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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

17th August 1878, No. 1,325.

Read the following paper :—

No. 227. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th July 1878, No. 1,908.

Read the following letter from J. GROSE, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras dated 28th June 1878, No. 2,569 :—

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2. I am afraid that the suspension of the collection of the quit-rent due on the shrotriems tended to injure the Shrotriemdars instead of being a boon to them, though it undoubtedly prevented their ryots from being unduly molested. The result is now that the Shrotriemdars having received almost nothing find it simply impossible to pay the past arrears together with the current demand.

3. Further, I believe that the leniency of the authorities has had the bad effect of inducing the Shrotriemdars with vain hopes of getting some sort of remission from the State for the unprecedented losses they have sustained, so that they are altogether unprepared for the accumulated demand which now stands against them. I am convinced that if the Shrotriemdars are called upon to pay up at once both the arrears and the current many will have to sell their ancient possessions and relapse into the condition of laborers.

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5. No favor need be shown, I think, towards shrotriems which are owned or rented out by rich men who can really afford to pay; but as regards other shrotriems I have the honor to recommend that the arrears may be collected in two equal instalments in Faslis 1288 and 1289. From the enclosed statement it will be observed that the balance on all the shrotriems is Rupees 73,384, and of this a sum not less than 50,000 will have to be divided into two instalments if the Board be pleased to sanction the concession I have recommended.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. In the circumstances the Board strongly recommend suspension of the demand as advocated by the Collector and collection of the arrears of quit-rent in instalments in Faslis 1288 and 1289.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 228. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1878, No. 1,325.

Land Revenue, No. 14.

IT is observed with reference to paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter that the collection of shrotriem quit-rent was not prohibited by any Government order. The reference probably is to the suspension of coercive process or the latitude allowed to the Collector in regard to such process, adverted to in the papers recorded in the marginally noted orders.

G.O., 18th December 1876, No. 2,079.
G.O., 30th January 1877, No. 417.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 1,908.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

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

Copy to the Collector of Nellore.

Exd. C. Howarth.

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No. 3196.

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Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 10TH JULY 1878, No. 1,908.

Received 22nd July 1878

JULY.
No. 1,908.

Arrears of quit-rent — due by the distressed Shrotriemdars in Nellore District.—Submitting to Government Collector's recommendation for the collection of the — in two equal instalments in Faslis 1288 and 1289.

For order

No 227 -

C 23-7-78. RC 1-8-78
R 24-7-78 R 2-8-78
RC 26-7-78 RC 13-8-78
R 31-7-78 R 14-8-78
RC 15-8-78 R 16-8-78

accompanied the Bill &
I can not see how
to let it pass without
obtaining better information
than is
contained in
the papers
you want.
The business will require
two full days

Inclosures

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received in Co & 15 Dec
76 to 2079 + 150 Rec.
& 22 Jan/77 to 245. in
Co & 30 Jan to 417.

Yours sincerely
[illegible]

REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 1395

D.O.

From The Secretary Revenue Board

Dated 7 August 1875

FOR ORDERS.

It appears from this letter that no portion of the Collection of the Quit-rents by the Shottirindars as the Collectors letter para 2 would indicate - & should be so told & therein the record amended & that letter in due course

His Grace has furnished a certain explanation asked for in His Grace's note in Memo for Orders" on No 3196.

The suspension of the Collection of Quit-rent referred to by

the Collector of Nellore was the result of the Jurisdiction of Civil Courts or the latitude left to the Collector to use such process or not as he might think fit.

As Mr Galton points out the arrears due from Sharistriens much can afford to pay amounts (see paragraphs

will be quoted hereafter in favour of Jurisdiction —

Vide papers printed with G.O. 18 Dec 1876 No 2099 and 30 Jan 1877 No 416 Rd. R.D.

Any question as to the Jurisdiction of Sharistriens would be Rich men is not specially answered — Any Objection to Set

The Jurisdiction of Members in order to Judge the desirableness of arrears amount to be collected & time to be allowed time — but this information is not given — I should say the amount demand must be given — but if paid punctually — the arrears may be received in 2 instalments — provided that if the Sharistriendars recover in the interim by

50 by Gr. Order letter d/ 28 June 1878 No 2366 to Rs 23384, the balance of Rs 50,000 being due by the poorer class in whose favor the Collector was to allow two instalments

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REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 3196

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From Board of Revenue

Dated 10 July 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted
draft letter
No 2267 M.
dated 18th
July 1878
for approval
&
signature

FOR ORDERS.

Coercive processes from
Collectors. When the
Sub-demand is to be
Executants enforced.

Ans 13/8

C 15-9-78.
R 14-9-78
AC 17-9-78.
R 16-9-78

FOR ORDERS.

C 23-7-78 RC 1-8-78
R 26-7-78 R 2-8-78
RC 28-7-78 RC 12-8-78
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RC 7-8-78
R 16-8-78

Revenue Department

No 1325

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 17th August 1878

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Proceedings of the Board

of Revenue dated 10th July 1878

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Ejcc

G.O. 18 Dec. 1876 No 2079
" 30 Jany 1877 No 417

14 Feb. Board of Revenue No 2204
4 " Accountant and Secd

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No. 1.

Survey Returned
by the Deputy Surveyor
Dowra Kellows District

C 15-8-78
R 16-9-78