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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1877.

No. 724. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th February 1877, No. 905:—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th February 1877, No. 787.

I HAVE the honor to address you with reference to the approaching Jamabandi of this district.

2. In 1874 there were floods severely damaging parts of the district. 1875 was by no means a favorable year, and reports on the condition of the district in 1876 have been too frequently before the Board to need repetition here.

3. Out of a total of 737,546 acres of dry holdings, only 36 per cent. has been cultivated, and it is probable that a very large proportion of this has resulted in failure. I propose deferring the collection of land revenue from dry lands at the discretion of settling officers in the case of those there is no reason to deem wealthy, but not its entire remission. The rates for ordinary dry land are so very favorable and have been so calculated with reference to unfavorable seasons that I consider it is in every way a more equitable and less demoralizing arrangement to concede a lengthened time for payment than to remit altogether. Moreover, if remission were granted, it would have to take the form of a percentage grant including the holdings alike of both rich and poor without distinction as to their individual circumstances. But no exception can be taken to the Government as a matter of favor deferring the collections of its land revenue from those unable to pay forthwith.

4. I request sanction also to continue the system of partial remissions on wet lands for this year as a special measure.

THE Board do not approve of the principle of deferring collections beyond the revenue year, and thus holding demands hanging over the ryots' heads.

2. They authorize the Collector to grant dry remission not exceeding 50 per cent. on lands which have borne no crop and which are not "mamool waste," the proportion being fixed for tracts according to the discretion of the settling officer. Dry lands which have borne a crop of any kind should be charged full assessment. It is to be remembered that in the settlement a large percentage is allowed for unfavorable seasons, and the district being a settled one, the Board do not think that remission for partial loss should be allowed in wet lands.

(A true Copy and Extract.)
(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

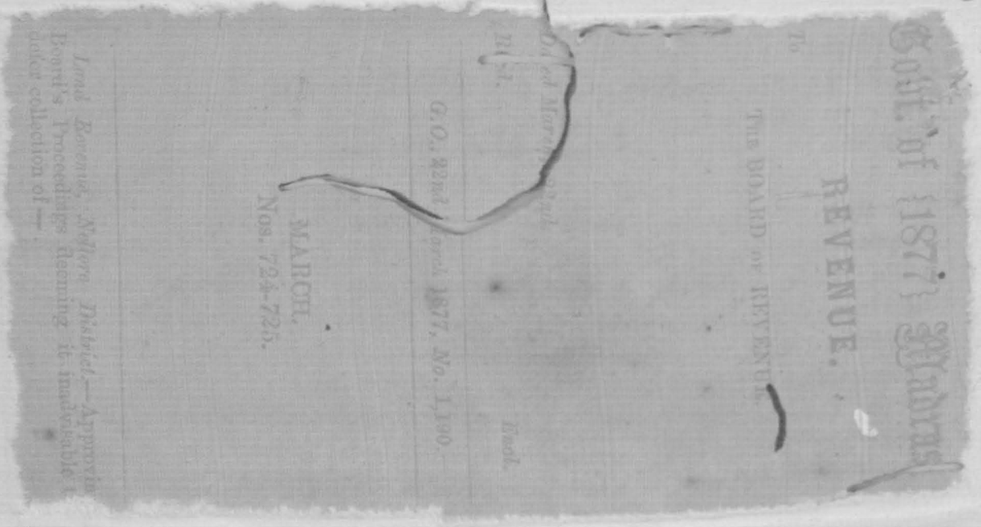
No. 725. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,190.

Land Revenue, No. 17.

APPROVED.

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

To the Board of Revenue.
Exd. A. Grubert.


No. 1 of 1877.

MADRAS.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

Read Minute of the Board, dated 21st March 1877.

Read G.O., Revenue, dated 1877, No. 1,100.

Ordered—

That the Board's Proceedings forming its inadvisable under collection of—

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Nos. 724-725.

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Re orders of Council that the Bds proposals be approved -

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For W. R. then desired that all the Bellary Lab[l] Co[s] papers be put together, in view to his recording a dissentient vote.

The papers are accordingly so dealt

H.S.T. 20/3/7.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue. 1190/11

Dated 27th Feb: 1877.

Read the following:—

No: 787.

From;

F.R. Sharp Esqr.
Ag. Collector of Nellore.

To.

A.E. Slater Esqr.
Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to address you with reference to the approaching famine in this District.

2. In 1874, there were floods severely damaging parts of the district. 1875 was by no means a favorable year and reports on the condition of the District in 1875, have been too frequently before the Board: I need repitition here.

3. Out of a total of 7,37,826 acres of Dry holdings only 36 p.c. has been cultivated & it is probable that a very large proportion of this has resulted in failure. I propose deferring the collection of land revenue from dry lands at the discretion of the settling officers

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Kellie Castle Office
12 Feb: 1877

(Sd) Thomas H. Thorp.
Ag Collector.

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(Sd) Philip Pilkington
H. Erskine
Secretary.

To the Collr: of Kellie.
(True Copy)

H Erskine
Secretary
to Government
Revenue Dpts.

To the Asst: Secretary

No. 1594

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 27 Feb: 77.
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Land revenue, relating to

8/3 Deeming it inadmissible to defer the collection of —, writing to — & certain instructions on the subject

back to the Bd at least as regards tract where the recently introduced settlement — carrying as it did large enhancements — bears heavily and the tract is specially distressed — to such tracts the last cl. of the Bds order is inapplicable I think —

Next as regards fallow & pasture "manual wastes" charged, it seems to me doubtful policy to charge land tax for pastures that are not, in the face of great mortality amongst the agricultural stock, & these pastures lie in the western & more distressed tracts — On both these points — should ask further report — Dist — Lore is a famine distinguished fam — men distressed