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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
[2nd June 1874.]

No. 29. Read the following despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India :—

Revenue,

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,

No. 6.

31st March 1874.

My Lord,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 28th January, No. 2 of 1874, relative to the introduction of the new settlement into the three remaining taluqs of the Gunttoor portion of the Kistna District has been considered by me in Council.

2. The return of the new settlement exceeds that of the year preceding by 35,328 acres in area and Rs. 34,049 in assessment. I am glad to observe that the rates are regarded by the Board of Revenue as moderate and equable in their incidence, and to be assured from Mr. Cox's report that the people are generally pleased with the settlement, very few relinquishments being expected. It is satisfactory also to learn that the settlement has commanded such approbation that there is every prospect of the culturable waste lands being taken up.

3. There is one observation of the Board of Revenue which, I hope, will receive the careful attention of your Excellency in Council. It is to the effect that the cesses in addition to the assessment will raise the demand on the land in these taluqs to more than "the half net;" I trust to your Lordship in Council to take care that what remains to the cultivator, after paying all Government demands, shall be sufficient.

I have, etc.,

(Signed) SALISBURY.

His Excellency the Right Honourable
the Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 2nd June 1874, No. 682.

Land Revenue, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of
Revenue and Director of Revenue
Settlement, with reference to the Pro-

ceedings of Government, 17th December 1873, No. 1,452.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.



India Office ⁶⁸²

London 31 March 1874

Revenue

no 6

My Lord,

1. The despatch of
your Excellency in
Council dated 28 January
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settlement into the three
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of the Kistna district
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by me in Council.

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His Excellency
The Right Honourable
The Governor in Council
Fort St. George

Calcutta of 1874

REVENUE.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy. Secy. Secy.

Dated June 2nd.

Head.

Post.

G. O. 2nd June 1874. No. 682.

JUNE.

Nos. 29-30.

New Settlement in remaining Taluqs,
Guntur portion, Kistna District.—Communi-
cates to Revenue Board and Director of Re-
venue Settlement House despatch reviewing report
regarding the introduction of the —

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to take care that what
remains to the
cultivator after
paying all Government
demands shall be
sufficient.

I have the honor to be

Very Truly

Your Lordships most Obedient
humble Servant

Salisbury



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31st May

The
Letter to Mr. St. George

N^o 6.

Received 27th April 1874.

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Expressing satisfaction at the
of the introduction of the new
into the three remaining ^{ships} ~~ships~~
portion of the ^{British} ~~British~~ ^{East} ~~East
-questing attention of Govt. to the
of the Board of Revenue that
cesses in addition to the ^{assess} ~~assess~~
will raise the demand on
land to more than the half~~

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R.C. 28th R 2^d June/74

C 12th May/74. R.C. 28th R 2^d June/74

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I cannot think
that the Secretary of
State's despatch can
be read as sanctioning
so wide - and to the ^{loss} ~~loss~~
so disastrous - a departure
from the principles of
the Revenue Settlement
as that of including the
best cases in the half-
-sett of the Imperial
Revenue Settlement.

The share of the
produce to be required
from the Imperial
Revenue under the
new Settlement - viz
one-half nett - was
settled long before -
special

Special rates for
local purposes were
authorized by law
to be raised under
the management of
those interested there
was relief under this
principle, for the
old assessments were
based on the half-price
and there can be very
little doubt that on
the whole the assessments
now fixed under the
provision of settlement
fall short of the
true half-rate.

The Cesses were
imposed more recently
and are authorized
by the law to be super-
added to the assess-
ment on which they
are

are rated. They have
been so superadded -
save in a few cases -
both where the revised
settlement has been
introduced & where
the old settlement holds
good, and it would
be quite impossible
to go back from the
sound position or
authorize a change of
principle in respect
to future settlement.

The remedy lies
in a fixed revenue
demand for Imperial
purposes which I
hope may eventually
be conceded. The
local needs may be
met as in England
and elsewhere
by increased local
cesses without what
now

now occurs increasing
the burden of both
Imperial & local
taxation at the same
time

Both the old and
new settlements plus
cesses have sufficient
to the cultivation which
is all the Secretary
of State directs us to
be careful about.

30/5 MR

For my part, I don't mind
it in the register. I have
not the accumulation of
after upon the head of the
cultivator has been a great
evil, & I don't find that
you are concerned to
remedy it in the manner
suggested. I have however for the 2/6

12th May 1874. R 10th R 19th R 20

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While ref. Mr. Lewis and
Mr. Robinson's remarks,
I have observed that the
Secy of State's despatch
concerns the statement
that the charge on the
ryots with the cesses is
less than the half-act
and raises (as plain
as words can do it) the
question whether, the being
the case, "sufficient" is
left to the Cultivator - the
less however in the end,
he leaves the question for
the decision of the Secy of State.

To H.E. the Governor
with reference to the
Double-chief's & Mr.
Robinson's remarks
CJH
30/5

Revenue Department.

No. 1182.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 2nd June 1874.

READ the following Despatch from the
Secretary of State.

Expressing satisfaction at the success
of the introduction of the new settlements
into the three remaining Taluqs of the
Guntur portion of the Krishna District
and requesting attention of Govt to the ob-
servation of the Board of Revenue that the
cesses in addition to the assessments will
raise the demand on the land to more
than "the half act."

(H. E. 31st March 1874 No. 6.)

MR
JOS

Communicated to the
Board of Revenue, and Director of
Revenue Settlement, with reference
to the Proceedings of Government,
17th December 1873, No. 452.

Orders regarding with
the last
the despatch

I do not think we need notice it
here as it will be noticed
in connection with the
CJH

The last para of [] the []

seems to indicate
very clearly that
the S of State is
disposed to consider
that the agreement
with the states, is
not to more than
the half, and
he leave it to
to decide whether
the aggregate demand
of the states is
to be the whole or
the half.

It seems to me
impossible, I
please to
adjust all
agreements, especially
by such an amount
as would leave
the aggregate
demand (including
states) equal to
the half.
In your part,

I should be quite
prepared to act on
this permission to (at least) ~~all new~~
the full and would
instruct the S of
Revenue accordingly.

R

Mr. S of State (at
least) proposed to
of such a provision.
I cannot regard
this as the last
of State's meaning.
If he had intended
that the states &
the states should
not exceed the half
it. I think he has

The Sec. from the
 of upholding the
 the views of the
 of the best of
 Richard D.

would have said
 or plainly. It
 has been always
 clearly understood
 that the cesser should
 be extra to the ad-
 versant - as the
 well enough to
 the Duke: put can
 make put these
 cesser out of the
 bank revenue - I
 know also that
 that remained to the
 on this side a the
 paying all put de
 under such circum-
 stances he should
 not in any opinion

as being the
 amount of the
 cesser. In my
 opinion the
 cesser is in
 the wrong.

Recirculated to
 the Honble Secy^r
 Sir & Robinson
 with reference to
 H.E.'s remarks

RC 26th R 30th R 35th R 22 Jan 79
 C 10th May 1744 R 15th RC 19th
 C 12th May 1744 R 15th RC 17 10 20

29-30 J.M.
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