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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 23rd Jan. 1877.

Read the following:-

No. 248.

From.

F. R. H. Sharp Esq.

To.

Ag. Collector of Koller

H. E. Stokes Esq.

Ag. Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor respectfully to request a reconsideration, as far as this District is concerned, of the order contained in the Board's Proceedings, No. 3114 of the 8th December 1876, to the effect that the collection of Land Revenue is to be proceeded with, but coercive process is not to be used.

2. I welcome the concession most

gladly as far as the poorer ryots are concerned, but I confess I see no reason for refraining from the collection of arrears of revenue due by many wealthy ryots, to whom the present season of scarcity has been the source of unprecedented profits by enabling them to dispose of their stocks to very great advantage. I request sanction for using my discretion in collecting the land revenue from this class who can well afford to contribute to the revenues of the State.

3. And unless resort to coercive process is allowed, when necessary there is no use to attempt collections,

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for the present; and if you decline to pay
we will not compel you." I need
hardly add that there is not a ryot
in the District who will pay on these
terms.

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15 Jan: 1877 } 1021 H. Sharp
Aglt collector

The Board agree with the Collector & author-
-ize him to use his discretion. It is
of course understood that persons
whose ability to pay is well known,
should be made to pay; but care should be
taken to prevent oppressions.

(J. M. Bhatnagar)
1021 H. E. Stokes
Ag Secretary
J. M. Bhatnagar
To the Secretary Govt. Bd. Ag Secretary

14 To the Board of Directors
6 The Treasurer
5 The Financial Dept

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(True Copy and Extract.)

No. 910. ORDER THEREON, 30th January 1877, No. 417.

RECORDED.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Subl. of 1877

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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United January, 30th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 30th January 1877, No. 417.

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Collection of Land Revenue, Nellore District.
— Recording Proceedings, Board of Revenue.
— Authorizing Collector to use his discretion in the
— without resorting to coercive process.