rates. He adds that the transfer to the lower class does not appear to have been made at the request of the Inamdars, nor made the subject of a special reference; in fact, the exceptional nature of the tenure was lost sight of in carrying out the general measure.

3. The extent of lands thus dealt with was in round numbers 16 cawnies, and their assessment was Rupees 327, reduced to Rupees 110 in 1857. The Daswandum Inams are in extent cawnies 50 (wet), assessed at Rupees 386.

4. The Collector proposes, in regard to these Inams that they should now be fully assessed, and that the title-deeds issued for them by the Inam Commissioner should be cancelled; and adds that there could be no injustice or bad faith in so doing.

5. The Board altogether dissent from this view. The title-deeds are irrevocable so long as the terms thereof continue to be fulfilled, and there is nothing in the papers before the Board to lead them to suppose that the wells to which the Inams are attached are not in repair, or have ceased to supply irrigation to the Government lands under them as before. The position of the Inams should have been considered when the reduction of the assessment was made on the lands in 1857, and it should have been then left optional with the parties either to continue paying the then existing heavy rates of assessment, or to have availed themselves of the reduction, giving up the Daswandum Inams. In the opinion of the Board it is now too late, and would be manifestly a breach of faith, either to interfere with the Inams, or to raise again the assessment on the lands concerned.

6. In the second letter above recorded the Collector further reports that there are in round numbers cawnies 203, assessed at Rupees 1,440, under 128 wells mostly in two talooks, Chittoor and Chendragherry, which are still under "Well Nunjah" or wet assessment, and that these should not be overlooked by the Board in finally disposing of the general subject.

7. The Collector makes no definite proposition in regard to these lands, and the Board are not quite certain whether the 128 wells under which they lie are under Daswandum tenure, the extent and value of Inams attached to them being nowhere stated.

8. If the wells are under Daswandum tenure, and the Inams are protected by title-deeds issued by the Inam Commissioner, no action is called for at present, with reference to paragraph 4 of Government Order, dated 29th June 1869,

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No. 1,836, wherein they have ruled, in regard to the district of Cuddapah, that the orders for reduction do not apply to Daswandum wells.

9. If the wells are not under Daswandum tenure, the Collector will report again on the subject, stating precisely the course he would propose and the reasons for it.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, 8th September 1870, No. 1,413.

Land Revenue.

THE Right Honourable the Governor in Council concurs with the Board of Revenue in considering that the Inam title-deeds for the Daswandum Inam lands cannot be cancelled, as proposed by the Collector, so long as the wells are properly maintained. The reduction of the assessment of the sixteen cawnies of land situated under these wells in 1857 was, however, clearly a mistake, and its rectification by a re-classification of the lands as "wet irrigated from a Government source of irrigation" would be perfectly fair, but the amount of revenue involved is small, and the lands in question may be dealt with when the general revision of the assessment of the district is carried out.

2. The Collector's reply to the Board's Proceedings should be submitted for the information of Government, and the reduction of revenue involved in the general measure referred to in paragraph 1 of the Collector's letter, dated 18th March 1870, No. 100, should be reported.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

8th Sept. 70

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The Rt. Hon^{ble} the
 Gov. in Council enquired
 into the Board of Revenue
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 cannot be cancelled, as
 proposed by the Collector,
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 properly maintained. The
 reduction of the assessments
 of the 16 canals of land
 situated under these wells
 in 1857 was however clearly
 a mistake, and its rectifica-
 tion by a re-classification
 of the lands as "wet irrigated
 from a good source of irrigation"

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REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated September, 8th.

G. O. 8th September 1870, No. 1413.

SEPTEMBER.
 Nos. 96-97.

Dussan dam Inam lands in North Arcot.—Pass-
 ing orders on Proceedings Board of Revenue
 relating to the question of cancelling their title
 deeds and the reduction of assessment.

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with when the ^{general} revision
of the ^{general} assess^t of the District
takes place is carried out.

The Collector's reply to
the Board's Proceedings
should be submitted for
the information of Govt. and
the ^{reduction} sacrifice of Revenue
involved in the general
measure referred to in
para 1 of the Collector's
letter dated ~~4th~~ 10th March
1870 No 100 should be
reported

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