No. 139. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th May 1873, No. 798:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th April 1873, No. 544:—

WITH reference to the Board's endorsement No. 7,947, dated 29th November 1872, on G. O. No. 1,619, dated 26th idem, I have the honour to report that the Rajah of Venkatagiri has informed me that he will give up the village of Swarna to Government if Rupees 11,799-8-5 are deducted from his peishcush. This sum is the demand of the village for Fasli 1279 according to the account of the Zemindar.*

* Statement A enclosed.

2. I went there myself in February last. The wet lands are of mixed regar, and well suited for wet cultivation; they are now dependent on the irrigation of the tank, through the bed of which the Cummamur channel runs. The dry lands are black regar.

3. The extent of wet and dry arable land in the village is acres 6,000, as detailed in the margin, of which there are now cultivated wet 671 acres and dry 3,499 acres. The whole of the remaining wet land in the village, estimated at 1,117 acres, is fit for cultivation, and can be watered by the canal, as also the bed of the tank, which measures 400 acres in round numbers, and which will not be longer necessary for the cultivation, if an irrigation-channel is cut from the Cummamur canal.

—	Acres.	Assessment.	Rate per Acre.	Remarks.
			RS. A. P.	
Wet	1,788	8,835	4 15 0	Approximately being the supposed value of the share appertaining to the Zemindar in the last five years.
Dry	4,212	6,892	1 10 0	
Total, ...	6,000	15,727		

4. The land is similar to that of the adjoining Government village of Karemchadu in Bapatla Taluq; the average wet rate of which, by the new settlement, will probably be Rupees 6-4-0 per acre of wet and dry Rupees 2-4-0. If these rates are introduced in Swarna, the resultant revenue, should the whole arable land be ever brought under the plough, will be Rupees 20,652.

—	Acres.	Assessment.	Rate per Acre according to new Settlement.
			RS. A. P.
Wet...	1,788	11,175	6 4 0
Dry...	4,212	9,477	2 4 0
Total, ...	6,000	20,652	

5. The Zemindar's demand is made up of wet, dry, and miscellaneous, and a comparison† is made with the amounts he is said to have actually collected in the last five years, and the amount that Government would realize at the rates which will be raised in Karemchadu next agricultural season.

† Statement B enclosed.

6. It will be noticed that, though the Cummamur canal fills the tank of this village, I have made no allowance for water-rate paid by the Zemindar or his villagers to Government. The reason is that it has never been settled who is to pay, nor do I see how it is to be settled on what land water-rate is to be charged. The canal running through the tank cuts off a corner of it and the natural supply-channel and to give the tank-water a calingulah has been made in the canal. No arrangement was made with any one at the time as to the amount of water the tank was, in future, to have, or the number of times it was to be filled by Government free of charge and now any arrangement is impossible; and both Zemindar and ryots may, with some show of reason, cry out, when we charge water-rate, that had we left their tank alone they would have had to pay nothing, and that as we have stopped the natural supply we ought to give all they want free.

7. It is, however, true enough, as Colonel Winscom said, and as reported in my last letter on the subject, that the tank is improved and its water-supply made permanent by the channel.

8. Taking the year the Zemindar has chosen, Fasli 1279 (A.D., 1868-69), his demand is Rupees 11,799-8-5; his collection is Rupees 11,143-15-8. The Government would collect, with no increase of cultivation, Rupees 12,066, and I have no hesitation in recommending the purchase at the Zemindar's figure.

9. Further inquiry as to the miscellaneous collections or ready-money items (a rough statement of which is forwarded—enclosure C) will have to be made before it is decided what is legitimately to be collected by Government, but the amount is so small as to be little worth considering.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 TO 3.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Kistna now reports that the Rajah of Venkatagiri is willing to transfer the village of Swarna to Government if the sum of Rupees 11,799-8-5 is deducted from his peishcush.

3. This sum is the demand for Fasli 1279, and the Collector shows that there is no reason to anticipate any loss of revenue by the transaction; and he repeats, what has already been pointed out, that the transfer will put an end to a great number of very troublesome disputes which cannot be satisfactorily settled in any other way. The Board's original offer of Rupees 8,000 was based on the average collections of several years, and was declined by the Zemindar; but they resolve very strongly to recommend the acceptance of the Zemindar's offer, and beg that the matter may receive very early attention, so that the transfer may take place from the close of the current fasli.

See Proceedings of Government dated 26th July 1872, No. 1,123A.

No. 140.

ORDER THEREON, 20th May 1873, No. 507.

Land Revenue.

IN the foregoing papers the Acting Collector of the Kistna District and the Board of Revenue urge upon Govern-

ment the acceptance of the Rajah of Venkatagiri's offer to relinquish to Government the village of Swarna if a sum of Rs. 11,799-8-5 is deducted from his annual peishcush. In the orders noted in the margin, the Government have recognized the expediency of this arrangement, and, under the circumstances now represented, they authorize the Board to accept the Rajah's offer. The transfer should take place from the 1st of July next, and the even sum of Rs. 11,800 may be deducted from the peishcush of the Venkatagiri estate from that date.

26th July 1872, No. 1,123-A.
26th Nov. ,, ,, 1,619.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 14th May 1873.

Read the following

No 544

From,

G. D. Leman Esqre,

Acting Collector of Kistnah District

To,

J. Gross Esqre,

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras

Sir,

With reference to the Board's endorse-
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on Government Order No 1619 dated 26th
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3. The extent of wet and dry arable land in the village is Acres 6,000 as detailed, in the × Margin: of which there are now cultivated wet 671 Acres and dry 3,499 Acres. The whole of the remaining wet land, in the village, estimated at 1117 Acres, is fit for cultivation, and can be watered by the canal: as also the bed of the tank which measures 400 acres, in round numbers and which will

× Approximately being the average rates of the above ascertainments to the Zemindar in the last 5 years.

	Acres.	Assd Rate per acre	
1. Wet	1,788	8 3 5	4-15-11
2. Dry	4,212	1 8 9 2	1-10-11
Total	6,000		6-4-11

× Statement B enclosed.

	Rate per acre according new settlement	
Wet 1117	6-4-11	7,175
Dry 9,477	2-4-11	
		20,652

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4. The land is similar to that of the adjoining Government Village of Karem-chadu in Bapatla Taluq; the average wet rate of which by the new Settlement will probably be Rupees 6-4-11 per Acre of wet and dry Rs 2-4-11. If these rates are introduced in Swarna, the resultant revenue, should the whole arable land be ever brought under the plough, will be Rupees * 20,652.

5. The Zemindar's demand is made up of wet, dry and Miscellaneous, and a × Comparison is made with the amounts he is said to have actually collected in the last 5 years and the amount

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It will be noticed that though the Cummamore canal fills the Tank of this village, I have made no allowance for water-rate paid by the Zemindar or his Villagers to Government: the reason is that it has never been settled who is to pay, nor do I see how it is to be settled, on what land water rate is to be charged. The canal running through the tank cuts off a corner of it and the natural supply channel; and to give the Tank water, a Calingula has been made in the canal. No arrangement was made with any one at the time as to the amount of water the Tank was, in future to have or the number of

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I have &c.

(signed) G. D. Leman
Ag Collector

Kistna District
Collector's Kacheri
at Masulipatam
8th April 1873.

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Submitted

Submitted for the orders of Government.

The Collector of Trichinopoly now reports that the Raja of Venkatagiri is willing to transfer the Village of Swarna to Government if the sum of Rs. 11,799-8-5 is deducted from his Peshcush.

This sum is the demand for Fasli 1279, and the Collector shows that there is no reason to anticipate any loss of Revenue by the transaction and he repeats, what has already been pointed out, that the transfer will put an end to a great number of very troublesome disputes which cannot be satisfactorily settled in any other way.

The Board's original offer of Rs. 8000 was based on the average collections of several years and was declined by the Zemindar, but they resolve very strongly to recommend the acceptance of the Zemindar's offer, and beg that

See Proceedings of Government 26th July 1872, No. 1123.

that the matter may receive very early attention so that the transfer may take place from the close of the current Fasli.-

True Copy & Extract

V Gwle
Secretary

For
the Ag" Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 3 original statements &c &c

November 1872 No 195-96
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

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Submitting to Govt. report from Collr. of Kistna Dt. of willingness of Venkatagiri Rajah to give up village of Swerna to Govt. if Rs. 11,799-8-5 are deducted from his Peishcush & recommending acceptance of Rajah's offer.

With order.

M.S. Copy to Kistna Collr of Revenue 20 May/73
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No. 507 — 20th May 1873.

In the foregoing papers the Collr. of the Kistna District, and the Board of Revenue urge upon Govt. the acceptance of the Rajah of Venkatagiri's offer to relinquish to Govt. the village of Sivarna, if a sum of Rs 11,799..8..5 is deducted from his annual peshcush. In the order noted in the margin the Govt. have recognised the expediency of this arrangement, and, under the circumstances now represented they authorize the Board to accept the Rajah's offer. The transfer should take place from the 1st July next; and the sum of Rs 11,800 may be deducted from the [illegible]

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