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No 436 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1876, No 3,201 —

Read the following letter from W S WHITESIDE, Esq, Collector of North Arcot, to H E SPOKES, Esq, Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 22nd November 1876 No 543

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, copy of letter, No 313, dated 15th instant, received from the Acting Head Assistant Collector. When Mr Cox first wrote to me on the subject of postponing kist collections, I did not agree to the proposal, as I then had hopes of a change in the season for the better. That officer has now again, as the Board will perceive, very strongly recommended the concession. A few days ago, when I met Mr Cox and the Tahsildar of Wallajah at Rampett, I discussed the matter with them very carefully, and I am satisfied that unless the collection of the kists is suspended for a time at least, till the Jamabundi Settlement which will commence early in January next, when extensive remission will have to be granted, great confusion will eventually arise in refunding excess collections, to say nothing of the annoyance to which the ryots will now be put. Mr Cox thinks, and I agree with him, that the ryots will be ruined if they are now called upon to pay their kists, in which case either they or we will have to sell their cattle, a course which will seriously affect the future agricultural prospects of that part of the country. Cattle are now regarded by the ryots as very undesirable articles of property, and if we were to attach and sell bullocks

of the ryots it would be a great loss to them. I have therefore, in anticipation of the Board's sanction, requested the Acting Head Assistant Collector to postpone the kist collections in his division for the present. I have, however, instructed him to see that wherever the ryots did reap any harvest under channels and wells, the usual kist collections shall be made punctually. I beg to solicit the Board's approval of my orders above referred to.

ENCLOSURE No 1

From A F COX Esq Acting Head Assistant Collector, to W S WHITESIDE Esq Collector of North Arcot, dated Rampett 15th November 1876 No 313

With reference to your letter, No 2,407 dated 10th instant I would take the liberty of urging that the question of postponing the collections of the approaching kists in the taluq of Wallajah and the distressed parts of Chendraghur may be reconsidered by you as I am fully persuaded that their collection will greatly cripple the resources of the cultivators already reduced to considerable distress. I have received innumerable applications upon this subject and the anxiety and concern exhibited by the applicants were extreme and genuine. They all begged earnestly that the assessment due upon their lands might be collected after they had harvested the next crops. Otherwise they said that they would be reduced to the necessity of selling cattle which they would retain were this concession granted. Not only will the collection of these kists greatly inconvenience the ryots but the Tahsildars will be hardly able to realize them and at the same time properly supervise the relief works which are now necessary. I would therefore beg that the postponement of collection in these portions of my division may be sanctioned. In the eastern portion of Chendraghur I think that the revenue may be collected without causing any great hardship as each instalment falls due. With reference to the question of dry remission you state that you consider that this may be allowed in the Wallajah taluq only in the south central portion but I assure you that it will be a matter of great injustice to refuse this boon to the northern and western parts as well. The rain has been most partial and confined to the immediate

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neighbourhood of Lampit as well as two or three villages along the line of rail. When rain has fallen dry cultivation has been tried though unfortunately with little success but I do not recommend remission for paddy as it will be simply impossible to check the claims under this head since all traces of the withered crops have now entirely disappeared. My request is only that dry waste throughout the Wallajah taluq may not be charged for and this is I feel assured absolutely necessary. As for the south of the payacuts of Chendragiri I feel that both the and shaw remission will be necessary on dry lands since a good deal of the land was sown and the whole entirely failed owing to the absence of wells which cannot be sunk in the hard soil of the district villages. I have called upon the Fakhidar for a detailed statement of the remission thus necessary and when it arrives will report fully upon the matter.

(True Copy)

(Signed) W S WHITESIDE

Collector

The Collector is referred to the general instructions recently issued. The Board authorize him to suspend coercive process in the tracts now referred to, if he thinks the measure necessary.

(True Copies and Extract)

(Signed) H L STOKES,
Acting Secretary

No 137

ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1877, 20 1877

Land Revenue, No 9

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(True Extract)

(Signed) D F CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

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Dated 20 December 1876

Read the following -

No 543

June - W S Whitcombe Eggs
Collector of North Arcot

To
H E Stokes Esq
As Secretary to the
Boards of Revenue
Madras.

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H. Asst. Col. M. S. Office
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I have &c
(23) W. S. Whitehead
Collector

4/192 North Arcot, Hd. Asst. Col. M. S. Office
Rampett
15 November 1876

No 313

From Arthur F. Cox Esqr
Ag. Hd. Asst. Collector of North Arcot
To W. S. Whitehead Esqr
Collector of North Arcot

Sir
With reference to your letter No 2407 dated 10th Inst, I would take the liberty of urging that the question of postponing the collection of the approaching kists in the Taluq of Nallayah and the distressed parts of Chendraghery may be recommended by you, as I am fully persuaded that this collection will greatly cripple the resources of the cultivators already reduced to considerable distress. I have received innumerable applications upon this subject & the anxiety & solicitude of the applicants were extreme & genuine. They all begged earnestly that the assessments due upon their lands might be collected after they had harvested the next crops. Otherwise, they said that they would be reduced to the necessity of selling cattle which they would want, were this concession granted. Not only will the collection of these

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 (12) A. J. Cox,
 Asst. Hd. Asst. Coltr.
 (True Copy)
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 Collector

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(True Copy) (12) H. B. L. K.
 As Secretary
 The Collector of North Arcot.
 (True Copy)

The Secretary to Government
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 By Secretary

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