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15th May 1880 No. 513.

No. 97. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th April 1880, No. 524.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on letter from Collector submitting proposals for grant of remission of assessment on dry lands in certain taluks of Coimbatore District.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 15th May 1880, No. 543.

Land Revenue, No. 10.

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(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with thirteen enclosures.

Ed. W. H. French.

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Division of Assessment on 29th Feb 1880.
 Certain taluks of Coimbatore District.—According
 to the Board of Revenue, passing orders
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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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No. 524.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 19th April 1880.
 Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to C. A.
 GALTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd April 1880,
 No. 42:—

In the papers noted in the margin it was intimated that dry remissions would
 probably be asked for in
 the Sub and Head Assist-
 ant Collector's Divisions
 of this District. In the
 further reports* submit-
 ted by these officers and
 in a report† recently re-
 ceived from the Deputy
 Collector in charge of the
 Northern Division it is
 suggested that dry remis-
 sions be granted for the
 current fasli as follows:—

1. Collector's No. 10, dated 23rd January 1880, printed in Rev-
 enue Board's Proceedings, No. 150, of 28th January 1880.
2. Collector's No. 14 of 11th February 1880, printed in Revenue
 Board's Proceedings, No. 257, of 19th February 1880.
- * Submitted in original for perusal and return.
- † 1. Sub-Collector's letter No. 82, dated 10th March 1880.
2. Head Assistant Collector's letter No. 69, dated 10th March
 1880, with five enclosures.
3. Head Assistant Collector's letter No. 70, dated 10th March
 1880, with two enclosures.
4. Deputy Collector's letter No. 48, dated 20th March 1880,
 with two enclosures.

- I. SUB-DIVISION.—(1) *Dhārdpuram*.—25 per cent. all round on shavy and
 waste; this would amount to some Rs. 67,500.
- (2.) *Erode*.—50 per cent. on waste and 25 per cent. on shavy. The figures
 for waste and shavy are not given.
- II. HEAD ASSISTANT COLLECTOR'S DIVISION.—(1) *Palladam*.—A remission of
 some Rs. 50,000 or 13-69 per cent. of the dry demand of the taluk.
- (2.) *Udamalpet*.—A remission of Rs. 9,900 or 6-89 per cent. of the dry
 demand of the taluk.
- III. NORTHERN DIVISION.—*Satyamangalam Taluk*.—A remission of one-third
 to half on shavy and of the full assessment on waste. No particulars
 are given as to waste, but for shavy the remission would be Rs. 16,140.

The exact amount of dry remissions recommended by Division Officers cannot in
 the absence of definite information be given, but it may be estimated to be about 2½
 lakhs. In all cases the recommendations are confined to lands unprotected by wells.

* The reason for the recommendations is the same in all, the failure of crop from
 deficient rain-fall for four years running.

While acknowledging the facts I am unable to concur in the propriety or suffi-
 ciency of the remissions suggested. These are for the current year only; but besides
 the current dry demand of Rs. 12,58,227†

† Approximate, this was the demand for Fasli 1288, that for Fasli 1289 is not yet settled. against these taluks, there is an accumu-
 lated dry arrear (including that on pro-
 tected lands) of Rs. 5,75,737-10-7. The relief proposed would not go far towards
 setting the ryots straight and other measures must, in my opinion, be adopted. Two
 courses are open to adoption.

- (1.) The sale of the lands and other property of the defaulters by process of law.
- (2.) The total remission of dry arrears on condition of relinquishment to be
 confined to cases in which the defaulters have unprotected dry lands only, and it is
 to be considered which of these courses it is the more expedient to adopt. From
 paragraph 4 of the Sub-Collector's letter, No. 82 of 10th March 1880, and paragraph
 13 of the Head Assistant Collector's letter No. 70, dated 10th March 1880, it is
 apparent that dry lands unprotected by wells or other means of artificial irrigation
 have over a large extent of this district become practically unsaleable, while the
 defaulters in general possess no other property. To resort to process of law would
 with such heavy arrears due by so many persons involve a very considerable expendi-
 ture in the mere printing of notices; the District Press is quite unequal to the task
 and the notices would have to be printed at private presses in Madras. The arrears

again are due by so many persons that it would be absolutely necessary to entertain temporary hands to fill them up and serve them. In the end the merest fraction of the arrear would according to present experience be realized. I think it would be better therefore to make a clean sweep of these heavy outstandings on unprotected dry lands by remitting everything on condition of relinquishment. We shall clear our books at once of debts which are decidedly bad and practically irrecoverable, and rid the rent-roll of a host of pauper ryots whose proper *status* is that of the farm laborer.

Enclosures Nos. 1 to 13 — Reports of Divisional Officers with their Enclosures.

With the foregoing report the Collector of Coimbatore submits proposals for the grant of remission of assessment on dry lands in the taluks of Erode, Dhárápúram, Palladam, Udumalpet, and Satyamangalam. These taluks have suffered severely from a succession of bad seasons, and the reports of the Divisional Officers show that the condition of the country and the ability of the ryots to meet the demand has been very carefully inquired into. The exact amount of the loss of revenue involved in the recommendations has not yet been ascertained, but it is estimated at about 2½ lakhs of rupees. The season has been most unfavorable in the taluks of Erode, Dhárápúram and Palladam, and in these taluks very heavy arrears on account of previous dry lands unprotected by wells are stated to have become practically unsaleable over a large tract and the defaulters in general possess no property other than their land which can be proceeded against. The Collector therefore considers that the measures of relief proposed are insufficient and recommends that the heavy outstandings on unprotected dry lands, including, it is presumed, the current demand should be written off on condition of relinquishment of the land.

2. The Board do not see the use of the condition as to relinquishment, as it is open to the ryots to take up the land again before the next cultivating season. Moreover instructions have recently been received from the Secretary of State to the effect that the ryots are to be freed from their liabilities to Government wherever it appears that they cannot liquidate their debt without seriously crippling their means for future cultivation; separate instructions have been issued on the subject, and under these orders it will be open to the Collector to recommend that the outstanding arrears on dry land be written off as irrecoverable. As regards the current demand, the Board are satisfied that relief is required and they consider the proposals moderate; they therefore resolve to sanction them on the understanding that the concession is to be restricted to dry lands unprotected by wells.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Secretary.

To the Collector of Coimbatore.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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THE COLLECTOR OF COIMBATORE,

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