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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1874.

No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th March 1874, No. 676 :—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th March 1874, No. 68 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 18 of my letter, dated 24th February 1874, No. 48, I have the honour to report that the season in Tirumangalam Taluq has been very unfavourable both for punjah and nunjah crops. The land-revenue of the taluq is Rupees 3,20,000, three-fourths of which is derived from punjah land. From July to September there was very little rain. In October there was abundant rain, but in November there was scarcely any, and in December and January there was none. A great part of the taluq consists of black soil, which does not require frequent rain, provided it receives one very abundant supply. The cotton-crop everywhere has been pretty good, and eighty out of 156 villages in the taluq do not require punjah remissions.

2. In the other seventy-six villages the Tahsildar recommended that the whole of the assessment on punjah waste should be remitted, that 37½ per cent. of the assessment should be remitted in nineteen villages, 25 per cent. in forty-five villages, and 12½ per cent. in twelve villages. The Deputy-Collector thought that the 12½ per cent. remission was unnecessary, and that a uniform remission of 20 per cent. would be sufficient in the other villages. He also struck out four villages from the list of those requiring remission after inspecting them himself, and generally expressed his opinion that the ryots were much more anxious about the nunjah remission than about the punjah.

3. On the information now before me, I think that punjah remission is required in fifty-nine villages of this taluq, and that a uniform remission of 20 per cent. on the assessment of the dry holding, exclusive of cotton-cultivation and gardens, will be sufficient. I beg to enclose a statement of these villages. The remission will amount to about Rupees 8,556. The Deputy-Collector has been directed to inspect more of these villages, while he is engaged in settling the nunjah shavi, and sanctioned remissions will only be granted, if he is satisfied that they are necessary. The annual settlement of this taluq alone will be left to him, so that he will have sufficient time for careful inspection.

4. With regard to actual scarcity all persons acquainted with the district seem to be agreed that, if there is good rain in April for the cultivation of the Koday crops, no serious distress will occur. The experience of past years leads the people to expect good rain about April when the preceding north-east monsoon has failed ; but if this rain does not come, it will be a very serious matter.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government. The Collector's proposals are approved.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
31st March 1874.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 31st March 1874, No. 401.

Miscellaneous.

WITH reference to the concluding remark in the Collector's letter, the Board are requested to consider and report, at an early date, what measures should be carried out in view of the possible contingency of a failure in the April rain.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 26th March 1874

Read the following:-

No. 68.

From W. Mac Luhac Esquire
Collector of Madura

To J. Grose Esquire
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March 31st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O, 31st March 1874, No. 401.

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Nos. 258-259.

State of Season in Madura District.—Requests Revenue Board to report measures in view of the possible contingency of a failure in the April rain.

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A great part of the Taluk consists of black soil which does not require frequent rain, provided it receives one very abundant supply. The cotton crop everywhere has been pretty good and 80 out of 156 Villages in the Taluk do not require Punjab remissions.

2. In the other 76 Villages the Tahsildar recommended that the whole of the assessment on Punjab waste should be remitted, that 37½ percent of the assessment should be remitted in 19 Villages, 25 per cent in 45 Villages, and 12½ percent in 12 Villages. The Deputy Collector thought that the 12½ percent remission was unnecessary and that a uniform remission of 20 percent would be sufficient in the other Villages distress will occur. The experience of past years leads the people to expect good rain about April when the preceding North-East monsoon has failed but if this rain does not come it will be a very serious matter.

I have &c.

Collector's office
Madura
16th March 1874

Sd/ P. Mac Luhan
Collector

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The Collector's proposals are approved.

/True Copy & Extract/

J Grole
Secretary

To

The Secretary to

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Taluk

Revenue Department.

No. 401

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 31st March 1874.

READ the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Submitting report from Collector of Madura on state of peasantry in Tirumangalam taluq, together with a statement of villages in which Umjah remission is proposed to be granted, and opposing Collector's proposals. } H. E. 25th March 1874

With reference to the concluding remark in the Collector's letter, the Board are requested to consider and report, at an early date, what measures should be carried out in view of the possible contingency of a failure in the April rain.

Despd in R.S. to B. of Revenue with an Endorsement 31. 3. 74 145 C. Dec 13 Apl/74.

Rec'd May 1874 No 9-10

Revenue 1874 Board's No 987

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

S.G. No 401 - 31st March 1874.

Dated 25th March 1874
Despd 25 " "
Rec'd 26 "
Encl. (Petn)

Submitting the Communication noticed in the Margin regarding the Umjah remissions in Tirumangalam Taluq together with a statement of the Villages in which remission is proposed to be granted and the Petition of the Ryots of the said Taluq.

Copy with Enclosures sent to the Collector of Madura for information and report.

By order &c
Sd/ W. Rackham
Offg Secy

Offg Secy 1874 No 9-10

27 March/74 - No 385

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Sd/ W. Rackham
Offg Secy

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