Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
***29th May* 1872.**

No. 278. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 15th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,486:—

THE Board's attention has been called to a volume, entitled "Selections from Revenue Records, North-West Provinces, A.D. 1822—1833, published with the sanction of Government by order of the Board of Revenue, North-West Provinces," in the Preface to which at page xvi. the Madras ryotwary system is described as one which, however excellent in itself, judged by the results now stated, must have singularly failed in practice. One of the facts on which this dictum is based is that "in 1869 the Madras Board of Revenue reported the bulk of the people are paupers. They can just pay their cess in a good year, and fail altogether when the season is bad; remissions have to be made perhaps every third year in most districts. There is a bad year in some one district or group of districts every year."

2. I am directed to state that this quotation is erroneous. The Board have neither held nor expressed the views which are here imputed to them, and their confidence in the excellence of the ryotwary system and its suitability to the circumstances of Southern India has been manifested whenever they have had occasion to pronounce an opinion on the subject.

No. 279. ORDER THEREON, 29th May 1872, No. 840.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be communicated to the Government of the North-West Provinces.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th May 1872.

No. 280.

No. 841.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, NORTH-WEST PROVINCES.

Miscellaneous.

SIR,—I am directed to forward the accompanying letter* from the Board of Revenue, bringing to notice the incorrectness of certain remarks in reference to the Madras ryotwary system made at page xvi. of the Preface to the volume entitled " Selections from Revenue Records, North-West Provinces, A.D. 1822—1833."

* Dated 15th May 1872, Miscellaneous No. 3,486.

2. The Government of Madras, I am to add, differ entirely from the writer of the Preface and the authority he quotes, and they must express their regret that the system of revenue-administration prevalent in the Madras Presidency should, without any reference to them for correct information, have been characterized as a failure in a work published with the sanction of your Government.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Miscellaneous No. 3486

Revenue Board Office
Madras 15th May 1872

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From,

The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To,

The Offg. Chief Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

J Grole
Secretary

Copied by
M. Narasimha Chary

Revenue Department

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To,

The Secretary to Government,
North West Provinces

Sir,

I am directed to forward the accompanying letter from the Board of Revenue bringing to notice the incorrectness of certain remarks in reference to the Madras Ryotwary System made at page XVI of the Preface to the Volume entitled "Selections from Revenue Records North West Provinces A.D. 1822-1833."

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× Dated 15th May 1872 - No 5
No 3480.

J. S.

1872 Dept
No 1686.

From,
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To,
The Offg Chief Secretary to
Government N.W.P.
Dated 15th May 1872
Recd 15
Recd 16th

Bringing to notice
incorrectness of
certain remarks made
in Preface to "Selections
from Revenue records
of North West Provinces
A.D. 1822-1833"
published with Govt
Gazette of 24th Inst.

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To Govt of N.W.P.
Provinces

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Dear 30 May/72

Revenue Department
29th May/72.

No. 841

To

The Secretary to Government
North West Provinces

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to forward the accompanying
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Madras Registry System
made at page xxx of the
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No 286

To Govt of N.B.
Province