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9th July 1874.

No. 72. Read the following despatch from the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India:—

Revenue,
No. 11.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
21st May 1874.

MY LORD,—The despatch of your Excellency in Council, dated 10th March, No. 5 of 1874, transmitting copy of a correspondence relative to the revision of assessment of the taluqs in the sub-division of Nellore, has been considered by me in Council.

2. The sub-division of Nellore consists of three taluqs, 1, Ongole; 2, Kundukur; 3, Kanigiri. The first and the northern part of the second are within the influence of the south-west monsoon, while the third and the southern part of the second are reached by the north-east monsoon only.

3. Your Excellency in Council has taken exception to the proposed enhancement of the "dry" land rates in the taluq of Kanigiri. It had been proposed to raise the average rate from Annas 10 to Annas 13 per acre by 23 per cent., while the gross assessment of the lands under cultivation would be enhanced from Rs. 32,610 to Rs. 40,152. The Board of Revenue had given no opinion on the suggestion which had been submitted with great doubt by the Director of the Survey. The soil of the taluq is represented to be of no depth, and generally as of a red and stony character. The population is also stated to be scanty. Under these circumstances, your Lordship in Council has considered that an immediate enhancement of revenue to the proposed extent in this taluq would be highly inexpedient, and has accordingly directed that the increased rates be levied gradually, as the circumstances of the people may improve. I fully approve of the orders issued by your Excellency in Council on this point.

4. In the Ongole and Kundukur Taluqs the assessment will be increased from Rs. 5,23,349 to Rs. 5,67,242, or about 8½ per cent., and this settlement is regarded by the Board of Revenue as moderate but sufficient; it is also approved by your Excellency in Council. I see no objection to the rates proposed, and they may, therefore, at once be introduced.

5. I am glad to observe that your Lordship in Council considers the estimate of the Board of Revenue of the extra cesses to be exaggerated.

6. The revision appears to me to have been made with great care and minuteness. The wet rates remain substantially the same as before; the dry rates have been increased, but only to a very moderate extent, and your Lordship in Council has carefully guarded against undue pressure, by allowing the Director of the Survey to exercise great latitude in the introduction of the revision, and by especially insisting that in no case shall the realizations of the new rates be in excess of half the net produce of the land.

7. In conclusion, I would draw the attention of your Excellency in Council to my predecessor's despatch of the 24th July, No. 18 of 1873, relative to the revision of assessment in six other taluqs of the Nellore District, and state that I am awaiting a reply to the questions therein presented to your attention.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) SALISBURY.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, *9th July* 1874.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1874, No. 857.

Land Revenue, No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue and Director of Revenue Settlement, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, dated 13th February 1874, No. 203.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue,
„ the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. F. R. Bastleman.

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,
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Dated July 9th

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G. O., 9th July 1874, No. 837.

Revision of Assessment in the Sub-division of Nellore.—Communicates Home despatch reviewing despatch from this Government relative to the — to Board and Director of Revenue Settlement with reference to G. O., 13th February 1874, No. 203.

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India Office,
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I have the honour to be,
My Lord,
Your Lordship's most obedient humble Servant.

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