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3rd April 1877.*

No. 22. Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Saidapet, 21st March 1877, No. 43 :—

ADVERTING to Government Order, Revenue Department, No. 951, dated the 6th instant, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copies of a letter, dated the 13th instant, received from Mr. C. E. Bernard, C.S.I., Secretary to Sir Richard Temple, and of my reply thereto, dated the 15th idem, on the subject of the arrears due on dry crop lands being realised next year if the seasons are favorable.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated Madras, 13th March 1877.

I HAVE received an official letter from you yesterday (it seems to have been waiting some time at the Madras Club), saying that your views as to the possibility of collecting in future years part of the uncollected land-revenue of this year had been misapprehended.

2. I append extract copy of the memorandum on Chingleput affairs, which was published in the *Gazette of India*. That extract represents exactly, so far as the memory of Sir Richard Temple, Bisset, and myself serves us, the answer you gave to the question whether, if succeeding seasons were good, it might not be possible to collect a part, at any rate, of this year's arrears. Of course, Sir Richard knew (and the fact has been frequently noticed in his Minutes and memoranda) that it would be contrary to the customs of the Madras revenue system so to collect arrears. But it was not necessary to repeat that general fact in each successive district memorandum.

3. If you are certain that you never gave any such answer as we understood, and if you feel satisfied that no collection of any part of this year's arrears would, under circumstances, (even if the system were changed which the Government of India has decided to be unadvisable), then it would seem that we have been under a misapprehension. And I will take Sir Richard's orders as to the way in which he wishes the misapprehension to be corrected, as soon as I receive your reply to this.

Extract of Paragraph 10 of the Chingleput Memorandum.

10. The Collector of Chingleput expects that he will be unable this year to collect more than one half of the land-revenue of his district, though he may be able to realise much of the balance due on "dry crop" lands next year if the seasons are favorable.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of Chingleput District, to C. E. BERNARD, Esq., C.S.I., Secretary to Sir RICHARD TEMPLE, dated Madras, 15th March 1877.

In reply to yours of the 13th I would observe that, when I conversed with you and Sir Richard Temple, I was unaware that it was even in contemplation to suspend collections, and had no idea whatever of being "able to realise much of the balance due on dry crop lands next year if the seasons are favorable." I have since, on the 1st February 1877, requested the Board of Revenue to remit all dry waste absolutely.

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2. As to the possibility of collecting such arrears "under circumstances," I do not recollect expressing an opinion; but if I did, it would have been that to do so would entail coercive process, was unadvisable, and would ruin the ryots already impoverished by an almost unprecedented succession of bad seasons.

(True Copy.)

W. BARLOW,
Collector.

No. 23.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd April 1877, No. 1,297.

Land Revenue, No. 3.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Chingleput.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Editors' Table.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 43

Chingleput District, Collector's Office,
Saidapet, 21st March 1877.

From

O. W. Barlow Esquire
COLLECTOR OF THE

Chingleput District.

To

The Secretary to Government
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I have the honor to be

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O. W. Barlow
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To

Govt. of (1877) Madras.

REVENUE.

THE COLLECTOR OF CHINGLEPUT.

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Dated April, 3rd.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 3rd April 1877, No. 1,297.

APRIL.

No. 22-23.

Collection of Arrears on dry crop lands.—Receiv-
ing letters from Collector of Chingleput forwarding
correspondence with Sir Richard Temple about
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Elphinstone Park }
Madras 15th March 1877 }

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I am yours very truly

Signed R. M. Barlow

(True copy)

R. M. Barlow
Collector

R. M. Barlow

1. To the Commr of King's College 2. 16-4-77
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No 1864

COLLECTOR OF THE

CHINGAMPET DISTRICT.

To

THE SECRETARY

TO GOVERNMENT.

Madras.

Dated

21st March 1877

Received

2. ENCLOSURE.

No. 43.

Forwarding copies of some
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to Sir R. Temple regarding
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(True copy)

M. M. Marlow
Collector

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See a letter from the
Collector of Chicago
of 21st March 1772 1774 23.

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