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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th November 1872.

No. 67. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd November 1872, No. 2,117 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 10th June 1872, No. 947.

Read also the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th October 1872, No. 308 :—

REFERRING to paragraph 2 of the G. O., dated the 6th ultimo, No. 1,283, communicated with Board's Proceedings of the 14th idem, No. 1,836, I have the honour to report that certain Zemindari lands irrigated by the anicut water in Sampara and several other villages of the Pittapur estate were claimed to have been usually cultivated as wet before the anicut irrigation, and as such is not liable to water-tax on the ground that their former sources of irrigation were obstructed by the anicut channels. The tax on those lands was held in abeyance from Fasli 1274 (A. D. 1864-65) pending the settlement of their liability to the tax, and Mr. Fraser decided in 1870 that certain lands were liable to water charge, and assessed them accordingly from Fasli 1274 to 1280. The tenants of nine of these villages appealed to the Board of Revenue,* and others have not, so far as it can be ascertained. Of course the tax has been collected by all legal means, and it is to this the Zemindar refers.

* *Vide* Board's Proceedings, 10th June 1872, No. 947.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G. O., 6th September 1872, No. 1,283.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1872, No. 1,556.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 947.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th June 1872.

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 16th April 1872, No. 89 :—

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue,* dated the 16th May 1871, No. 2,044, regarding the settlement of the usual wet lands in certain villages of the Pittapur Zemindari, I have the honour to forward a Statement (A.) showing the particulars of the area, etc., of the villages named, as exhibited by the Bhubund Accounts of Faslies 1204 to 1209 and another (B.) for subsequent faslies, as directed in paragraphs 10 and 11 of the Proceedings under reply.

* Petition No. 3,263 of 1870, is herewith, returned.

2. I beg to submit a memorandum for each of the villages, showing the precise extent of usual wet claimed in each village, and the grounds on which those claims are founded. A Statement (C.) showing the state of the several accounts relied upon by the Zemindar is also enclosed. At its foot is entered an Extract from the Accounts of the Committee of Circuit.

3. Referring to paragraph 13, I would observe that as the actual area of the village is not ascertainable, I do not see how, in the absence of any reliable information as to the accuracy of the ryots assertion, the equitable proposal suggested by the Board is to be carried out. It is true that recent accounts show a varying and generally increasing area, but there are no means of testing their correct-

4. The Zemindar of Pittapur informs me that he is willing to compound for the water-rate, but that he is not able to arrive even at an approximate estimate of the amount which he should offer to pay until the question of the lands claimed to be usual wet throughout his Zemindari is finally settled.

ENCLOSURES NOS. 1 to 3.—Statements.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Memorandum.

ENCLOSURE No. 5.—Petition.

IN this letter, the Acting Collector furnishes the information called for in Board's Proceedings, dated 16th May 1871, No. 2,044, on several points connected with the question of water-rate chargeable on lands of certain Village of the Pittapur Zemindari, which are irrigated from the Godavery Anicut.

2. The point for determination is the extent of usual wet land entitled to exemption from water-rate. Mr. Fraser proposed that this should be determined with reference to the average* extent of land described as " Paddy land cultivated" in the Land Registers [Bhubund] of Faslies 1204 to 1209, which was the period of the permanent settlement. The Zemindar as well as the ryots on whom the charge for water was finally made, took objection to such a settlement on various grounds. In the first place, the extents on those ancient accounts were obviously under-stated—secondly—the wet cultivation has greatly increased since that time and prior to the Anicut irrigation, again to frame the average on the

* Amounting to Acre 912.

"cultivated" portion alone, as Mr. Fraser has done, would exclude a large portion of mamool wet which in those years happened to be uncultivated. They requested for these reasons, that the extent of mamool wet should be determined with reference to the Land Registers of years immediately antecedent to the Anicut irrigation.

3. The Board consider that there is much force in the objections which have been raised and are of opinion that the mode of settlement adopted in regard to the Nidadavol Zemindari, which has recently received the approval of Government, may be fairly applied to this estate.

Paragraphs 33 to 35, Board's Proceedings in G. O., dated 13th May 1872, No. 764.

4. All the information that is available and likely to throw light on the subject is now before the Board in the Statements and Memorandum accompanying the Acting Collector's letter and, on a consideration of the whole, the Board resolve to direct that the extent of wet land to be exempt from water-rate be as follows :—

Village.	Area exempt.	Area cultivated in Fasli 1279.
	Acres.	Acres.
Turangi	108	67
Kovvada	115	70
Gunganapally	165	108
Patelagudda	47	37
Bharavarum	364	485
Karakudum	458	670
Repur	145	153
Domada	1,130	811
Karupu	507	840

All the extent irrigated over and above that now declared exempt in each village will be charged with water-rate.

5. The Collector is therefore requested to communicate this settlement to the Zemindar and arrange with him for the speedy realization of what is due to Government, after giving credit for the amount already realized from the ryots.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Pittapur Zemindari—in Godavery District. —Report of Collector with reference to statement of Zemindar that seven years arrears of water-rate were collected on behalf of Government from certain villages in — by distress and sale of ryots' property, submitted to Government.

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