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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 12th September 1872.

No. 88. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd August 1872, No. 1,661:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 22nd July 1872, No. 1,843:—

I HAVE the honour to submit a statement showing the arrears of water-tax due on certain Inam lands in Nuzid Division, amounting to Rupees 274-0-8, and to request the sanction of the Board to remit the same under the following circumstances.

2. The Inam lands entered in column 6 of the statement were originally dry.

3. When the anicut channel water became available, the Inamdars gradually converted their Inam lands into wet; after three years' irrigation, the lands were transferred in the accounts to permanent "wet."

4. Subsequently the Inamdars began to complain that their lands were on too high a level for irrigation, and asked to be allowed to re convert them into dry. This was not allowed.

5. Under the orders* of the Board, all ryots and Inamdars were allowed the option of refusing irrigation within the close of Fasli 1279 for all the dry lands converted into wet under Kistna Channels, without the necessity of obtaining certificates from Department Public Works.

* 5th August 1868, No. 5,679.

6. During this time, which expired by the end of June 1870, the Inamdars never made any application to re-convert their lands into dry, the cause of which failure is attributed by them partly to their absence at other countries, and partly to their ignorance of the Collector's notification; but this is probably false.

7. In the first three villages entered in the statement, almost all the Inams were left waste from Fasli 1279, with the exception of Acres 17·39 which were dry-cropped; but all were charged with water-rate.

8. In the other two villages, the lands were altogether waste from Fasli 1277; but water-tax was yearly remitted, under the remark entered in the last column of the statement.

9. The Department Public Works has certified that all these lands are inaccessible to irrigation, and I do not think it fair to charge the Inamdars for water which they cannot take to their fields or to force the collection of the arrears now outstanding on lands they have perforce left waste.

10. The Deputy-Tahsildar also certifies that the lands are not within the reach of channel irrigation.

11. Under the foregoing circumstances, there is no use in keeping the Inams under the head of "wet," and I request the sanction of the Board to re-transfer to "dry" Acres 98·59.

12. If the water-rate is to be collected, the lands will still have to be converted into dry after sale.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

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UNDER the circumstance stated, the Board resolve to recommend to Government that sanction may be granted for writing off the arrears amounting to Rupees 274-0-8.

2. The Collector is authorized to transfer the land (Acres 98·59) from wet to dry. It should be remembered that in future Inam lands classed as dry by the Inam Commission should not under any circumstances be entered as wet in the Revenue accounts, although pending the final orders of Government on paragraph 25 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th July 1870, No. 5,222, the rule of demanding a permanent water-rate on lands irrigated for three years successively may continue in force.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, 12th September 1872, No. 1,318.

Irrigation No. 1.

THE Collector is authorized to write off the arrear. The question referred to in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings has been settled by G. O. dated 21st August 1872, No. 1,239.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND AUGUST 1872, No. 1,661.

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AUGUST.

No. 1,661.

Arrears of water-tax—amounting to Rupees 274-0-8, due on certain Inam lands in Nuzid Division of Kistna District, for which irrigation is not obtainable.—Government recommended to sanction arrears being written off accounts. Collector authorized to transfer land from wet to dry, and informed that Inam lands classed as dry by Inam Commission should never be entered as wet in Revenue accounts.

No. 1318 This letter is a reference to the arrear. The question referred to in para 2 of the letter dated 30.5 Fasli was settled by G.O. 21 Aug. No. 1239

Govt. of {1872} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.,

Dated September 12th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O, 12*th September* 1872, *No.* 1,31[illegible]

SEPTEMBER.
Nos. 88-89.

Arrears of Water-tax—Collector authorized to write off Rs. 274-0-8 due on certain Inam lands in Nuzid Division of Kistna District for which irrigation is not obtainable.