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15th January 1877

No 295 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th November 1876, No 2,997 —

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Submitted for the orders of Gov

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(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Acting Secretary

No. 296 ORDER THEREON

Land Revenue, No 6

(True Copy and Extract)

15th January 1877, No 133

The Government agree with the Board, and sanction their recommendations in paragraph 4

(Extract)

(Signed) J H GARSTIN,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Financial Department.
,, the Accountant General.

Exd F. R. Bantleman.

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ENCLOSURE No 1.—Copy of letter from Punganur Zemindar

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of North Arcot forwards an application from the Zemindar of Punganur, in North Arcot District—Sanctioning the recommendations of the Board of Revenue, with reference to the peishcush fixed by the —

G O, 13th January 1877, No 133.

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Dated January, 15th.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE

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H. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department
with one enclosure, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.

Exd W J. Lewis

No 133

The Govt agree with the Board and C[illegible] their recommendations in para 4

Received 8 Dec

Peishcush—due for current fasli—Punganur Zemindar in North Arcot—submitting Board's views with reference to his application for remission of distressed season

NOVEMBER
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PROCEEDINGS, 23rd NOVEMBER 1876

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G.O. Ms. No. 533
Dated 5 February 1976

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I agree - But B. of R. proceeds
do not raise the question
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Well - Ltr

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

No 5515

From B. of Rev Dated 29 November 1876.

FOR ORDERS

Sentence agree with my Hon'ble colleague as to the incidence and I am not disposed to cement the matter & the Collector right to report with reference to adjacent

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