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No. 129A. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1876, No. 2,869:—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to H. F. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 13th November 1876, No. 522:—

I HAVE the honor to report that the season continues to be as gloomy as hitherto-fore if not more so. The time for cultivation of almost all the dry crops has passed away, and, even if rain falls hereafter, hardly any dry crop can be raised with success before the end of the current fasli. The question, therefore, of granting *punjab* remissions in this district for fasli 1286 has now to be considered.

2. From my general knowledge of the district acquired by the constant tours I have been making for months past, and from reports and returns of cultivation and rainfall received by me from time to time, I am of opinion that no remission of dry assessment need be granted in the taluqs of Poloor, Wandewash, Gudiatlum, and Vellore. In these taluqs there have been frequent, though not copious, falls of rain which were sufficient for the cultivation of dry crops, and these, I am aware, have yielded a tolerable outturn. In consequence of the famine prices now prevailing throughout the district the profits realized on this produce have been prodigious.

3. The south-eastern portions of the Arcot and Wallajah Taluqs, the northern portion of the Chendragherri Taluq toward the Cuddapah frontier, those villages of the Chittoor Taluq bordering on the Punganur Zemindari, and the whole of the Palmanair Taluq, however, have suffered greatly for want of rain, and the dry crops, here and there cultivated, have entirely perished. I propose, therefore, that the assessment of the dry waste and shavi be entirely remitted in the above tracts of the country. I have called upon the Divisional Officers and the Tahsildars concerned to furnish me with lists of the aforesaid villages showing the extent and assessment of dry waste and shavi which may have to be remitted at the next jummaabundi, and, on receipt thereof, they will be submitted to the Board, so that they may know the probable extent of such remissions.

4. On receipt of the Board's sanction for the grant of dry remissions as proposed above, I shall have the *punjab* waste and shavi lands duly examined by competent taluq officers before the remissions are actually granted.

5. The Board will recollect that on a former occasion* I reported favorably on the condition and prospects of the dry crops in portions of the Palmanair Taluq. Since then, however, not a drop of rain

has fallen in that unfortunate taluq, and the crops that were, when I wrote, in a flourishing condition have subsequently entirely died. I may say that Palmanair is the only taluq in the district which has really suffered, and is now suffering from the worst effects of the present disastrous season.

6. I beg to request the early orders of the Board on the subject of this reference.

7. I take this opportunity of reporting that having received numerous applications on the subject, and in consideration of the present depressed condition of the ryots in general, I have permitted them to dig small wells and cultivate cholam in

the bed of tanks beyond a distance of forty yards from the bund. As the north-east monsoon has failed so completely, I apprehend no injury to the tanks by such cultivation, which, on the other hand, will be a boon to the suffering villagers at this critical time. Of course dry assessment under seyoy jamma will be collected in these cases. I solicit the Board's approval for this concession, which I learn from the newspapers has been granted in the Bellary District.

The Collector's proposals in paragraph 3 for the grant of pappah remissions are sanctioned. He will understand that the Board do not wish, in circumstances such as he describes, that inquiries should be very minute. Individual applications for remissions are not required.

2. The Board approve the concession reported as regards cultivation in the beds of tanks, of course for this year only.

3. These Proceedings will be submitted for the information of Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 129B.

ORDER THEREON, 9th November 1876, No. 1,616.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Revenue Department
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of the Board of Revenue

Dated 17th November 1876
No. 2869

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Sdg. Secretary

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