Revenue (1892) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2028, 2029
No 520.

DATED 21 April 1892

[Despatch Abstract.]

Concurring in the opinion of the Board disregarding the allegations made by one Kawin Sahib with reference to the administration of relief in Kolaba.

Confidential No 32

BACK PAPERS.

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Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

MADRAS.

Current Number 2923

28 MAR 97
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

No. of Enclosures.

Proceedings, dated 28—3— 1897
No. 3071 Revs

Subject.

Submitting with remarks
letter from the Collector
of Salem reporting on the
allegations made in the
telegrams sent by the ~~Board~~ President
of the Ryots'
Meeting held at Salem Town.

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REVENUE BOARD OFFICE MADRAS

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 28th March 1892.

No. 3071 Mis.

Mr. Clogstoun.

READ the following letter from G. Stokes, Esquire, Collector of Salem dated 26th March 1892

No 943:—

In reply to His dated 16th March/92 No 1456, communicated in Board's Proceedings dated 17th idem, No 2730 Mis, I have the honor to report as follows on the allegations contained in the Telegram in question.

Allegations	Replies
1. Famine is most severely felt in the Salem Taluk.	1. This is untrue. The [illegible] exists is most severely felt in the Erichengode Taluk where relief works are opened. In no part of the Salem Taluk

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Taluk is there severe distress. The most affected parts are the Omalur and the Salem Revenue Inspector's Circle. When test relief works were opened in these divisions no one would come to the works (Vide the copy of the order in connection with the closing of the work on the road from Omalur to Chinnappampatti submitted with my letter dated 15 December/91 No 2963 dispensed of in Board's Proceedings dated 30 December 1891 No 8314).

2. Crops have entirely withered.

2. This is untrue. In no part of the Salem Taluk has the anthum of the food crops been less than 8annas. In the Mecheri Circle and in the Upper side of the Taluk the foodcrops I have ascertained by personal inspection, have been 12annas to full and in the Eastern or Kanjatti Division, I understand they are also good. In the Omalur and the Salem Circles the crops have been about 8annas and in Attipen somewhat better. The other crops, viz the pulses, horsegrams have yielded poorly, perhaps about six annas.

3. There is scarcity of water even for drinking purposes.

3. This is true; but all the funds at the disposal of the Local Fund Board which could be diverted to

to the improvement of water supply have been spent. Much aid has been given. Water for drinking is available within a mile in almost every part of the Salem Taluk; but its increasing failure is a source of much anxiety in the Salem Town itself.

4. Fodder is scanty. 4. Green fodder is now getting scarce as it always does at this season; but there are still considerable stores of dry fodder as any one can see in the fields.

5. Mercis distress everywhere and very forlorn all over. 5. Ditto true that distress is everywhere in the district except Attur and Uttenkarai. This is due

6. Men and cattle are in miserable condition. 6. Ditto in toto. The people are everywhere in good condition. No one has ever yet found or suspected any one emaciated from hunger. The cattle are in their usual condition as far as I see.

7. Remission of revenue is most needed. 7. Remission of revenue is no where needed except in regard to Wet lands under the existing remission rules. Between 50 & 75 per cent of the whole dry lands in the Salem Taluk lies assessed between Rs 1—12— and Rs 1—. If the average yield for any which the settlement is

due to high prices but is no where except probably in Trichengode acute.

is based be taken and the due deductions for cost of cultivation and for unproductive areas be made, it will be found that in the areas assessed at Rs 1-12-, Rs 1-4- and Rs 1-, the ryot has at the present price of raje, the standard grain of the district, by the help of the Government scheme with a five annas cess a balance in his favor as shown below:—

Assessment of the land	Gross production Kharif collums	Value at 4 seers per rupee or 2·263 Rs for Kharif collums	Deduct Cultivation.	Remainder	Deduct 10 per cent	Remainder or Net produce	Half of net produce	Deduct assessment plus cess	Balance (+) and deficit (−) Rupees
			Taking a four annas cess.						
1-12-	4/16 x 14	7-15-	5-4-	2-11-	-4-4	2-6-8	1-3-4	1-12-	-0-8
			Taking a five annas cess.						
1-12-	5/16 x 14	9-15-	5-4-	4-11-	-7-6	4-3-6	2-1-9	1-12-	+0-5-9
			Taking a four annas cess.						
1-4-	4/16 x 12	6-13-	4-12-	2-1-	-3-4	1-13-8	-14-10	1-4-	-0-5-2
			Taking a five annas cess						
	5/16 x 12	8-7-	4-12-	3-11-	-5-11	3-5-11	-10-6	1-4-	+0-6-6
			Taking a four annas cess						
1-0-	4/16 x 11	6-4-	4-12-	1-8-	-2-5	1-5-7	-10-10	1-0-	-0-5-2
			Taking a five annas cess						
1-0-	5/16 x 11	7-12-	4-12-	3-0-	-4-10	2-1-2	1-5-7	1-0-	+0-5-7

8. Yet seven Annas cess are taken by the local authorities to collect revenue while postponement at least would afford considerable help. Board's order to postpone collections on patlas of below ten rupees is of very little help. Experience has proved that collection may be postponed and Government moved to that effect. Otherwise the oppression will lead to annihilation.

But the cutting the main dry crops the food crops has nowhere been less than eight annas; hence no remission is needed.

8. This is untrue. If seven annas were taken for collection of revenue in a district in which the outstanding balance of previous collection is usually less than ½ percent at the end of the fasli it is to be presumed they would have effect; but out of a current demand of Rs 1,71,795 due upto the 15th February the collections were only Rs 4,02,359. This result is due to the postponement of the Kists for 2 months and the suspension of the issue of process against

against pattakadars paying less than Rs. 10. The rent roll of the Salem Taluk shows that 60 to 22 percent of the pattakadars in the Taluk pay less than Rs 10. The order referred to applies to four out of the five firkas of the Taluk and the suspension of process must therefore render impossible any pressure at least on 50 percent of such persons who are of course the poorest class.

9. Prays also that forest reserves may be kept open for grazing and fuel.

9. The forest reserves were opened from September last and are still open. There is and has been no proposal to close them. On the contrary arrangements are being made to feed cattle

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Letter dated 16th March/92
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cattle on leaves and by control, when the fodder finish comes. Arrangements have also been made to cut and store grass in the reserves for future sale as well as to permit grazing by villagers.

10. In conclusion I would refer Government to my letters to the Board noted in the margin which show that this meeting was bogus.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government in the reference to the order quoted.

2. The Collector shows in his report that the allegations made in the telegrams sent by the bogus meeting held at Salem are in almost every

every respect inaccurate or grossly exaggerated. He states that the dry crops have yielded nowhere less than half a crop throughout and while in portions of the Taluk the yield has been as found from his personal inspection 12 annas to full, the crops at current prices have been very remunerative to the ryots. No remission of assessment on dry land is, he thinks, necessary. He points out that owing to the postponement of collection of the instalments of revenue due and to the suspension of the issue of process against patlas paying less than Rs 10, a measure which protects from distraint 60.22 percent of the pattadars of the Salem Taluk, only Rs 402,359 out of

of a current demand of Rs 677,795 for the whole ~~District~~ ~~Taluk~~ ~~to the 15th February~~ has been collected. He reports that the cattle are generally in normal condition, that green fodder is not scarcer than usual at this season, that there are considerable stores of dry fodder and that the forest reserves have been kept open since September last. The public works, are in good condition and the relief works opened in the Taluk were found unnecessary, but owing to the high price of foodgrains there is distress in most parts of the district. Drinking water is scarce in many parts but anywhere obtainable with a little trouble, and what could be done has been done for its improvement.

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The Commissioner considers that the Collector has completely rebutted the allegations on all essential points.

(Sd) Frederick Richards

Deputy Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government
Rev: Dept.

Chingleput

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS 24 MAR 92 REVENUE DEPARTMENT

To (Person)

Madras revenue

From (Person)

Revenue

my endorsement 357 f. 29th ultimo forwarding Kadiem sahibs telegram India urgent advance petition incorrectin Kadiem stating severest measures taken for collecting revenue as well as in other respects but viceroy could be glad to have on record distinct rebutment of allegations made in petition please therefore submit report as early as convenient

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No. 357/22

Revenue and Agricultural Department.

Calcutta, Dated the 29th February 1892.
(Famine)

Forwarded to the Government of Madras for disposal.

By order, &c.,
Hamid Mackenzie
Under-Secretary to the Government of India.

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1. Telegram from K. Kasim Sahib of Salem dated 22nd February 1892.
2. Copy of Memorandum addressed to Petitioner in reply.

Rev. 3617/92.

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REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

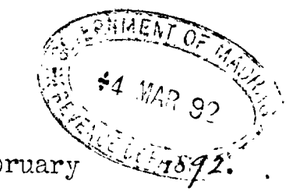
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Office Memorandum.

To

K. Kasim Sahib

Salem.



Calcutta, the 29 February 1892.

K. Kasim Sahib is informed that his telegram dated 22nd instant on behalf of the ryots of the Salem taluq, praying for the postponement of revenue collections etc: has been refered to the Government of Madras through whom the representation should have been made.

Sd J.W.P. Muir-Mackenzie

Under Secretary.

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To (Person) The Hon'ble Sir [illegible]

From (Person) Rawson Sahib Secretary to Government Madras

Request that the following telegram be transmitted to his Excellency the Viceroy of India. Famine most severely felt in Salem Karur Coimbatore Districts of Madras owing to failure of rains and scarcity of fodder. Grass & Straw entirely gone. Fodder scarce. Destitute cultivators left all over with their cattle in search of relief. Numbers of famine temporary relief works most needed to prevent starvation. Relief by Local or Municipal funds for cultivators cannot be had as they have already borrowed from Government to their full credit. Many Local Boards unable to collect even Cesses. Rainfall in my District very little. Crops & Cesses fail

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Salem Collector's Office,
9th April 1892

No. 752/A

From

G. STOKES Esq.,
Collr. & Dist. Magte. of Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to your memorandum dated 2nd Instant, For. C. No 2923, I have the honor to return herewith the four enclosures referred to therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient
Servant

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For Collector

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Revenue Department.

Current Number 3417

From the Collector and District Magistrate,

Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government Revenue Department

Madras

Dated 9th April 1892

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No.

Enclosures four

Subject.

Returning the four enclosures to G.O.

No 13068 8 March 1892

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read C. No 29 23 & 34 17

Order Issue No. 2028 dy 21 April 1892

The Court Concurs in the opinion expressed in para 3 of the Commissioner's Proc 2nd Ordered that the following letter be despatched to the Collr.

No. 2029 Rev 12 & 92

To the Collr. of Salem, Revenue Dept

Sir

Adverting to your memorandum No 357/22 dy 29th Feb last and Telegram of the 3rd March relative to a petition from one Kasim Sahib of Salem I am directed to forward the marginally noted proceedings of this Court embodying a report from the Collector of Salem wherein he deals categorically with the allegations made in the petition. It will be

To The Court of Rev. Settlement

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Secy 22/4

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seem from the Collr's report that these allegations are either inaccurate or grossly exaggerated and that there is no foundation for the complaint that severest measures are being taken by the Local authorities for collecting revenue

I have the honour to remain Sir,

Your most obt. Servt.

12/4

Draft order and letter to Lahore in connection with a petition from one Hasan Sahib of Salem.

Mr. Francis

Mr. Stokes

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