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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 29th April 1873.

Read the following letters:—

From the Collector of Ganjam,	dated 20th January 1873, No. 144.
" " of Vizagapatam,	" 12th February " " 211.
" " of Godavery,	" 16th January " " 16.
" " of Nellore,	" 17th February " " 352.
" " of Cuddapah,	" 10th December 1872, " 215.
" " of Bellary,	" 20th " " " 392.
" " of Kurnool,	" 8th January 1873, " 2.
" " of " "	" " " " " 4.
" " of North Arcot,	" 20th December 1872, " 680.
" " of South Arcot,	" 18th " " " 412.
" " of Tanjore,	" 14th February 1873, " 46.
" " of Madura,	" 10th " " " 33.
" " of Tinnevely,	" 22nd " " " 80.
" " of Salem,	" 25th January " " 24.

ADVERTING to the Order of Government, Public Works Department, dated 26th August 1872, No. 2,031, the Board called upon all Collectors,* except those

* Dated 11th November 1872, No. 2,180.

Malabar, South Canara, and Nilgiris.

of the districts noted in the margin where there are no irrigation works, to report on the progress made in the preparation

and printing of the Irrigation Registers prescribed in the Board's Standing Order No. III. of 1869, and to state how far the mode adopted by the Collectors for calculating the revenue under each source of irrigation corresponded with the instructions contained in the Board's Proceedings, dated 17th June 1872, No. 1,018, and approved by Government in their Order, dated 25th July 1872, No. 1,766. The foregoing letters are the replies.

2. The Collectors of Kistna, Chingleput, Trichinopoly, and Coimbatore have not yet replied, but from the replies received from the other districts it is clear that the revenue under each source of irrigation has nowhere been calculated according to the principle which has been approved of, and that the mode adopted for calculating it has not been uniform in all the districts. Some Collectors have omitted to include charges for water in the revenue, the quit-rent on Inams has either been omitted or the amount charged on unirrigated lands also has been included, in some cases the full assessment of Inams has been taken as the revenue, while in others the water-rate charged on them alone has been treated as the revenue, and the land assessment of dry lands irrigated has been in most cases altogether omitted.

3. As regards the progress made in the preparation of the registers the Board observe that the detailed registers for each work for Fasli 1277 have been for the most part completed, though they have not yet been printed in all the districts, and that the registers for the subsequent Faslies, which do not show the ayacut under each work but only the cultivation, are still for the most part under preparation.

4. The Board consider that the further printing of the registers should be stopped, and that they should be revised, the revenue being calculated strictly

in accordance with the principle sanctioned in G. O., dated 25th July 1872, No. 1,766.

No. 1,766.

5. Before, however, issuing any orders to the Collectors on the subject, the Board beg to draw the attention of Government to paragraph 7 of their Order, dated 17th March 1873, No. 837, Public Works Department, and to inquire whether the instructions therein conveyed are intended to supersede those in their Order, No. 1,766, dated 25th July 1872. The instructions in paragraph 7 above quoted are that where water-rates have been introduced in supersession of a consolidated assessment, the work should be credited with the water-rate only; but under the former order the work has to be credited with the water-rate as well as land assessment.

(A true Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
with Collectors' original replies.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
 „ to all Collectors.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 29TH APRIL 1873, No. 677.

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Irrigation Registers.—Theplies of Collectors to Boards' Proceedings, calling for reports on progress made in preparation and printing of, and as to mode adopted for calculating revenue under each source of irrigation submitted to Government, and orders requested on certain point regarding calculation of revenue.