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No. 722. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1877, No. 1,141.

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Thoppoor, 23rd February 1877, No. 709A—139.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd instant, I regret having again to trouble them with an explanation.

2. The Board remark that the rainfall from April to September being in some taluqs nearly equal to the average, there does not appear a sufficient reason for granting remissions. I would observe here that the seasons of sowing and harvest are so peculiarly conservative that any fall of rain before September does not enable the ryot to realize any produce to an appreciable extent.

3. The only crops harvested before September are cumboo and gingelly-oil seeds, of which former only is one of the food grains. Ragi, varagoo, samai and tennai—the chief food grains of the district—though sown before the end of September are matured only by the rains of October and November.

4. The simple fact therefore that all such crops received rains when young is no argument that they reached maturity.

5. Other grains again such as dhol, oil seeds and avarai which are sown in July and August come to maturity only in January and February after receiving the heavy rains of the north-east monsoon; and the crops of horse gram, black gram, &c., which are sown only in the north-east monsoon entirely failed this year, owing to the failure of that monsoon. It must be remembered that the gauge of rainfall at the cusbahs gives no accurate idea of the state of the whole taluq, and this year the fall was particularly partial.

6. All these circumstances must be considered in determining the state of the yield of the different crops which vary in each taluq; and taking the rainfall as a guide, I have prepared a taluqwar statement for the Board's information showing the percentage of the yield of each crop dry.

From this the Board will see that my last statement as to the extent of failure was not excessive.

7. The Board further remark that I recommended remissions to the full extent of the failure, but in doing so I was acting under the Board's Standing Order, No. 137, and also in accordance with their views as expressed in Proceedings, No. 3,235, dated 20th December 1876.

8. In conclusion I beg to submit that a partial crop will not enable the smaller Puttadars to pay up without stress the Government demand, and the very partial food grain crop which the ryots had this year in many places was a bare subsistence for a few months, while the crops which are taken to market to be converted into money, e.g. dhol, black and green gram were an entire failure, and, as the preceding year was also a bad one, I think I was justified in making my recommendation. But as the finances of the Presidency will be affected by such large remissions, and considering

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also the fact of the collections being made easy, I beg to resubmit my proposal for remissions as follows, and trust the Board will be pleased to accord sanction for the same:—

Salem	(Salem. Razipoor.)	30 per cent.
	Omalore.	50 "
Namkal	Namkal.	30 "
Trichengode		
Dharampuri		60 "
Oosoor		
Kistnagiri		40 "
Tripatore		20 "
Utangarai		50 "
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

The Collector of Salem resubmits in the foregoing letter proposals for punjah remissions in the current fasli, those already made by him having been considered by the Board too sweeping and of questionable necessity.

2. The statement now enclosed by Mr. Longley places before the Board, as far as this can be done on paper, the information wanted for an estimate of the yield of the crops in a complete and satisfactory way. It shows the percentage usually obtained with each crop, the months of sowing and reaping, the rainfall in the taluq in the interval, and the Collector's estimate of yield—16 Annas being taken as a full crop.

3. The results are summarized taluqwar for the principal grains below:—

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	SALEM.		NAMKAL.		TRICHENGODE.		AHTUR.		TRIPATORE.		UTANGARAI.		OOSOOR.		DHARAMPURI.		KISTNAGIRI.	
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Cholum	9.84	3.22	17.18	8	8.59	7.8	3.50	3.90	54	12	2.31	..	..	6.70	2	2.68	1.09	37
Ragi	26.94	3.37	8.41	8	4.30	8.87	23.36	16.33	50.50	12	58.87	2	..	2.53	1	40.43	28.86	7.20
Varago	4.70	..	4.2	..	..	..	25.88	10.98	5.34	8	6.91	..	..	..	..	6.94	5.33	66
Cumboo	21.15	10.57	44.71	4	11.18	60.52	8.90	4.45	10.36	12	15.25	10.1	..	..	2	7.75	21.74	14.60
Samai	7.00	7.00	78.16	8	7.8	2.80	4.57	4.57	5.98	12	8.93	8	..	..	4	9.37	10.1	6.14
Tennai	2.28	0.23	59	8	30	12	6.24	2.04	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Collector's proposed remission.	71.91	54	75.87	54	25.05	80.80	72.85	47.27	72.12	114	72.28	44	60 per cent.	7.36	64.45	67.23	64	28.97
	30 to 50 per cent.		30 per cent.		60 per cent.		15 per cent. (in p. is only).		20 per cent.		50 per cent.		60 per cent.		60 per cent.		40 per cent.	

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4. The balance of the cultivation is chiefly made up of grain and pulses which are late crops and are said to have entirely failed. From the statement it will be seen that the loss of crop is nearly total in Dharampuri and Oosoor, and that in Tripatore and Ahtur the yield has been fair. The Collector's proposals reflect pretty closely the state of each taluq, and are approved as maximum rates subject to the general instructions on the subject of the grant of remissions in Board's Proceedings, No. 941, dated 1st March 1877.

5. The Board entertain some doubt whether remissions of 20 and 15 per cent. are needed in Tripatore and Ahtur, but are satisfied to leave the question to the Collector, as there is much force in his remarks regarding the partial character of the rainfall, and discretion may be wanted as regards particular tracts in these taluqs. The remission in Ahtur is only to be given in certain parts of the taluq where failure has been especially great.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 723.

ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,189.

Land Revenue, No. 16.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker and A. Grubert.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 12th March 1877.

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Cost of (1877) Estimate

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

dated March, 22nd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 22nd March 1877, No. 1,189.

MARCH.
Nos. 722-723.

Punjab Remissions in Salem District.—
Recording Board's Proceedings approving certain
rates proposed for —

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Rafi	2694	2	3.37	8.41	8	4.20	8.87	8	4.44	23.36	10 1/2	5.35	30.50	12	2889
Varasoo	4.70	"	"	1.2	"	"	1.69	"	"	25.88	10 1/2	16.98	5.34	8	2.67
Cumbor	21.15	8	10.57	24.71	4	15.88	10.52	2	7.56	8.90	8	4.45	29.35	12	2202
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One Extract

J. H. Stokes

Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

(One Copy)

Deputy

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To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Dep^t.
 With original Statement to be returned &
 Copy of Col^r's letter 23rd Feb 1877 No 709 &
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Salem Collector's Office

Camp Thoppoot 1877

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1881 1 1/2 of 1882

Approved by the
Collector of Salem
for payment of the
same to the
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(Signed) C. J. Langley.
Collector.

(True copy)

Johnson

Secretary.

Enclosure.

In Obedience of the 12th of Nov.
1877 I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of the
same to the Hon. Secy. of the
Interior.

Respectfully,
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Chas. J. Johnson
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