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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

28th August 1878, No. 1,366.

Read the following papers :—

No. 311. Petition from P. RAMASAWMY IYER, A. ANANTHIER, and others, inhabitants of Peranamullur, Wandiwash Taluk, North Arcot District, dated 9th December 1877.

ABSTRACT.—Bring to notice that in the said village the wet lands, which depend for their irrigation on wells, have been assessed at a higher rate than the lands irrigated by tank, but that under the Standing Orders of the Board of Revenue lands irrigated by wells should bear only dry assessment ; that in Fasli 1278 they requested the Collector to class their said lands under the head of dry in accordance with the Standing Order of the Board of Revenue, but that justice has not been rendered to them ; that as regards the remission for failure of crops and for waste lands, the lands irrigated by wells were treated in the same manner as those watered by tanks, but that last year no remission was granted to them for failure of crops, &c., of the lands watered by wells ; that their appeal to the Board of Revenue did not secure to them justice ; that the said lands were lying waste and the crops of those which were cultivated failed owing to the failure of rain.

Pray, therefore, that orders may be issued to grant them remission of assessment on those lands for failure of crops and for their having remained waste during the last year ; and to transfer them to the head of Punjah under the Standing Order of the Board of Revenue.

No. 15.

REFERRED to the Collector for report through the Board of Revenue.

(By Order,)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
15th January 1878.

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1878, Miscellaneous No. 5,412.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Palmanair, 10th May 1878, No. 121.

As directed in the accompanying Government Endorsement, No. 15, dated 15th January last, I have the honor to submit this report, through the Board of Revenue, on a petition presented by Ramasawmi Iyer and others of Peranamullur, in the Wandiwash Taluk, complaining that their Puttadai Pachal or well-irrigated lands were not converted to dry, and remission of assessment has been refused in last Fasli 1286.

2. It appears from the General Deputy Collector's letters, dated respectively 25th March last and 27th ultimo, Nos. 165 and 217, that the Puttadai Pachal lands in question are situated in the bed of a Government tank, and in its close vicinity having another tank and several wells to irrigate them. On this ground they

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were not transferred to the head of Dry in Fasli 1278, when the conversion of other Puttadai Pachal lands into dry took place, and on a complaint subsequently preferred regarding the same, the then Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Comyn decided that these Puttadai Pachal lands should continue under the head of Wet.

3. The rules relating to the conversion of Puttadai Pachal lands into dry thus necessitated the retention of the lands in question under the head of Wet on the ground of their situation in the tank-bed, and the petitioner's present prayer to the contrary is wholly unreasonable. These lands are exceedingly fertile owing to their favorable position in the bed of a tank where they command excellent means of irrigation. So unusually good is the water-supply that they are sometimes cultivated even with a third crop, and the outturn is very considerable.

4. As a rule, no remission of assessment is granted in this district for Puttadai Pachal wet lands on the score of deficiency of water, and the prohibitory rule must apply with greater force to the petitioners' lands owing to their situation in the bed of a Government tank. On this ground, it appears the Acting Sub-Collector Mr. Austin, who conducted the annual settlement of the Wandiwash Taluk in Fasli 1286, refused remission for the Puttadai Pachal lands in question, approving of the recommendation made by the Tahsildar to that effect. An extract from the Account No. 8 of the village, wherein the Tahsildar's recommendation and the settling officer's order are recorded, is enclosed for information.

5. It is thus clear that the Government petitioners are not in any way entitled to remission for the lands thus favorably situated, and the Board of Revenue seem to have declined to interfere in the matter on similar grounds, as will be seen from their endorsement No. 2,427 of 1877, which forms an enclosure to the petition under report. The petitioners' appeal to Government is, therefore, I submit, not entitled to consideration, and I recommend it to be dismissed accordingly.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the endorsement quoted.

2. The Board agree with the Collector.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. STURROCK,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 312. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1878, No. 1,366.

Land Revenue, No. 19.

THE petitioners' lands will probably be hereafter classed as dry under G.O., 26th July 1878, No. 1,178; but in the mean time the Government will not interfere, and the petitioners will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Director of Revenue Settlement.
" the Petition Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1878] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.

Dated August 29th.

Printed September 7th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O. 25th August 1875, No. 1,666.

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Nos. 311-312.

Letter to revenue Petitioners of Peranamallur, Wandewash Taluk, North Arcot District—Observations that the—will probably be hereafter classed dry, but as the mode this declining is unknown to the writer.

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No 15 of 1878 Dt 9th Decr 1877.

Read 7th Janry 1878.

From P. Ramaswamy Iyer,
A. Ananthier and others
inhabitants of Peranamal-
lur, Wandewash, North
Arcot.

Brings to notice that
in the said village, the wet
lands, which depend for
their irrigation on wells, have
been assessed at a higher
rate than the lands
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that under the standing
orders of the Board of
Revenue, lands irrigated by
wells should bear only
dry assessment. That
in Fusli 1278 they requested
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Orders

The Petrs. lands are
in the field of one
tank & the close
proximity to another
"so unusually
good is the water
supply that they
are sometimes
cultivated even
with a 3rd crop."
(See Collr's report
in Bd's Proc: No: 5412
dt: 29th May 78)

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* It will be seen that
the Petrs. lands
are in the bed of
a tank & therefore
para 15 & 16 of G.O.
26th July 78 No: 1478
will probably affect

the Collector to class their said lands under the head of dry in accordance with the standing order of the Board of Revenue; but that justice has not been rendered to them; that as regards the remission for failure of crops, and for waste lands, the lands irrigated by wells were treated in the same manner as those watered by tanks; but that last year no remission was granted to them for failure of Crops &c. of the lands watered by wells; that their appeal to the Board of Revenue did not secure to them justice; that the said lands were lying waste & the crops of those which were cultivated failed, owing to the failure of rain -

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(With report from the Collector of N. Arcot Embodied in the Board's Pros: dated 29th May 1878 - No. 5712.)

that failure from want of the tanks to the failure being irrigated their lands by wells may cause offset their assessments.

As to this part of it is presumed that Government will not interfere

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Submitted that paragraph 17 of the G.O. applies - The rate on petitioner's land will be Rs 0-12-0 as a dry rate & remission be refused accordingly under it was obviously unfair which in this case is not likely.

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I think that the G.O. is wrong in principle. A communal tank is not a Govt. tank. The land is entirely at present holding — private improved & private and lay — & entitled in every respect to the concessions — such improvement — does not clearly not due to ordinary conditions — No risk is alleged to arise from the cultivation — Remission for loss of crop on land proposed to be classed as dry an Appeal & Govt has determined that they shall not be given in the case of tank-fed land under the Board's principle

Order accordingly — granting the prayer.

Sd T Sadasiva Ayyar

"My two votes & a

Revenue Dept.

Mais No 5412

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

12th & 9th May 1878.

Read the following

No 121

From

W. S. Whiteside Esquire

Collector of N. Arcot

To

C. A. Galton Esquire

Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue,

Madras.

Sir,

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2. It appears from the General Deputy Collectors letters D/ respectively 25th March last, and 27th Ultimo, Nos 165 & 217, that the Pattadai Pachak

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The Works proposed irrigate-

It is unquestionable that a Reservoir proposed cannot be the source of expenditure for lands 5 miles distant 3 crores. The irrigation must be almost entirely dependent on the tanks. This being so, the lands 10 to 15 classed as Dry cannot according to the Rules being Ryotwari as to Irrigation.

The principle of the G.O. 26 July 78. to be the same benefit.

A. No 1066

28 Aug 1878

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26 the Director of Land Rs
1 the Petitioners copy

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5. It is thus clear that the Govt. Petitioners are not in any way entitled to remission for the lands thus favorably situated, and that Board of Revenue seem to have declined to interfere in the matter on similar grounds as will be seen from their endorsement No. 2427 of 1877, which forms an enclosure to the Petition under

report-

report. The petitioners appeal to Govt is, therefore, I submit, not entitled to consideration, and I recommend it to be dismissed accordingly.

N. Arnold Collr's office
Palmanair 10th May 78

I have &c
(sd) W. J. Whiteside
Collector.

Submitted to Govt with reference to the endorsement quoted.

2. The Board agree with the Collector.

(True copy & Extract)

J Stuart
A/c Sub Secretary

To
The Secretary to Govt B. D
with 2 enclosures.

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Revenue 1878 Dept

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of Revenue of 29th May
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Read 31st May 1878

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Submitting to Govt letter
from the Collector of C.
Arcot, explaining that
the Govt Petitioner, Rama
-samy Iyer & others of
Peramanallur in the Wan-
-diwash Talukamash entitl-
-ed to remission claimed
by him for the reasons specifie

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R 22-8-78.
R 22-8-78.
R 27-8-78.