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FROM

SIR E. C. BUCK, KT., C. S. I.,
Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Simla, the 26th September 1893.

Revenue and Agricultural Department.

(Revenue)

SIR,

I am directed to draw attention to the remark made in paragraph 1 of the Resolution of the Board of Revenue No. 719 dated 1st November 1892, published with the Madras Government Resolution No. 697 dated 31st July 1893, to the effect that the settlement recently effected in the Tanjore District will be an "initial "settlement subject to revision at the end of 30 years with reference only to a rise in prices. It is presumed that the assessment sanctioned by the Government being materially lower than that proposed by the Board will not be looked on as an "initial " assessment in the sense of paragraph 21 of this Department's letter No. 525 R. dated 9th May 1883; and I am to ask the Local Government firstly to consider whether the rates suggested by the Board after such modification as may be necessary for compliance with the instructions of the Madras Government

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the Board says "a permanent settlement" instead of an initial one.
Rm

Copy forwarded with letter No. 536 R. dated 15th May 1883.

This para: 21 contains the instructions

Government as to the classification of alluvial soils &c, could not be introduced after 12 or 15 years, especially if they are to be accepted as the " initial " rates at the next revision of settlement, and secondly whether the Board's rates can be justifiably accepted as adequate " initial " rates without a further investigation at the close of the new settlement for whatever term it may be fixed.

3. With reference to paragraph 63 of the Board's Resolution I am to request that an explanation may be given of the method in which enhancements of over 25 per cent are calculated, as the rule both in the Resolution and in the Revenue Manual is somewhat obscurely worded. Is it to be understood that the 25 per cent enhancement is to be levied for the first year after settlement in every case in which the enhancement exceeds that percentage, and that a $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent is added each year thereafter until the full assessment is reached? If this is the right construction of the Board's proposal, it would seem to be open to no objection.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E Smith

Secretary.

P.C.M.

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Rev: 12-8-83: 975-65.
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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

ABSTRACT.

Current Number. 7235

From

The Government of India
Rev. & Agric. Dept.

Order

Referred to the Commr.

Dated 26 Sept
Received 2 Oct
Enclosures

No. 2382/288

SUBJECT.

Requesting to consider certain points in connection with the revision settlement of Tanjore Distt.

P.T.O

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 7236/93.

From the Govt. I.

Dated 26. Sept 1893.

FOR ORDERS.

I hope Sir E. Buck understands from our letter for Admit.

as to what action is to be taken on the Govt. I. letter. It is not clear what India means by an "initial settlement". The word is not used either in the B.P. or the G.O. The Govt. I. asks whether the rates "cannot not be introduced after 12 or 15 years". The rates are to be introduced at once and India may, it is submitted, be told so.

Para. 3. of India's letter refers to the method of enforcing the increased assessment. The Board's proposals in para. 63. were approved by Govt. Para. 17 of the order. India's interpretation of these proposals appears to be correct, but it is not clear how they reconcile this with the initial proposal of limited

is modified by Govt. Govt. are invited to pronounce an opinion, as the G/K Bd, subscribing to revision at Rs. 80 per unit with reference to market-prices. Govt.

W.S. 1 Oct.

This Order is not in the box as it has come here, & I omit key. I have noted the Govt's remarks as correct

the "initial" rates "after" 12 or 15 years".

The Settlement-manual (page. 13) is quite clear on this point and says that where the increase is considerable "it should be levied by annual increments".

It is submitted that a reply may be sent in this sense without any reference to the Board.

Rm
11.01.93.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter from India about the Tanjore Settlement.

H.M.S

The answer to the first question is in the affirmative. When the Govt accepts, with modifications, the rates proposed by the Board it of course intended them to be "initial" rates "without a further investigation at the close of the new settlement" which in practice is always for a period of 30 years. As to increments the rule is well understood and is clearly expressed in Section X page 13 of the Manual viz. - If the enhancement does not exceed 25% it is imposed at once - if higher than that

Revenue Department.

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it is "spread equally" over the years allowed for bringing the assessment up to the full amount - Ordinarily the maximum time allowed is 8 years. For reasons given at p. 63 of the Bai Proj I suggested the extension of this period to 12 years - There is no limitation to 6¼% per annum as India supposed - Govt is any opinion is there any need for such restriction - For the lower paid the ryots who will derive benefit are those who at present hold wet-lands - chiefly under rain-fed tanks at rates as low as Rs 1.8.0 an acre than the new settlement there will go up to Rs 4 and 4.8.0 - and the increase will be imposed in 12 annual instalments -

G.H 13/10.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter from Collector about Tanjore Settlement -

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G.O. no 1305 dy 18. October 1893

The following reply will be despatched to the Govt

I.

To the Court of Directors with copy of letter to Collector

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Letter to the Secy Govt I. No. 1356

Desp.

Sir

In reference to your letter no 2382/208 dy. 26. ult. I am directed to reply as follows to the questions raised by the Govt I.

2. The new rates of assessment for lands in the Tanjore District, which received the approval of the Govt subject to certain modifications, in G.O. 697 dy. 31. July 93; are

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intended to be permanent rates, as stated by the Board of Rev: in the paragraph quoted by you, subject only to revision at the end of every 30 years with reference to the current market-prices. These rates, I am to point out, are to be introduced at once, and ~~are~~ can only be considered as "initial" rates, in so far as they are liable to revision at periods of 30 years on the basis of alterations in prices, but without further investigation. This Govt., I am to say, does not understand the suggestion, contained in your letter, to the effect that the new assessment might be "introduced after 12 or 15 years".

3. The method of imposing

imposing rates which involve an enhancement on those formerly levied, is set forth on page 13. of the Settlement Manual, to which you allude. I am to explain that if the enhancement does not exceed 25 p/c, it is levied at once, but if it is more than 25 p/c in annual increments it is "spread equally" over the period allowed for bringing the assessment up to the full amount. Ordinarily the maximum time allowed for this process is 8 years, but in the present case the Board for the reason given in para. 63. of its Pro:, which is quoted in para. 3. of your letter under reply, recommended that the rule should be so far relaxed that in cases, where the increase would be more than double the former rate

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the former rate, the number of annual increments should be increased to 12. This proposal was approved by the Madras Govt. [v. para. 17. of G.O. 697. dt. 31. July 03.] I am accordingly to point out that there is no limitation to an increase of 6¼ % per annum as supposed by the Govt, nor in the opinion of H.S. in C does any period for such a restriction exist. For the most part the ryots, who will derive benefit from the rule, stated above, are the holders of wet lands, irrigated chiefly from river-fed tanks, and assessed at rates as low as ₹ 1-8-0 an acre: the assessment of these lands under the new Settlement varies from ₹4 4 ~~₹4.8-0~~ an acre, and as this involves a large increase

assessed at present at very low rates - when the new settlement such lands will necessarily ~~have~~ be assessed to much higher rates, and this will involve a —

a large increase. The full sanctioned rates will not be charged for 12 years, during which period the holders will be required to pay rates rising year by year in arithmetical progression ~~from ₹1-8-0 to ₹4 or ₹4.8.~~

Rm
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Copy of G.O. and letter to the Board - Rev: Sett: for information.

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