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No. 164. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1874, No. 860 :—

Read the following letter from W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sembaganoor, 6th April 1874, No. 94 :—

With reference to paragraph 3 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 12th March 1874, No. 557, I have the honour to submit copy of a letter from the Special Deputy-Collector, recommending certain alterations in the rates of remission originally proposed for the Melur Taluq, with three (copies) lists of villages. The Deputy-Collector has omitted one of the villages entered in the original list, because a fair harvest from its nunjah land has covered the loss from dry lands, and has added eight villages for which no remission was at first proposed. In twenty-two villages he would remit five-eighths of the assessment, and in twenty-three villages one-half of the assessment. The additional remissions proposed amount to Rupees 5,585, and, considering the poverty of the ryots in Melur, and the absence of any means of irrigation, except rain-fed tanks, I believe that the relief proposed is necessary.

2. In addition to these modifications of the original proposals, the Deputy-Collector recommends that the assessment on punjah waste in the remaining forty-three villages, amounting to Rupees 4,700, be remitted; but I doubt whether this concession is necessary. There is a considerable extent of dry land entered in the puttass, which is not intended for cultivation, and no distinction between waste and cultivated land can be made without departing from the principle upon which the revenue from dry land is now settled. In the Nuttum Division of this taluq, especially near the hills, there have been fair dry crops, and I am opposed to any remission of assessment on dry land, except where it is necessary, on the ground that the ryots cannot afford to pay the full rates. The Deputy-Collector says that, if the ryots in these villages get no remission, they will be dissatisfied, and doubtless he feels that they will cry out against him; but unless the indulgence is shown to be a necessity, I would not grant it.

3. The nunjah remissions in this taluq will amount to nearly Rupees 30,000, and the total loss of revenue on account of the bad season will be about Rupees 60,000. It is a large sum to lose, but there has always been a heavy loss in this part of the country in bad seasons, and the only remedy is to carry out the Perryaur project, which will make the greater part of Melur nearly independent of the local rain fall.

4. I wish to make some modifications in the sanctioned punjah remissions for Madura Taluq, but, as the alterations will not exceed Rupees 2,000, I trust the Board will permit me to make them during the Jamabandi, reporting the result. I hope to be able to begin the settlement of Madura in the middle of April, and

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21st April 1874.*

Melur can be commenced as soon as the Board's orders on this letter have been received.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From P. SUBBIER, Temporary Deputy-Collector, to W. McQUHAE, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 31st March 1874, No. 83.

In continuation of my letter, dated the 17th instant, and with reference to your foot-note to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 12th idem, No. 557, I have the honour to submit the following proposals for granting remissions of assessment on dry lands in the Melur Taluq.

2. I beg to enclose three statements in which I have classified the villages with reference to the extent of relief proposed to be granted.

3. Statement No. 1 contains twenty-two villages, which, in my opinion, are most affected in consequence of an almost entire failure of both wet and dry crops. The concession I would grant to these villages is the entire remission of five out of eight kists or instalments on dry holdings. The amount to be sacrificed will be Rupees 6,688.

4. The villages (twenty-three) entered in Statement No. 2 are those where the outturn has been a little better, and where in consequence payment of the Government demand will be felt a smaller hardship. In these, I would remit four instalments, or 50 per cent., and the amount to be sacrificed will be Rupees 28,088.

5. It will be seen that the above proposals relate to forty-five villages, or seven villages in addition to the number for which a special remission was recommended in your letter to the Board, dated 24th February last, No. 48. One of the villages included in the list which accompanied your letter to the Board, viz., Vellalapatty, has now been excluded, because, although there was a failure of dry crops therein, the outturn from wet lands has been fair and is supposed to have covered the loss from dry lands. But eight villages not included in your list, which my inquiry convinced me to require special indulgence, have been included in the above statements. Thus, the net addition to the list of villages in need of relief is seven as already stated.

6. It will also be observed that the total abandonment of revenue, as proposed in the two statements above referred to, is Rupees 34,776, or Rupees 5,585 in excess of the amount recommended by you to the Board. But I have only to say, with due considerations to economy, that nothing less than what I have taken the liberty to propose could be a substantial relief to the ryots in their present circumstances.

7. The third and the last statement contains the remaining villages (forty-three) in the taluq. These have been distinguished from the rest: some for their excellence in having reaped a tolerably good harvest, though not anything like an average crop; and others, for the fact that the ryots can well afford to subsist upon, and to pay the Government demand from resources of past years or their other means without difficulty. But, however, I would recommend in their case the remission of assessment on their dry waste, amounting to Rupees 4,700. The badness of the season and the insufficiency of the outturn having been admitted, they might be reasonably expected to be dissatisfied if some indulgence of the kind be not shown to them, when a special indulgence is shown to their brethren of the neighbouring villages. The concession I recommend in favour of the said forty-three villages will, therefore, I believe, be considered nothing but fair.

8. If my above suggestions entirely meet with your approval and that of the Board, the revenue to be given up from dry lands in the Melur Taluq for fasli 1283 will be Rupees 39,477.

9. As already reported in my letter of the 17th, the season having been equally unfavourable for wet crop, it may not be out of place here to observe, in order to keep the Board acquainted with the effect of the last season on the finance of the taluq, that we will have to give up a sum of Rupees 30,000 from wet lands on account of waste and withered crops.

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10. The result will then be as follows:—

<i>Dry.</i>		RS.
Remission of five instalments, or 62½ per cent., in twenty-two villages, as per Statement No. 1 ...		6,688
Do. of four instalments, or 50 per cent., in twenty-three villages, as per Statement No. 2 ...		28,089
Do. of waste in forty-three villages, as per Statement No. 3 ...		4,700
		39,477
<i>Wet.</i>		RS.
Probable remission of assessment on waste...	17,000	
Do. do. on withered crops...	13,000	
		30,000
		69,477
Dry and wet holdings as shown in the three Statements above referred to ...		2,38,807
Balance after deducting the proposed remissions.		1,69,330
Ryotwar revenue of Fasli 1282 ...		2,30,283
Expected falling off or decrease ...		60,953

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. McQUHAE,
Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 to 4.—Lists of Villages.

In the foregoing letter, the Collector recommends certain modifications in the rates of remission to be given on dry lands in the Melur Taluq. They are as follow:—

(1.) The entire remission of five out of the eight kists payable in twenty-two villages wherein the failure has been most severe, Rupees 6,688.

(2.) The abandonment of four instalments, or 50 per cent., in the case of twenty-three villages, where the loss was mitigated, Rupees 28,088. By this alteration one village, Vellalapally, is left out of consideration, owing to the wet crops having furnished a good set off; and the sum of Rupees 5,585 is added to that of Rupees 29,191, which was the estimated amount sanctioned for remission in Board's Proceedings of the 12th March last, No. 557. With the exception of excluding topes and well lands from these concessions, the Collector's proposals are sanctioned. The Board would, however, wish to know how Mr. McQuhae purposes acting in those cases where more than the amount now foregone has been already paid by the ryots.

2. The Board concur with the Collector as to granting remissions on dry waste.

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21st April 1874.*

3. By the present proposals, the total amount of remission for Melur during the current fasli will be—

	RS.
Dry	34,776
Wet... ..	30,000
	64,776

4. The minor alterations proposed for the Madura Taluq can, of course, be made by the Collector.

5. These Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government, whose attention will be specially called to paragraph 3.

No. 165. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1874, No. 486.

Miscellaneous.

THE Right Honorable the Governor
in Council approves of the orders
which the Board have issued in the Pro-
ceedings recorded above.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. E. R. Bantleman.

24.9.03
Dry Collector's Office
Madura,
No 83. 31st March 1874

From

The Temporary Deputy Collector
of Madura

To,

The Collector
of Madura.

Sir,

In continuation of my
letter dated the 17th instant and
with reference to your footnote to the
Board's Proceedings dated the 12th idem,
No 557, I have the honor to submit
the following proposals for granting
remission of a payment on dry lands
in the Melur Taluk.

2. I beg to enclose 3
statements

Govt. of 1874
REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Ac, Ac, Ac.

Dated April 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 21st April 1874, No. 486.

APRIL.

Nos. 164-165.

Notes of Remission proposed to be granted
on dry lands in the Melur Taluk, Madura Dis-
trict. — Appropriate Board's orders sanctioning certain
modifications in the —



statements in which I have classified
the villages with reference to the
extent of relief proposed to be granted

3. Statement No. 1 contains
22 villages which in my opinion are
most affected in consequence of
an almost entire failure of both wet
and dry crops. The concession I would
grant to these villages is the entire remission
of 5 out of 8 lists or instalments
on dry holdings. The amount to be
sacrificed will be rupees 6,688.

4. The villages (23) entered
in statement No. 2 are those where the
out-turn has been a little better and
where, in consequence, payment of the
Government

Government demand will be ^{5/100} felt a
smaller hardship. In these I would
remit 4 instalments or 50 per cent and
the amount to be sacrificed will be
rupees 28,088.

5. It will be seen that the
above proposals relate to 45 villages or
7 villages in addition to the number
for which a special remission was
recommended in your letter to the Board
dated 24 February last No. 48. One
of the villages included in the list which
accompanied your letter to the Board,
viz., Vellala/hatty has now been
excluded because, although there was a
failure of dry crops therein, the out-turn
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the loss from dry lands. But eight
villages not included in your list which
my enquiry convinced me to require
special indulgence have been included
in the above statements. Thus the net
addition to the list of villages in need
of relief is seven as already stated.

6. It will also be
observed that the total abandonment
of Revenue as proposed in the two
statements above referred to is Rs. 34,776
or Rupees 5,585 in excess of the amount
recommended by you to the Board. But
I have only to say with due con-
sideration to economy that nothing
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less than what I have taken the
liberty to propose could be a sub-
stantial relief to the Ryots in their
present circumstances.

7. The 3^d and the last statement
contains the remaining villages (43)
in the Taluq. These have been distin-
guished from the rest some for their
excellence in having reaped a tolerably
good harvest though not any thing
like an average crop, and others for
the fact that the ryots can well
afford to submit upon, and to pay
the Government demand from resources
of past years or their other means
without difficulty. But however
I would recommend in their case
the remission of assessment on their
Dry

Dry waste amounting to rupees 4,700.

The badness of the season and the insufficiency of the outturn having been admitted they might be reasonably expected to be dissatisfied if some indulgence of the kind be not shown to them when a special indulgence is shown to their brethren of the neighbouring villages. The conclusion I recommend in favor of the said 43 villages will therefore, I believe, be considered nothing but fair.

8. If my above suggestions entirely meet with your approval and that of the Board, the revenue to be raised from dry lands in the

the Mehar Taluk for Harli 1283
will be rupees 39,477.

9. As already reported in my letter of the 17th the season having been equally unfavorable for wet crops, it may not be out of place here to observe, in order to keep the Board acquainted with the effect of the last season on the finances of the Taluk, that we will have to give up a sum of rupees 30,000 from wet lands on account of waste and withered crops.

10. The result will then be
as

as follows.

Dry

Remission of fine instalments or 62½ per cent in 22 villages as per statement

No. 1. ————— 6,688

Do of 4 instalments or 50 per cent }
in 23 villages as per statement No. 2 } 28,089

Do of waste in 43 villages as per
statement No. 3 ————— 4,700
39,477

Wet

Probable remission of a payment on
waste surpluses ————— 17,000

Do do on withered crops — 13,000 30,000
69,477

Dry and wet holdings as shown in }
the 3 statements above referred to. } 238,807

Balance after deducting the proposed
remissions ————— 1,69,330

Reported Revenue of Hasli 1282 — 2,30,283

Expected falling off or decrease — 60,953

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I have &c &c.

(signed) P. Dubois

D. Dubois

(True extract)

(signed) W. McCubbin

Collector.

(True copy)

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W. McCubbin

W. McCubbin

J. G. Gole
Secretary

Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 14th April 1874, No. 860

Read the following
No. 94
From,

W. McLuhac Esqre
Collector of Madras

To,
J. Lyrose Esquire
Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

With reference to
para 3 of the Board's Proceedings
dated 12th March 1874 No. 557, I
have the honor to submit copy
of a letter from the Special
Deputy.

Enclosed in Board's No. 860:
detail 14th April 1874,
to the As. Secretary Genl,
Revenue Department,

Dec. 12/1/74.

Ms. 27 21 April/74
in B. No. 1614.

Copy of Deputy Collector's
letter to the Collector of
Madras dated 3rd April
1874 No. 83.

Deputy Collector recommending
certain alterations in the
rates of remission originally
proposed for the Melur Taluk
with 3 lists of villages. * copies

The Deputy Collector has omitted
one of the villages entered in
the original list, because
a fair harvest from its Punjab
land has covered the loss
from dry lands and has added
8 villages for which no remission
was at first proposed. In twenty
two villages he would remit $\frac{5}{8}$
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to Rupees 5,585 and considering
the poverty of the ryots in Melur
and the absence of any means
of irrigation except rain fed
tanks I believe that the relief
proposed is necessary.

2. In addition to these mo-
difications of the original pro-
posals, the Deputy Collector re-
commends that the assessment
on Punjab waste in the re-
maining 43 villages amounting
to Rupees 4,700 be remitted but
I doubt whether this concession
is necessary. There is a con-
siderable extent of dry land
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can be made without departing
from the principle upon which
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is now settled. In the Kuttum
Division of this Taluk especially
near the hills, there have been
fair dry crops and I am
opposed to any remission of
assessment on dry land except
where it is necessary, on the
ground that the ryots cannot
afford to pay the full rates.

The Deputy Collector says:

that if the ryots in these villages
get no remission, they will be
dissatisfied and doubtless
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^{1/2p +}
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indulgence is shown to be a
necessity, I would not grant it.

3. The Kunjah remissions
in this Taluk will amount to
nearly Rupees 30,000 and the total
loss of revenue on account of
the bad season will be about
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to lose but there has always
been a heavy loss in this part
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out the Perryour project which
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4. I wish to make some modifications in the sanctioned Puzh revision for Madura Taluk, but as the alterations will not exceed Rupees 2,000, I trust the Board will permit me to make them during the Jamabundy, reporting the result. I hope to be able to begin the settlement of Madura in the middle of April, and Melur can be commenced as soon as the Board's orders on this letter have been received.

Madura Collector's } I have seen
Office Camp Leno- } (Sd) W. McLehal
baganoor 6th April 1874 } Collector

In the foregoing letter
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the Collector recommends certain modifications in the rates of remission to be given on dry lands in the Melur Taluk. They are as follows:-

1. The entire remission of 5 out of the 8 Kists payable in 22 villages wherein the failure has been most severe Rs. 6688.

2. The abandonment of 4 instalments or 50 per cent in the case of 23 villages where the loss was mitigated Rupees 28,088.

By this alteration one Village Vellalapally is left out of consideration owing to the wet crops having furnished a good set off; and the sum of Rupees 5588 is

is added to that of Rupees 29,191
which was the estimated amount
sanctioned for remission in
Board's Proceedings of the 12th
March last No. 557 - with the
exception of excluding topes and
well lands from these con-
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Board would however wish
to know how Mr. McLuhac
purposes acting in those cases
where more than the amount
now foregone has been already
paid by the Ryots.

The Board concurs with
the Collector as to granting
remissions on dry waste.

By the present proposals the

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the total amount of remission
for Melur during the current
fushy will be dry RA 34,776

Wet - 30,000

Rs. 64,776-

The minor alterations proposed
for the Madura Talook can of
course be made by the Collector.

These Proceedings will
be submitted for the informa-
tion of Government, whose at-
tention will be specially called to para 3.

[True copy & Extract]

To,
The Acting Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with 3 original enclosures to be returned
and copy of Treasury Deputy
Collector's letter

W. S. S. S.

C. J. McVarasimalchary

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

C No. 1216

From

Board of Revenue

Dated

14th April 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

I do approve the
of orders. They
are most liberal
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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

No. 1216.

Dated 14th April 1874

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Sanctioning modifications

proposed by Collector of

Madras in rates of re-

vision to be granted on

dry lands in Melur Taluk

requesting report as to

breakdown of cases in

which more than the amount

now foregone has been already

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 21st April 1874.

READ the following *Proc. of the Board of Revenue.*

Sanctioning modifications proposed by collectors of Madras in rates of permission to be granted on dry lands in Melur taluk and respecting report as to treatment of cases in which more than the amount now foregone has been already paid by ryots.

H. E. 14 April 1874

FOR ORDERS.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the orders which the Board have issued in the Proceedings recorded above.

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