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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th February 1877.*

No. 408. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th January 1877, No. 48:—

Read the following letter from A. WEDD BURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 1st January 1877, No. 4.

In continuation of my letter, No. 229, of 17th November 1876, reporting on the state of the season in this district, and with reference to the remarks contained in my letter of the 6th December, No. A, on the failure of the November rains, and the almost entire failure of the rain-fed crops consequent thereon, I have the honor to inform you that the season has become worse since the date of the above letters. The grant of remissions on punja lands has therefore become indispensable, and under Rule III of the Revenue Board's Standing Order, No. 20 of 1872, I request sanction for granting them.

2. I called for reports from my Division Officers as to the extent of the remissions which will be required. The Sub-Collector recommends a remission of 50 per cent. of the whole dry assessment of his division, i.e., on dry lands dependent on rainfall. As regards lands depending on wells, he recommends full remission for waste and 50 per cent. for shavi (withered crops). The Head Assistant Collector, Mr. Mackenzie, recommends a remission of 3 1/4 per cent. in parts of Oodamalpettah Taluq, and in five villages of Pollachy Taluq, bordering on Oodamalpettah. As regards Palladam, he groups the villages in four classes, and recommends a remission varying from 20 to 50 per cent., with reference to the amount of loss sustained in each group. He would make no distinction between dry lands having wells and those having none. The Northern Division Officer, Mr. C. A. Mackenzie, recommends a full remission in cases of total failure of crops and 50 per cent. in all other cases.

3. I would, however, propose for the Board's approval the following rules under which punja remissions should be granted this year:—

(1.) All punja lands depending on rainfall left waste to get a remission of three-fourths of the assessment thereon.

I do not recommend a full remission on these lands, as the ryots, besides having had the advantage of grazing their cattle on them, have incurred no expenses of cultivation. Further, in this district, large extents of land are left fallow for years, purposely for pasture. Any attempt to ascertain the extent of waste lands of this year, as distinguished from that of other years, will entail much trouble on the Village Officers and Revenue Inspectors. I therefore propose the grant of a remission of 75 per cent. on all dry waste.

(2.) As regards punja lands cultivated which suffered owing to the insufficiency of rain, I would propose a percentage remission; the maximum will be 50 per cent., and the officer conducting the Junagah survey will exercise his discretion in fixing the percentage, with reference to the condition of each village, and without any attempt to ascertain individual losses, as directed by the Board's Standing Order quoted above. The various parts of the taluqs have been personally inspected by the Division Officers, and a fair idea obtained of the extent of loss of crops. The accounts and recommendations of the Taluq Officers will be fully considered by the officer

conducting the Jummabandy, and the percentage of remission to be granted fixed by him.

(3.) No remission of assessment to be granted on lands dependant on wells, except where water has failed for ever.

4. In Fasli 1277, which was one of the bad years, punja remissions were sanctioned to be granted by the Revenue Board,* and the amount then remitted amounted to Rs. 2,40,574 in eight taluqs. This year, however, is much less in some than in others. In my telegraphic communication of the 27th November last I estimated the remission at four lakhs of rupees punja and one lakh. It became much worse since the date of that telegram, I think the actual remissions will be something more than the above estimate. The exact amount cannot now be given.

5. The punja remissions will be granted under the usual rules.

6. I have the honor to request that early orders may be passed on this letter in order that the Jummabandy may be commenced soon.

The Board approve the Collector's proposals.

(A true and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 409.

ORDER THEREON

February 1877, No. 655.

Land Revenue, No. 30.

RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue

Gob. of {1877} Madras.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 13th.

Read.

Encl.

January 1877, No. 855.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 408-409.

Poonjich remissions in Coimbatore District.—
Following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
on the Collector's proposals on the subject



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P. A. M. S. S. S.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 6th January 1877.

No 58.

N^o 4.

Read the following

From

A. Wedderburn Esquire.

Collector of Coimbatore

To

H. E. Stokes Esquire

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

In continuation of my letter

N^o 229 of 17 November 1876, reporting
on the state of the season in

this District, and with reference

to the remarks contained in my

letter of the 6th December, N^o A, on the

failure of the November rains,

and the almost entire failure

of the rained crops consequent

thereon, I have the honor to inform

you

you that the Season has become worse since the date of the above letters. The grant of remissions on Punsah lands has therefore become indispensable and under Rule III of the Revenue Board's standing order No. 20 of 1872 I request sanction for granting them.

2. I called for reports from my Division officers, as to the extent of the remissions which will be required.

The Sub Collector recommends a remission of 50 per cent of the whole dry assessment of his Division, i.e. on dry lands dependant on rainfall. As regards lands depending on wells, he recommends full remission for

waste

waste and 50 per cent for Shavily ^{5/2} (without crops). The Head Assistant Collector Mr. Mackenzie recommends a remission of $33\frac{1}{3}$ per cent in parts of Bodamalpettah Taluk, and in villages of Pollachy Taluk, bordering on Bodamalpettah. As regards Palladam, he groups the villages in four classes, and recommends a remission varying from 20 to 50 per cent, with reference to the amount of loss sustained in each group. He would make no distinction between dry lands having wells, and those having none. The Northern Division Officer, Mr. C. A. Mackenzie recommends a full remission in cases of total failure of crops and 50 per cent in all other cases.

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3. I would however propose for the Board's approval the following rules under which Punjab remissions should be granted this year.

1. All Punjab lands denuded or rainfull left waste, to get a remission of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the assessment thereon.

I do not recommend a full remission on these lands, as the ryots, besides having had the advantage of grazing their cattle on them, have incurred no expenses of cultivation. Further in this district, large extents of land are left fallow for years, purposely for pasture. Any attempt to ascertain the extent of waste lands of this year, as distinguished from that of other years.

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years, will entail much trouble on the village officers and Revenue Inspectors. I therefore propose the grant of a remission of 75 per cent. on all dry ~~waste~~.

(2) As regards Punjab lands cultivated, but which suffered owing to the insufficiency of rain, I would propose a per centage remission; the maximum will be 50 per cent, and the Officer conducting the Samabundy, will exercise his discretion in fixing the per centage, with reference to the condition of each village, and without any attempt to ascertain individual losses, as directed in the Board's Standing Order quoted above. The various parts of the Taluq have already been personally inspected by

by the Division Officers - and a fair idea
obtained of the loss of crops. The accounts
and recommendations of the Taluk Officers
will be carefully considered by the Officer,
District D. O.

percentage of remission to be granted,
fixed by him.

(3) No remission of assessment
will be granted on lands dependant
on wells, except where water has
failed for even one crop.

4. In July 1277 which was
one of the bad years, Panjah remissions
were sanctioned to be granted by the
Revenue Board, and the amount
then remitted, amounted to Rs 240,374,
in 8 Taluqs. This year, however,
is much worse than July 1277 -
and remission is required in almost
every

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dated 18th Aug 1868
no. 408

every Taluk, though it might be less
in some than in others. In my telegraphic
communication of the 27th November last,
I estimated the remission at 4 lacs of
Rupees, Panjah, and one lac Munjah,
total 5 lacs, but seeing that the
season became much worse since the
date of that telegram I think the actual
remissions will be something more than the
above estimate. The exact amount
cannot now be given.

5. The Munjah remissions will
be granted under the usual rules.

6. I have the honor to request
that early orders may be passed
on this letter in order that the
Jamaabundy may be commenced
soon

I have &c.
Sd/- A. Wedderburn
Collector
Cimbatas (Chis. Office)
1st Jan 1877

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The Board approve
the Collector's proposals.

(True Copy & Extract)
J. H. Stokes

To the Collector of Cinchona
(True Copy)

W. R. Stokes

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, R.D.

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16-17-18-19

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At 7 Bury, Sunday 24-2-77

Pro: of Mr. B. of the
2nd 6th & 3rd of Aug 1877.
2nd 6th & 3rd of Aug 1877.
Recd 21/11.

13 Feb 1877
Applying the
Commission for the
on the subject of granting
Punjab Commission.

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8th 318

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No 318 Rev. Dept.
Pro. Bd of Revenue
7th 6th January 1877

Revs.
For orders.

Mr. Wadsworth

Proposes a remission
of 75% of the assess-
ment on the lands
dependent on rainfall,
that is, on Punjab, in his
Dist. which have been
left waste this year
and to remit percentages
of the assessment within
the limit of 50% on the
dry lands on which there
has been no cultivation.
but on which the crops
have suffered from
insufficient grain

16-17-18-19

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Land irrigated from
wells are not to
get remission unless
the water supply has
been sufficient for even
one crop.

Remission for Punjab
to be granted under the
rules as usual.

The Board simply
approves his proposals
to submit them to
Govt.

The average assessment
on an acre of dry land
in Coimbatore was in
Feb. 1204, 0.14.2. &
the Punjab revenue was
Rs 1964000 in round numbers

The Punjab revenue
is comparatively small,
& it becomes a serious
question of one which

Punjab
remissions
-
Coimbatore

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Superintended by
correspondence
C.I. telegram
of 26/1/17
2/2/17

... may well
demand attention whether
punjab remissions for
wells in the present
the whole manner.
The assessment is so
light that it might well
be allowed to remain as
at present this year
in consideration of the
exceptional severity of
the season & the collection
with next year's demand.
& I am so far as
to suggest that Punjab
remissions for wells
should be when the trustees
in the Punjab & remission
on cultivated dry land,
on which the crops have
failed, should get a remission
in the order of 50%.
The remainder in the
as an answer to the

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collected in
harvest - it was
in good time with the
demand for seed & such.

Order an equivalent

J. H. S.

15/1/77