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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th February 1877.*

No. 174. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st September 1876, No. 2,395:—

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From the Collector of Ganjam,	dated 11th March	1876, No. 694.
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" of Chingleput,	" 2nd Dec.	1875, " 696.
" of North Arcot,	" 11th March	1876, " 111.
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" of Trichinopoly,	" 22nd May	" " 131.
" of Madura,	" 25th March	" " 122.
" of Tinnevely,	" 28th Jan.	" " 56.
" of Coimbatore,	" 29th April	" " 90.
" Commr. of Nilgiris,	" 10th Dec.	1875, " 132.
" Collector of Salem,	" 24th April	1876, " 95.
" of Malabar,	" 20th "	" " 98.

With reference to the remarks of Government* on the Jamabandi Report for Fasli 1283, all Collectors were called upon to report the extent of lands which depend entirely on the falling rains and which are still classed in the accounts as wet. The letters above recorded are in reply.

2. The replies show that the extent noted in the margin is still classed as wet in the accounts, though these lands depend entirely on the falling rains. The Collector of South Arcot states that he has reason to think that the area has been understated, and that he has ordered inquiries to be made and a correct statement to be prepared.

3. The Collector of Malabar does not give the area dependent on falling rains, but states that all rain-fed lands are classed as wet. In South Canara the areas of lands are not shown in the accounts.

4. The question for present consideration is whether the rain-fed lands still shown in the accounts as wet cannot be transferred to dry, since they are in 10

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	ACRES.	RS.	RS. A. P.
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Tanjore ...	31,865	49,398	1 9 0
Madura ...	2,622	9,678	3 11 0
South Arcot ...	1,383	4,547	3 4 0
Vizagapatam ...	94	465	4 15 0
Kistna ...	34	183	5 6 0
Tinnevely ...	7	40	5 11 0
Total ...	85,762	1,67,904	1 15 0

way different from dry lands and the transfer will facilitate the calculation of revenue due to irrigation in each district. The effect of the transfer will be that the holders will lose the benefit of remissions ordinarily granted to wet lands. The Board think that, pending the introduction of a new settlement, the best course will be to reduce the assessments once for all by a small percentage, which can be determined in communication with Collectors, to make up for loss of remissions, and to class the lands as dry in the accounts. If the Government approve of the principle, the Board will issue the necessary instructions.

5. In regard to Malabar, however, the circumstances are such that a new classification may be required.

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(A true Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

Miscellaneous.

2. The Government cannot sanction the summary process recommended by the Board under the information now furnished. Accurate returns cannot be expected except after the survey and settlement now in progress. Any relief granted on incorrect data will lead to frauds and extensive loss of revenue. The figures now submitted shew that in Tanjore the average assessment is very low, being Rupees 1-9-0, which is considerably less than the average dry assessment of most districts; that in other districts, where the assessment appears heavy, the area concerned is very small, and the revenue realized is correspondingly little. Ganjam which shews by far the largest area of lands of this description has been separately taken up by the Settlement Department, and the proposals regarding them are under the consideration of Government.

3. Chingleput has already received attention, and the proposals adopted at the new settlement.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Passed lands in the Madras Presidency.
 Passing orders on Proceedings of the Board of
 Revenue recommending that—be at once classed
 as dry and the assessment reduced by a small
 percentage.

FEBRUARY
 Nos. 174-175.

G.O. 7th February 1877, No. 551.

Recd.
 Dated February, 7th.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

REVENUE.

Cost of (1877) 30 rupees.

No. 2,395.

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With reference to the remarks of Government* on the Jamabandi Report for
 Fasli 1283, all Collectors were called upon
 * G.O., R.D., dated 2nd September 1875, No. 1,314. to report the extent of lands which depend
 entirely on the falling rains and which are

still classed in the accounts as wet. The letters above recorded are in reply.

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 to be prepared.

3. The Collector of Malabar does
 not give the area dependent on falling rains,
 but states that all rain-fed lands are classed
 as wet. In South Canara the areas of lands
 are not shown in the accounts.

4. The question for present consideration is whether the rain-fed lands still
 shown in the accounts as wet cannot be transferred to dry, since they are in no way
 different from dry lands and the transfer will facilitate the calculation of revenue due
 to irrigation in each district. The effect of the transfer will be that the holders will

a wholesale allowance

lose the benefit of remissions ordinarily granted to nunja lands. The Board think that, pending the introduction of a new settlement, the best course will be to reduce the assessments on all by a small percentage, which can be determined in communication with Collectors, to make up for loss of remissions, and to class the lands as dry in the accounts. If the Government approve of the principle, the Board will issue the necessary instructions.

5. In regard to Malabar, however, the circumstances are peculiar, and the classification may be left unaltered, no works of irrigation being maintained by Government in that district.

6. In North Arcot the Collector states that there are eight cawnies of lands still classed as *manavari* or rain-fed, but that in reality they are not rain-fed. He proposes to remove the term *manavari* from the accounts and class the lands as ordinary wet lands. The proposal is approved.

(A true Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with nineteen original letters to be returned.

Copy to all Collectors.

" to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Memorandum 551
Order No 551-277th February 1877
Board's Proceedings 21st
Sept 1876 No 2395

*Circular to all
H. H. H.*

In these proceedings
no Board being forward
the ~~whole~~ question of future

I am under an impression
that early in 75 the
Settlement Dept was desirous

of a treatment of all rain-
fed lands in the Presi-
dency; & recommended

that the lands
in the Gungam Dist
& to lay before Govt
proposals for their

not handling the introduction
of the new Settlement,
the lands be at once classed
as dry & the assessment
thereon reduced and for

referring them to
dry. I should like
before dealing with

to be determined in
communication with
Collectors, to make up

for loss of remissions
The Govt cannot sanction
It is submitted that best
a wholesale alteration

40 11-1-76 4.66 km
- 2-7-76 4.25-26

40 4 0 2 1
40 11 1 4 3

1876.
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1876, No. 2,395.

24 Sept 13 Oct 1776

Received 1876

SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,395.

Rain-fed lands—which are shown in accounts
as wet.—Submitting to Government Board's
views with reference to question whether these
lands cannot be transferred to dry, and approving
proposal of Collector of North Arcot to remove
the term *manavari* from accounts and class the
lands as ordinary wet lands.

90 537 of 1 Oct 1877

The summary process is
wanted by the Board.

Should not be permitted
under his information

now furnished. Accu-
rate returns cannot
be expected except after

Survey & settlement now
in progress. Any relief

based on incorrect data
will lead to frauds
& excessive loss of Revl.

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show that in Tanjore
average
the assessment is very low.

No. 1-9-1, which is considerably
less than the average
assessment of other

districts, that in ~~Madras~~
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appears heavy, the area
concerned is very small
& the revenue realized
is correspondingly little.

Certainly not. The
transfer should be
in accordance with
the loss of the old position
of the.

Ganjam which must be
far the largest & area of
lands of this description
has been separately
taken up by the Settlement
Department & the pro-
posals regarding them
are under the consideration
of Government.

Chingleput had already
received attention
~~has been decided~~; & it is hoped
that the rates adopted
at the new settlement
will afford the relief
considered necessary
in the case of the Manavari
lands in that dist.

Malabar & Canara
possess exceptional ad-
vantages & are lightly
assessed with lands
there, though purely Zam.

fed lands, call for no
relief or ^{any} ~~except~~ ^{great} ~~benefit~~.
The circumstances of
other ~~pts~~ ^{lands} can only be
fully ascertained at
the settlement, & as

the Government assessment
is not based solely on
the irrigation supplied by
govt., but depends as
well upon natural
advantages of soil position
etc. to which ^{the benefits derived from} the Government,
equally with the land
holders are entitled,
there appears no reason why
the land tax on all con-
firmed ^{land} ~~lands~~ should be

reduced as proposed. In special
individual cases of ^{separately} ~~special~~
hardship may be brought
before settlement. ^{to be disposed of}
The ^{land} ~~tax~~ ^{of} ~~land~~ ^{will}
receive consideration
in the same way as the
Manauari land of Chonglo.

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(per Sir James) But in
the absence of complaints
of over assessment
of such lands, ^{whole} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~
fact of their future ~~tax~~
must ^{should} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~left~~
to be dealt with by
the settlement ~~off~~
in the usual course.

I agree to say that
will stop the needless
change of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~land~~
Revenue
1/11 1/11

2nd B of Revenue 19 Cols 2/19-2

Ran-fed lands.

The summary recap recom-
mended by the Board and
unimpaired and I would
prefer dealing with the
Manawari Lands of districts
more deliberately at the
time of settlement or on
special and detailed
reports from collectors in cases
of special hardship. We cannot
wait for the settlement
operations. I have given my
opinion on the faujari
proposals, which are I
think correct and
equitable and should
be ^{applied to} ~~followed in~~ other
districts ~~and~~ where
circumstances are similar.

W. H. C.
Ran-fed lands
Land in Gampah

2/11/76
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Des. 10/11/76

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