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26th February 1875.*

No. 357. From C. J. LYALL, Esq., Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Revenue, Agriculture, and Commerce, (Land-revenue and Settlement,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Calcutta, 20th January 1875, No. 81.

THE Governor-General in Council has noticed that Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, in his despatch to the Government of Madras, No. 14 (Revenue), dated the 2nd July last, paragraph 3, has pointed out the inconvenience of the peculiar use of the terms "Wet" and "Dry," as applied to cultivated land, which appears to prevail in the Madras Presidency; and I am directed to request that, with the permission of His Excellency the Governor in Council, you will state, for the information of the Government of India, what measures have been adopted with reference to the observations of the Secretary of State.

(True Copy.)

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

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE,
26th February 1875.

No. 323.

No. 358.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE,
AGRICULTURE, AND COMMERCE.

Land Revenue, No. 15.

what measures have been adopted with reference to a recent despatch* from the Secretary of State to this Government, pointing out the inconvenience of the use of the terms "Wet" and "Dry" in a report on the condition of the Ganjam District.

* 2nd July 1874, No. 14.

2. It had been intended† to await the reply of the Secretary of State to the further despatch from this Government, dated 21st April 1874, No. 6, (with which were forwarded certain Minutes bearing on the subject,) before issuing any instructions upon the point in question. On receipt, however, of a communication from the Board of Revenue reviewing a letter from the Collector of Ganjam, His Excellency the Governor in Council considered‡ the system of classification, which had been proposed by the Settlement Department, to be quite correct.

† G. O., 13th August 1874, No. 1,015.

‡ G. O., 19th January 1875, No. 107.

3. For the terms (1) "Wet" and (2) "Dry" hitherto used to designate (1) land irrigated from Government sources and (2) land not so irrigated, respectively, it has been determined (as the nearest approach to accuracy of which the case permits) to substitute the terms (1) "irrigated" and (2) "unirrigated," respectively.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Agriculture 1875 Department.

Government of Fort St. George.

Dated 28th February 1875.

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INFORMING, with reference to the despatch from the Secretary of State, regarding the inconvenience of the peculiar use of the terms "Wet" and "Dry" as applied to cultivated land, that the Government have determined to substitute the terms "irrigated" and "unirrigated," respectively.

No. 81

FROM

C. J. LYALL, ESQUIRE,

Under-Secretary to the Government of India,
Department of ^{Revenue} Agriculture,
Revenue and Commerce,

TO

The Secretary to the
Government of Madras.
Calcutta dated 28 January 1875.

Land Revenue
and Settlement

SIR,

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant—

C. J. Lyall

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of India

To
THE SECRETARY

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

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The Court of India
Dept. of Revenue

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the former comprising
lands which have a
substantial source
of irrigation and the
latter those which
have no such source

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I don't think this will
do - Under such a description
all the rice lands of Ceylon
& Malabar with their
gates - they have an
abundant source
the rain fall
15/2 MS

~~Wet~~ dry - that the terms
wet & dry in our reports
relating to lands irrigated - and
lands not irrigated from
sources of irrigation - and
that we are unable to suggest
any better terms than
"irrigated"

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I would explain to the Govt of
India that beyond substituting
"irrigated" & "unirrigated" for
"wet" & "dry" we cannot suggest
any thing - and that all four
appellations are in a degree
in as much as they do not carry
the full meaning of the nature
of the lands - "Wet" lands are
those irrigated and "Dry" lands
are those not irrigated from
sources and the latter of course
include lands watered from
private sources of irrigation - &
lands which produce "wet" crops
as paddy without other irrigation than
the rain - or surface drainage
the falling of water on the soil
be termed "wet" or "dry" -
irrigated - and "dry" or "not
irrigated" - I think it will be sufficient to say
that the terms "wet" and "dry"
are now used to designate

Land
to Cooper and Son 1874



Revenue Dept.

N^o 323

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Dept. of Rev. Agri. & Commerce

Sir

I am directed to
acknowledge the receipt of
your letter dated 20: January
1875 N^o 81, enquiring what
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with reference to a recent
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of the terms "wet" and "dry"
in a report on the condition
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* 2^d July 1874 N^o 14

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land not so irrigated, respectively; and that
in proper ~~and state~~ on the
nearest approach to accuracy of
which the case permits, to hold that
for this term the term "irrigated"
and "unirrigated" respectively.

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* G.O. 19. January 1875 No 107

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and (2) "un-irrigated" respectively

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26 February 1875

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To the Govt of
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Regarding the substitution
of the terms
"irrigated ^{the} ~~irrigated~~ ^{irrigated} ~~irrigated~~
for wet and dry.

Despatches

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