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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

4th May 1880, No. 513.

No. 26. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th February 1880, No. 199.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting further instructions of Government regarding grant of remission of assessment on portions of fields left waste or on which the crop has withered.

No. 27. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1880, No. 513.

Land Revenue, No. 2.

THE Board refer to Revenue fields (clubbed in a survey number) which have ceased to be recognized in the Revenue accounts. The principle enunciated by Government did not apply to such cases, but to those of Revenue fields, which, though they have been clubbed for survey purposes, are in the holdings of distinct Pattadars, and which, as being distinct holdings, must manifestly continue to be recognized in the Revenue accounts. The holders of such fields are not to be deprived of their rights under the Remission Rules merely for the reason that they were clubbed together for the convenience of survey.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 199.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th February 1880.  
Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 29th September 1879, No. 1,965, Revenue Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Survey Fields*.—Observing that all that Government intended was that the clubbing of revenue fields for convenience of survey is not to deprive the holders of the interstitial fields of any benefit under the remission rules.

THE Government have not given any decision with respect to the particular case put forward as an example, but the Board understand the view of Government to be that claims to remission for portions of fields left waste or on which the crop has withered should be admitted when it can be shown that the extent of such waste or withered crop is not less than the area of one or more of the pynaish or old revenue fields clubbed at survey. The practice hitherto in force of withholding remissions on portions of fields was intended to obviate the necessity for remeasurement, and this object will be defeated and much of the advantage of the survey lost if the old revenue fields which have ceased to be recognized in the accounts are to be resuscitated as the units for purposes of remission; in the majority of cases their actual bounds are unknown and measurements will be absolutely necessary; as time goes on the difficulty of distinguishing the old pynaish fields will increase and it will be impossible to identify any particular portion of a survey number as representing a former revenue number. It will be necessary therefore to resort to measurement in each case to ascertain whether the area left waste corresponds with that of any of the old fields, and this will entail a vast amount of labor on the taluk officials, who are already overworked, and afford numerous opportunities for fraud. There is no hardship in refusing to grant remissions for portions of fields because the ryots have the option of sub-dividing to any extent they please; the sub-numbers are then recognized as separate fields and remission is granted when they are left waste or the crop on them has withered. The Board do not see their way to framing any rule for the recognition of the old revenue fields which would not entail much labor in practice and complicated calculations, as the old areas would have to be corrected with reference to the area ascertained by survey and remission calculated in the proportion which the area of the field left waste as shown in the pynaish accounts bears to the aggregate area of all the revenue fields comprised within the survey number; the assessment being fixed with reference to the extent of the survey fields. The Board are therefore decidedly of opinion that it will suffice if Collectors are vested with discretion to deal with exceptional cases on their merits, remission for portions of fields being refused as a rule, and deprecate any such general change of practice as is apparently desired by Government.

(A true Extract.)

*W. A. S. Rodgers*  
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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The inconvenience attendant on the admission of claims to remission on portions of fields seems to be somewhat exaggerated. No remission in detail of fields is ever granted for dry lands, which constitute more than ~~three~~ <sup>four fifths</sup> of the area held in ryotwari holdings. Applying to wet lands the Board's calculation that practically 50 per cent of the Survey fields correspond with single holdings or old Survey Nos. numbers, that area to which is restricted the principle enunciated by Govt, vizt that ryots should not be denied the benefit of the Remission Rules where their fields have been clustered together for the convenience of Survey,

|                         |                   |
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| Total Holdings for 1287 |                   |
| 1874                    | 16,175,062        |
| 1875                    | 3,884,865         |
|                         | <u>20,059,927</u> |

\* Concluding part of para 2 of  
 Ryotwari in G. O. 29/4/1879  
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Board of Revenue,  
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The SECRETARY to GOVT.  
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is reduced in fact to less than one tenth of the total area under Ryotwar settlement.

3. In this one-tenth proportion, cases in which remission is sought, must be relatively very few. And where traces of the old Ryot field have become obliterated, a rough measurement of the portion left waste or on which the crops have withered, must be made in order to determine the proportion of its assessment to that on the entire field; perhaps in good many cases, an estimate might suffice, as the amount must be small & the remission is for the year only. Under a system of Ryot administration, which professedly enters into minutiae, this much labor can not well

Rev. acct.

The Govt. did not lift any such cases. But the Govt. of Rev. fields in the districts of Distinct Ryotwari. It has been shown for survey purpose but it is manifest as being distinct holdings must continue to be recognized as the Rev. acct. & the holders of it are to be defined.

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of this 28th under the Remission rules for more serious of survey contingencies.

corresponding to about the larger two of the Rev numbers.

be avoided. The Govt will afford every facility for the subdivision of fields with all the measurement involved. Their objection refers in fact to the occasion on which a measurement is needed.

4. The Govt's illustration itself seems to demonstrate the hardship of the rule they would enforce. In the example they give, the area of the Survey field made up of three old Ryot numbers is 5.58 acres. Supposing 5.58 acres out of this to have been left waste or to have failed to yield a return from failure of water supply, it would be obviously hard to enforce payment for the whole 5.58 acres. It is a sine qua non of all Remission that the loss must have resulted from causes beyond the Ryot's control & cases of neglected

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to have <sup>little</sup> bearing on the  
present discussion.

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