No. 218. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1873, No. 362:—

Read the following letters:—

From the Honourable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Officiating Collector of Madras, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 1st August 1872, No. 157.

I HAVE the honour to state that one Vencatarungappa Naidu complained to me that arrears of quit-rent for a greater extent of land than actually is in his possession is demanded of him, and that the rate of quit-rent itself is very high, considering the nature of the soil and the rate on the surrounding lands. I called on the Deputy-Collector to report on the petition, which he has done. A copy of the same is enclosed for Board's information. It will be seen from the Deputy-Collector's report that the rate on petitioner's land originally was Rupees $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cawny. About the year 1810 it was reduced to Rupees $1\frac{3}{4}$, and in 1854 the original rate was again restored. The circumstances under which these changes were effected are not known, as the records are not forthcoming.

2. From inquiries made it has been found that petitioner has only six cawnies in his possession. The land is said to be sandy and unfit for ordinary cultivation. I beg therefore, in supporting the recommendation of the Deputy-Collector, that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for reducing the rate on the land in question to Rupees 1-12-0 per cawny and for collecting the arrears on the six and odd cawnies at the reduced rate. The rate now proposed is the same as that collected up to 1854.

From the same officer, dated 12th February 1873, No. 30.

IN reply to your official memorandum No. 1,066 of 13th August last, I have the honour to state the Collector's order of 1854, revising the original rate of $5\frac{1}{4}$ Rupees per cawny in the case in question, is reported to be not forthcoming. The order is a *Takid* No. 196 of 11th May 1854, and is quoted in a note entered in the Quit-rent Insert books of 1853. This note is simply to the effect that the original rate was revived by the Takid quoted.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Deputy-Collector's letter.

THE quit-rent on the petitioner's land is clearly excessive, and it does not appear how or on what grounds the reduction formerly allowed was discontinued and the higher rate again demanded.

2. The Board request the sanction of Government to reduce the rate from Rupees 5-4-0 to Rupees 1-12-0, the rate borne by the land for many years.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st March 1873.

No. 219. ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1873, No. 350.

Land Revenue. SANCTIONED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

Gobt. of {1873} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 21st.

Recd. *End.*

G. O., 21st March 1873, No. 350.

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Nos. 218-219.

Land belonging to Venkatarungappah Naidu of Madras.—Request for reducing the rate of quit-rent on it from Rs. 5-4-0 to Rs. 1-12-0 per cawny, sanctioned.

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 12TH MARCH 1873, No. 362.

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No. 362.

Quit-rent on Land belonging to one Venkatarungappa Naidu of Madras.—Sanction of Government requested for reducing rate of — from Rupees 5-4-0 to Rupees 1-12-0 per cawny.

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Sanctioned

21st March/73.

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