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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1877.

No. 634. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1877:—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 17th February 1877, No. 161.

With reference to the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 267, of the 8th instant, I have the honor to report that the abkâri collections have not been stopped altogether.

2. The late Collector Mr. Foster on the personal representations of the abkâri renters that they had sustained losses on account of famine, and that some indulgence should be shown them in paying their rents, issued a Circular Takid to all Tahsildars, a translation of which is herein enclosed.

3. The late Collector Mr. Foster appears to have issued the Circular Takid under the spirit of the Board's Proceedings, No. 2,771, of 8th November 1876, in which the Board approved the Collector's proposal in regard to application of coercive measures for the realization of Revenue.

Enclosure No. 1.

Translation of a Circular Takid issued by Mr. Foster on the 17th November 1876.

The abkâri renters having personally represented to the Collector that they have sustained losses on account of the prevalence of famine all over the district, this year the following order is issued:—

No coercive measures should be adopted to levy the rents due by the abkâri renters without having previously obtained permission to do so.

The renters should in the same manner levy their dues from their sub-renters and shop-keepers with much discretion.

The renters, sub-renters, and shopkeepers should be ordered to keep a correct daily account of receipts and disbursements, and their accounts should be regularly examined by the Tahsildars. After examining the accounts, the Tahsildars should apply for permission to use coercive means, if necessary, and, after obtaining the permission, they may proceed against the renters for arrears of rents. Whenever application is made for permission to use coercive means, the accounts of daily receipts and disbursements should be submitted to the Collector.

At the end of the year a recommendation will be made to higher authorities for the remission of such sums as may be found from the accounts aforesaid to be the actual loss sustained by the renters.

Meanwhile the rents should be levied from the renters without leaving any profit for them from the collections they make.

(A true Translation.)

(Signed) V. JAGANNADHA ROW,
Temporary Special Deputy Collector,
for Acting Collector.

Mr. Foster's orders appear to go too far. The remission or suspension should not necessarily follow the abkâri renters' receipts or profits.

2. The Board cannot pass orders without further information, but observe that those issued regarding suspension of coercive process applied to land revenue

alone, and special instructions should have been obtained about the suspension of the abkári demand.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 635. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1877, No. 1,158.

Separate Revenue, No. 17.
Abkári.

RECORDED.

2. The Government observe that a long time has been allowed to elapse before the improper act of the Collector has been brought to their notice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Offg. Chief Secretary.

Govt. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated March, 2nd.

Read. .

Encl.

G.O., 20th *March* 1877, No. 1,158.

MARCH.
Nos. 634-635.

Abkári Revenue.—Recording Board's Proceedings passing remarks on Kurnool Collector's letter reporting that the collections of — have not been stopped altogether, and observing that a long time was allowed to elapse before the improper act of the Collector was brought to notice.

Rev Board Office
Mad Pas.
2nd Feb 1877.

No. 267.

Official Memorandum.

In the D.L. and B Statement of the Kurnool District for November 1876, the Collector attributes the decrease of Rs 27,973 in the Abkari revenue to there having been no collections during the month on account of Scarcity. He is requested to explain whether Abkari Collections have been stopped altogether and if so, under what authority.

By order
Sd. H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To The Collector of Kurnool
True Copy

H Eyston
Secretary.

Ans. 29th

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Proceedings of the Board of Commissioners dated 13th March 1877.

Read the following:

No. 16. From the Acting Collector Customs

To the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners Customs

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Circular Memorandum No. 265 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to forward herewith the Official Bond of the Collector of Customs at Akyab, duly executed by the Sureties.

I have &c.

(Sd.) [illegible]

Acting Collector Cus.

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Enter in Journal of Commissioners.

Send to the Collector.

Enclosure
In Proc: of the Bd. of Rev
dated 13th March 1877.
To the Secy: to Govt. R.D.

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that they had Sustained losses on account of famine and that some indulgence should be shown them in paying their rents, issued a Circular Sakid to all Sabsildars, a translation of which is herein Enclosed.

3. The late Collector Mr Foster appears to have issued the Circular Sakid under the Spirit of the Board's Proceedings No. 2771 of 8th November 1876, in which the Board approved the Collector's proposal in regard to application of coercive measures for the realization of Revenue.

I have &c.

Kumool Collr's Office
17th Feb 1877

S.V. Sasamadhavan
Dy Collector
for A. Collector.

Enclosure.

Translation of a Circular Sakid issued by Mr. Foster on the 17th Nov. 1876.

The Alkarri Renters having personally represented to the Collector that they have sustained losses on account of the prevalence of famine all over the District this year the following order is issued.

No coercive measures should be adopted to levy the rents due by the Alkarri renters without having previously obtained permission to do so.

The renters should in the same manner levy their dues from their Sub renters and Shop-keepers with their discretion.

The Renters, Sub renters and Shop-keepers should be ordered to keep a correct daily Account

account of Receipts and disburse-
-ments, and their accounts should
be respectively examined by the
Tahsildars. After examining the
accounts the Tahsildars should apply
for permission to use Coercive means,
if necessary, and after obtaining the
permission, they may proceed against
the renters for arrears of rents.
Whenever application is made
for permission to use Coercive
means, the accounts of daily Receipts
and disbursements should be
Submitted to the Collector.

At the end of the
year, a recommendation will be made
to higher authorities for the remission
of such sums as may be found
from the accounts aforesaid
to be the actual loss sustained
by

by the renters.

Meanwhile the rents should
be levied from the Renters without
leaving any profit for them from the
Collections they make.

Signed W. S. Foster
A/ Collector.

Translation

S. V. Sabanayakkaram
Asst: Tahsildar
for A: Collector.

—

Mr. Foster's orders appear
to go too far. The remission or
suspension should not necessarily
follow the Ryotwari renters' receipts
of less or no profits.

The Board cannot pass
orders without further information but
observe that none issued regarding
suspension.

Suspension of coercive process applied to Land revenue alone and Special instructions should have been obtained about the Suspension of the Abkaree demand.

I have &c
(Sd) H. L. Stokes
Secretary.

To The Collector of Kurnool

I have &c

H Lushington
Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government Rev Dept
With Copy of Bds Offl Memo: 8th Feb 1877
No. 267.

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2. The first thing that has been allowed to happen upon the proper end of the case has been brought to this end &c —

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