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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 22nd.

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Encl.

G. O., 22nd April 1871, No. 728.

APRIL.

Nos. 254-255.

K. Rama Row, Deputy-Collector of Kistna.
—Proceedings Board of Revenue reporting favour-
ably of his merits, with orders thereon.

Proceedings of the Madras Government Revenue Department,
22nd April 1871.

No. 256. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1871, No. 236:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Gudiwada, 25th January 1871, No. 236.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, a petition from the Wullur Zemindar, complaining of the assessment of Rs. 19,989 as water-rate on newly irrigated lands in the Goodoor Purgunna of his estate for the years from Fasli 1273 to 1278.

2. He urges that by Government Order, dated 23rd October 1867, No. 2,492, the Government fixed the amount of the peishcush at Rs. 37,578 a-year, directing that to this should "be added a water-rate of Rs. 4 per acre on any extension of irrigation beyond 8,817 acres." He states that the total amount of irrigated land on the whole has never in any one year exceeded 8,817 acres, though much of the land irrigated in Fasli 1268 has reverted to dry, and new lands have been brought under irrigation. The charge of Rs. 19,989 has been made under the impression that all lands newly irrigated since Fasli 1268 were liable to pay water-cess; but as the Zemindar has placed a different construction upon the orders of Government, I request to be favoured with instructions in the matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Petition.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.
In their Order of the 18th June 1861, No. 1,214, Government restored the Goodoor Purgunna to the Zemindar. It was decided that the peishcush should be calculated not on the old data of the original Permanent Settlement, but on the new data afforded by the present Survey and Settlement Departments, which had both dealt with the estate whilst it was Government land.

2. In the Order of the 23rd October 1867, No. 2,492, the data on which the peishcush was fixed are given as follow:—

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Cultivation in Fasli 1268; acres 15,117 assessed at ...	21,100
Water-rate on 8,817 acres irrigated in Fasli 1268 ...	35,268
Total ..	56,368

Peishcush at two-thirds, $56,368 = 37,578$

Profit at one-third, $56,368 = 18,789$

3. It was laid down that a water-rate of Rs. 2, an acre on any extension of irrigation beyond 8,817 acres less ten per cent (or a fixed amount if the Zemindar compounded) should be added to the peishcush.

4. It now appears that the Zemindar has since been charged with additional water-rate on every acre, other than the 8,817 irrigated in Fasli 1268, which has since been irrigated, although many of the 8,817 acres have reverted to dry, and it is alleged that the total extent irrigated in any one year has never been more than 8,817 acres.

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5. It seems to the Board that this interpretation of the order of Government is a mistake founded on the "Mamla-nunjah" practice with regard to estates settled long before the time of the anicut.

6. The Zemindar's peishcush is calculated on the hypothesis that he shall always have water worth Rs. 35,268, and the locality where it is made use of is a matter of indifference.

7. As an illustration, it may be observed that if from the appearance of Soudoo, the failure of old channels, the excavation of new channels, or any other cause, 5,220 out of the 8,817 acres, irrigated in Fasli 1263, had reverted to dry and 5,220 new acres had become irrigated, the income of the Zemindar would be nil, unless he still extorted the water-rate from the holders of the land which had ceased to be irrigated.

8. If Government concur in the Board's view, it will be necessary to refund the water-rate which has been improperly collected. The Zemindar states the amount to be Rs. 19,989, but it is possible this may be reduced when the Collector makes the necessary inquiries.

No. 257.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1871, No. 729.

Land Revenue.

THE Government are at a loss to understand how such a misconception of the nature of the Goodoor Settlement can have arisen.

2. The peishcush fixed by G. O., dated 23rd October 1867, clearly included the Government share of the water-rate on the then survey area of wet cultivations, namely, 8,817 acres, and unless and until water is supplied for a more extended area, the Zemindar is clearly not liable to any further demand.

3. It appears that this extent of 8,817 acres has in no year been exceeded since the Settlement; yet the Zemindar has been required to make large additional payments in excess of the fixed peishcush. The Government desire that the Acting Collector will, with the least possible delay, arrange for the refund of all such excess payments, and that he take the necessary steps to guard against such unauthorized demands for the future.

(Code Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Acting Chief Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd

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Subj. for orders letter from Collector
forwarding a petition from Muller
Zemindar complaining of a payment
of Rs. 19,989 as Water rate on newly
settled lands in Goodoor Parganna
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W. C. 28th March 1871 No. 1369

The Govt. are at a loss to understand how such a misconception of the nature of the Goodoor Settlement can have arisen.

The peishcush fixed by G. O. dated 23rd October 1867 clearly included the Govt. share of the water rate on the then survey area of wet cultivations viz: 8817 acres and unless and until water is supplied for a more extended area, the Zemindar is clearly not liable to any further demand.

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I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the annual accounts of the several forests under conservancy in this Presidency for the past official year. They have been carefully scrutinized by the Assistant Conservator in charge of the Central Office, and found to be correct, with the exception of the accounts of a few ranges, which call for the following remarks :—

2. GUMSUR FOREST.—The promotion of the Overseer in charge of this forest having been sanctioned in Government Order, dated 21st December 1868, No. 3,178, his salary, at the rate of Rs. 100 per mensem, has been drawn from the commencement of the official year 1869-70, and the amount has been entered in the accompanying statement of payments made to the establishment of this range.

3. **GOLCONDAH FOREST.**—The revenue derived from this forest, namely, Rs. 134-15-0, has been considerably diminished during the year under review to that credited in the accounts of 1868-69 (though a sum of Rs. 1,577-7-1 was realized and credited in the accounts of the Jungle Conservancy Fund during the past official year), whilst the charge, inclusive of the cost of conservancy and the salary of the establishment, amounts to Rs. 781-13-8, leaving a balance of Rs. 646-14-8 as a direct loss to the State. It will be thus perceived that this forest, though placed on a reduced scale, cannot any longer be efficiently worked at an expenditure within the receipts. It was recommended, therefore, to Government by the Board of Revenue that the Imperial conservancy should be altogether abandoned and that the Collector of Vizagapatam should deal with the forest under Jungle Conservancy Rules. The tracts of this forest have since been explored, and my report has been submitted to Government, recommending that the permanent establishment, which cannot be well maintained within the income, may be abolished at once, and the forest be placed entirely under the control of

the Collector of the district; but the measure has been deferred by Government* pending the contemplated re-organization of the department.

4. Of the closing balance of Rs. 49-13-0, a sum of Rs. 21-13-0, the unexpended portion of the advances drawn from the treasury for working charges, was erroneously credited in the accounts for April 1869 to the head of "Seigniorage;" but the error was subsequently pointed out by the Assistant Conservator to the Head Assistant Collector in charge of this forest. The amount has, there-

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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100-2-357.

Water-rate on newly irrigated lands in Arizona District.—Proceedings Board of Revenue on the complaint relative to their assessment, with orders thereon.