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PROCEEDINGS, 11TH FEBRUARY 1871, No. 663.

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Moturpha-tax on Palmyra trees—standing on puttah lands and in backyards,—Application of Collector of Kistna District for abolition of, submitted for sanction of Government.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th March 1871.

No. 217. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th February 1871, No. 663 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudivada, 27th January 1871, No. 270.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, a statement showing the Moturpha-tax yearly collected on Palmyra trees, situated in the backyards of ryots, within the village sites and on the Puttah lands in 15 villages of Guntoor Taluq. It amounts to Rs. 11-8-11. This tax appears to have been imposed in the year 1847 by the Collector of the late Guntoor District. Palmyra trees in backyards and on Puttah lands are the property of land-owners agreeably to the Board's Standing Order No. 192. I think it unfair to levy Moturpha-tax on such trees. I therefore request the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for abolishing this tax. During the settlement of the Guntoor Taluq for Fasli 1280 I ordered the collection of this tax to be suspended, pending orders of the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

No. 218. ORDER THEREON, 16th March 1871, No. 465.

Miscellaneous. SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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