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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd July 1874.

No. 185. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd July 1874, No. 1,673 :—

Read the following letter from W. AUSTIN, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 23rd May 1874, No. 180.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith, for your instructions, two Arzis from the Tahsildar of Ramachendrapoor, dated 26th ultimo and 8th instant, Nos. 269 and 293, respectively.

2. There are certain "Ava" lands in Medapad, Vettapalem, Podapudi, and other villages. They were formerly flooded by sea-water in the Upputeru near Cocanada. Since the construction of the anicut-channels they are not so flooded. But even now, they are under submersion by drainage water, and are therefore hardly fit for anything but wet cultivation, and even for that purpose they require considerable strengthening by manuring, and as they have been lying waste from time immemorial. The lands are not "*Soudoo*," but, under the peculiar circumstances, the Tahsildar recommends that water may be given to them for two years as a special case, on condition of their paying half the usual water cess.

3. Rule VIII. of the Water-tax Rules allows that water being given in the case of "Soudoo" lands on payment of half the usual water-rate if cultivated. It does not apply to the case in question, but as the land is poor I am of opinion that the proposal of the Tahsildar may be approved. I therefore beg to recommend that sanction may be obtained for the grant of water on the conditions stated.

4. There have been already before the Tahsildar certain applications for acres 828-20, assessed at Rupees 2,045-2-0, and acres 507-74, assessed at Rupees 775-2-5, in the villages of Vettapalem and Medapad, respectively, for fasli 1284, subject to the giving of water for two years on payment of half the usual water-rate. Unless this half cess is sanctioned, I see no probability of these lands being ever brought under cultivation.

No. 153.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue, with a request that the Water-cess Rules may be relaxed in the case of the lands referred to.

Cocanada, 27th May 1874. (Signed) W. S. FOSTER, Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. It appears that there is a large extent of land waste from time immemorial and so poor in quality and peculiarly situated that it will not be taken up by cultivators, unless the Water-rate Rules are relaxed, but that it will be taken up and cultivated with wet crops if Government will allow half rates for the first two years. The people are ready to take up land, assessed at Rs. 2,820, at once if this concession is granted.

3. The case of this land is not quite similar to that of the Soudoo land dealt with in Rule VIII., for the land, though formerly flooded by sea-water and very poor in quality, is still fit for cultivation.

4. Considering the great extent of land now useless, which will be made useful and yield a profit to the State as well as the people, the Board think the concession should be granted if a sufficient supply of water is available.

No. 126. ORDER THEREON, 22nd July 1874, No. 914.

Land Revenue, No. 5.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council concurs with the Board, and authorizes the relaxation of the rule to the extent proposed.

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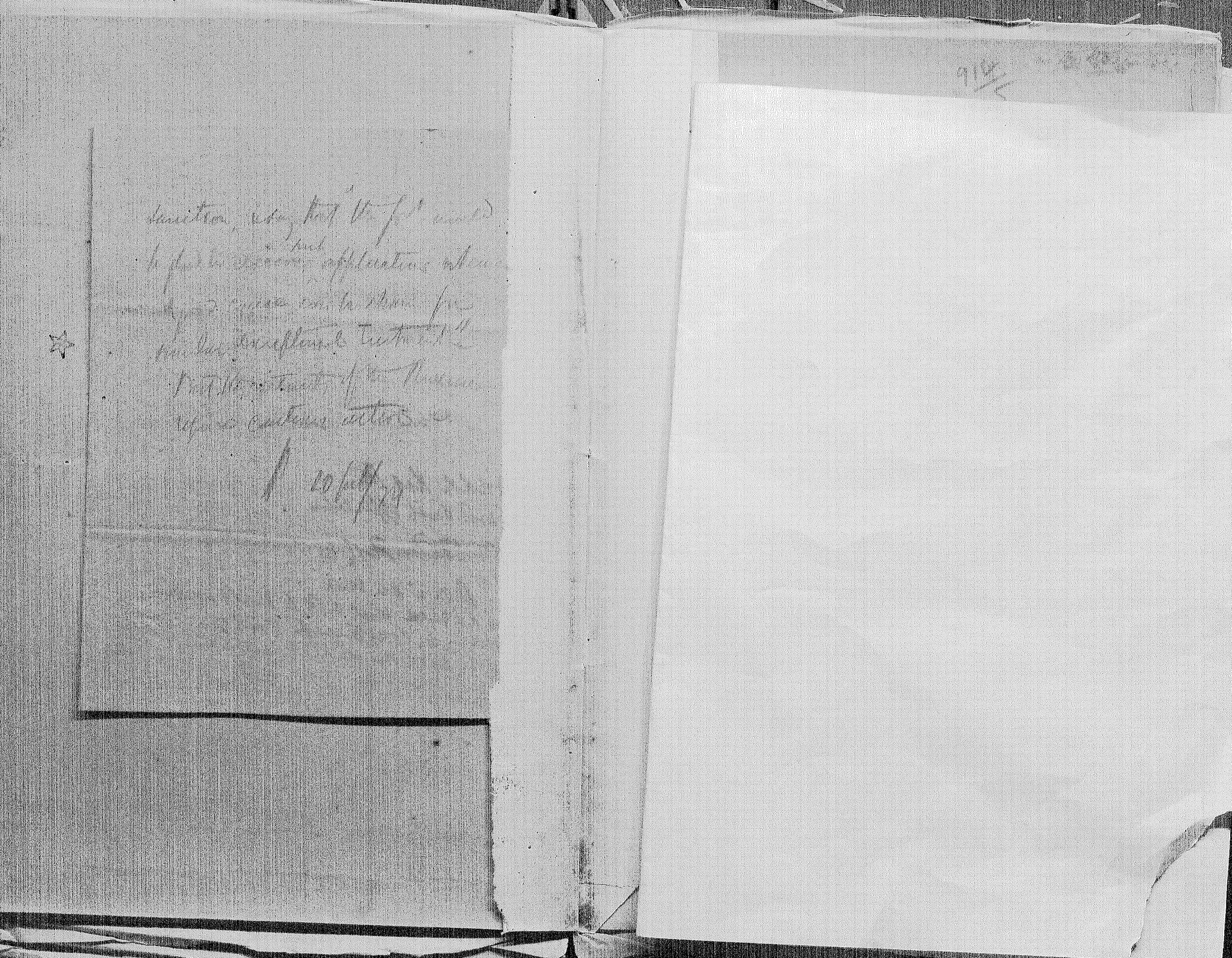

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Collector of the Godavery District.

Rad. F. E. Pantulu.

No. 2291.

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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD JULY 1874, No. 1,678.

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No. 1,678.

Land—in certain villages of Ramachendrapur Taluq, Godavery District, waste from time immemorial and poor in quality.—Proposal from Collector for grant of certain —— to ryots for wet cultivation, charging only half the usual water-cess for first two years, submitted for orders of Government, and opinion expressed that proposed concession should be granted if sufficient supply of water is available.