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No. 138. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Ootacamund, 1st June 1873:—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 7th June 1873, No. 19.

Soud Land.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your inspection, a list of unavoidable losses of crop by ryots, which occurred in the upper sections of canal last season (1872-73.)

2. They included 47.13 acres damaged or lost by *soud* (or *reh*). This loss, I believe, universally occurs in the first season of irrigation of any land; but it may in rare cases extend to the second year. The total is insignificant to the Company, yet the individual losses are heavy and exercise a very deterrent influence on the ryots generally. Since all the hopes of the canal are based on the conversion of dry land into wet by the voluntary choice of the ryots, I am sure that I am urging what is to the interest of the shareholders and Government when I recommend that remission be granted on the cases in the list, and on similar cases in the lower sections, and that the appended rule be published *at once*. It is observable that in the first two sections of canal no losses from *soud*, worth remission, have occurred, although such did occur there upon the first opening of the canal.

MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY.

Cases of Crop lost by Soud under Irrigation from Canal—Season 1872-73.

Village.	Field No.	
Alloor	326	K. Seetharamiah. 2 acres destroyed by soud only.
Do.	34	Sooriah. Suffered from rain-flood. 2.16 acres.
Do.	67	Edega Sashunnah. Suffered from rain-flood. 1.45 acres.
Do.	386	K. Ramiannah. 32 acres paddy lost by soud; water ample.
Yellalah	92	K. Sanjeevupah, the Revenue Inspector, in August, and ryot (Curnum) agree that this crop suffered from soud. The Company's Overseer and Gomastah consider it a fair crop. 1.50 acres.
Bollarum and Sala-samoodrum.		
Nagatoor	548	Savoola Vencat, lost by soud. 1.0 acres.
Do.	595	Akula Jumboodoo. Crop entirely lost by soud when 4" high. 1.26 acres.
Do.	693	Rungarajoosa Lost by soud, 1st year. 2.71 acres.
Do.	699	
Do.	700	
Do.	677	
Do.	493	Gungaty Vullia 45 lost by soud, 1st year.
Do.	491	Mathega Bovani and Vencategatoo. 1.12 withered, 1st year soud.
Do.	436	Naccereddy and tatteddy. All withered, 1st year soud. 1.70 acres.
Do.	462	Mungala Sashe All withered, 2nd year soud. 1.0 acre.
Do.		Mathega Chint do. All withered, 1st year soud. 3.45 acres.

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Cases of Crop lost by Soud under Irrigation from Canal, etc.—(Concluded.)

Village.	Field No.	
Moochumary ...	493	Thalary Bucky-ado. Facts settled that before the canal existed there was by the Government spring enough water to raise a paddy crop, but no crop was ever raised. 2-07 acres.
Bunnoor and Jupaud.	613	Mr. Wilks. Failed from soud, 1st year. 1-53 acre.
Bijnamall ...	227	Asum Ankunah... 2-50 } Lost by blight, the water supply being efficient. Custooru Rungiah, etc. ... 3-50 } Reddy Veerunah ... 2-00 }
	204	
	205	
Prathakota ...	473	Gajala Vencath ... 0-59 } Note—The chillies in 473, 475 rumoured to have failed from wet, and they were ploughed up and wheat and raggy sown.
	475	Patha Cotuppa ... 0-44 }
Puggidial ...	298	Sevareddy. Lost by soud. 1-34 acres.
Do. ...	320	Nazunnah. Water for ten days, and could not find money to sow 1-60 acres.
Velpanoor ...	987	Daga Ramunna. All lost by soud when in ear. 1-65 acres.
Nundial—Karima-dula.	727	Anum Subbareddy Nageerreddy. } First cultivated coarse cholam, 0-34 acres. and then "undid" the crop and sowed paddy, which perished by soud. water was plentiful.
	730	K. Chinna Subbah. 0-28 acres. }
Thateepad ...	469	Godacar Hoossin Saib. 1st year of paddy crop lost from soud. 1-90 acres.
Do. ...	245	Edega Chensoorreddy. 1-19 acres. } 1st year of paddy crop lost from soud.
Do. ...	475	Do. 0-09 ,, }

Acre.
Total. 47-1. Lost from soud.
15-3 ,, from other causes.

Grand Total... 62-4 Acres.

7th June 1873.

(Signed) J. H. LATHAM,
Chief Engineer and Manager.

P.S.—Rule proposed for approval of Government for immediate publication.

REMISSION will be granted for crops lost by soud upon land from which crops have never been before grown by irrigation. The claim for remission must be reported to the Canal Overseer before the removal of the crop.

NOTE.—This rule and the list of soud in conformity with the settlement and suggestion of the Deputy Collector A. Ramachandra, who was to send his list (with which mine has been compared) through the Collector.

KURNOOL,
7th June 1873.

(Signed) J. H. LATHAM,
Chief Engineer and Manager.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the remission suggested by the Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, be sanctioned by the rule proposed by Mr. Latham for

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granting similar remissions in future may receive the approval of Government, and be made known to the ryots.

(Signed) JOHN HILLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 139. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1873, No. 1,764.

IRRIGATION, No. 9.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department with a view to the early consideration of the proposals made by the Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
(True Extract.)

John Hillins Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department. ✓
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

*Forward to the Board of Revenue
for their remarks—*

Exd. W. H. French.

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To
THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT
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G. O., 8th July 1873, No. 1,764

As per
JULY.
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3rd Mr. W. R. R. per 23rd July 73-

Madras Irrigation and Canal Com-
pany's Canal.—Correspondence relating to
the loss sustained by ryots of crops irri-
gated by the canal and to the grant of
remissions, communicated to the Revenue
Department with remarks.
With Order
128-10th July/73-