

No. 275. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th March 1871, No. 1,356 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Perumbakum, 22nd February 1871, No. 63.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 25th August 1869, and Government Order, dated the 5th July 1869, No. 1,919, I have the honour to forward a statement, showing the financial effect of the reduction sanctioned by Government on well-garden and well-nunjah lands in this district.

2. The Board will observe that the amount of revenue sacrificed by the relief now afforded on the entire ayacut of the district amounts to Rs. 10,487. This is in excess of the amount given in Mr. Thornhill's letter, dated the 7th September 1868, No. 282, by Rs. 886. The increase in the reduction of assessment on the cultivated area alone amounts to Rs. 330—a result attributable to the fact that the statement formerly sent to the Board was framed on a rough estimate only, whereas the one now sent is a correct one.

3. The delay in forwarding the statement in question has been occasioned, I regret to state, by the whole of the records connected with the subject having been lost in the Chingleput Taluq Office and by the Tahsildars having had to prepare fresh returns in lieu of the former ones.

4. In Chingleput and Madurantakum the reduction in question was applied by the Tahsildars of those taluqs to the lands designated in the old accounts as "Totacal" or garden-lands, being lands in which either no wells ever existed, or the wells have now fallen into disuse.

5. Although the order of Government does not specially authorize any reduction of assessment on lands of this description, it appears to me that they are as much entitled to the concession as lands actually irrigated by wells, as it appears that when the high rate of assessment on lands cultivated with garden crops was imposed, the basis for fixing the assessment was the description of produce raised, and not the fact of whether the land had any means of irrigation or not.

6. It is probable that there are other lands of this kind in the other taluqs of the district, and I have caused inquiries to be made on the subject, and shall, if the Board and Government see no objection, extend the reduction to them also, submitting a further report, showing the exact amount so remitted.

7. From a letter lately received from the Acting Sub-Collector of Chingleput, it appears that there are some well-nunjah lands in the villages transferred from the North and South Arcot Districts.

8. These lands were not included in the statement sent to the Board by Mr. Thornhill, on the supposition that their assessment had been reduced previous to their transfer to this district; but as this supposition has turned out to be incorrect, I propose addressing the Board separately on this subject.

No 273-274

ENCLOSURE No. I.
Statement showing the financial result of the reduction of assessment on old well-lands.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th April 1871.

Talooks.	CULTIVATION OF FASLI 1278.				WASTE.				TOTAL.			
	Assessment.				Assessment.				Assessment.			
	Extent.	At old rates.	At reduced rates.	Decrease.	Extent.	At old rates.	At reduced rates.	Decrease.	Extent.	At old rates.	At reduced rates.	Decrease.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Sydapet ...	833	2,248	1,447	801	4	8	8	...	837	2,256	1,455	801
Chingleput ...	417	1,375	744	631	128	532	249	283	545	1,907	993	914
Madurantakum ...	959	3,764	1,930	1,834	2,455	9,100	5,152	4,008	3,414	12,924	7,082	5,842
Conjeveram...	540	2,825	1,004	1,821	269	1,004	501	503	809	3,829	1,505	2,324
Trivalore ...	218	907	380	527	9	42	15	27	227	949	395	554
Ponneri ...	17	68	36	52	1..	...	...	...	17	88	36	52
Total ...	2,984	11,207	5,541	5,666	2,865	10,746	5,925	4,821	5,849	21,953	11,466	10,487

(Signed) W. T. BLAIR,
Acting Collector.

PERUMBAKUM,
22nd February 1871.

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RESOLVED that the foregoing letter, communicating the results of the revision of assessment on old well-lands in the Chingleput District, be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order, dated 5th July 1869, No. 1,919.

2. The reduction of assessment was carried out during Fasli 1279 (A.D. 1869-70).

3. The extent of land affected was acres 5,849, bearing an assessment at the old rates of Rs. 21,953. The reduced assessment thereon, at the highest dry rates of the respective villages, amounted to Rs. 11,466, or 48 per cent. less than the old assessment.

	Extent.	Assessment at old rates.	At reduced rates.	Revenue sacrificed.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
On cultivation.	2,984	11,207	5,541	5,666
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4. The proportion of reduction on the cultivated lands, acres 2,984, which may be considered the present sacrifice of revenue, was Rs. 5,666. That on waste lands, acres 2,865, was less, viz., Rs. 4,821, as shown in greater detail in the marginal abstract.

5. In paragraph 4 the Collector states that the Tahsildars extended this relief to lands in Chingleput and Madurantakum Taluqs designated in the old accounts as totacal or garden-lands, on which *either no wells ever existed*, or the wells have now fallen into disuse; and in paragraph 5, explains that when the high rate of assessment on lands cultivated with garden crops was imposed, the basis for fixing the assessment was the description of produce raised, and not the fact whether the land had any means of irrigation or not. In paragraph 6, he reports that it is probable there are lands of this kind in the other taluqs of the district, and that he would apply a similar reduction if permitted to do so.

6. The Board are at a loss to understand how any lands could have been classed as "Garden" if no *wells ever existed* on them, or how garden produce could have been raised thereon if there existed no means of irrigation. The Board suppose that they must have been irrigated by wells belonging to other lands. The Collector will carefully inquire, and state if this is the case in the two taluqs already settled, and also in the other taluqs to which he seeks permission to extend the reduction.

7. The reduction in the villages transferred from North and South Arcot should be carried out without further delay, and the results reported.

No. 276.

ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1871, No. 739.

Land Revenue.

THE Government await the further information called for by the Board.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 25th April 1871

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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No. 275 & 276

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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in Chingleput Distt -

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th April 1871.*

No. 277. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th April 1871, No. 1,598:—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 30th March 1871, No. 130.

CHINNASAMY PILLAY, Superintendent of the Madras Cotaar, when in charge of the Salt Deputy-Collector's office, granted leave of absence for three months, on half pay, to Teruvengadasamy Moodelly, Assistant Superintendent of Voyalur, under Rule 519, Section 17, of the Uncovenanted Service Absentee Rules, but it has since been discovered that the above individual was not eligible to the leave in question, his total period of service being only four years.

2. Half the term of the leave has now expired, and the Assistant Superintendent is anxious to have the leave granted even on forfeiture of full pay. As such leave can only be granted by Government, I have the honour to request that the sanction of Government may be obtained for the Assistant Superintendent's application being complied with.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

No. 278. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1871, No. 740.

Miscellaneous.

LEAVE granted without pay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.