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N° 2098.

From

G. A. Forbes Esq
Secretary to the
Board of Revenue

To J. Bird Esq
Collector of Trichinopoly.

Sir,

In reply to your letter dated 27th Ultimo, requesting the instruction of the Board of Revenue on the construction to be given to Paras 8 and 9 of the Government Minutes Consultation of the 5th June 1856 N°577. I am directed to state that the table of reduced rates given in Para 8 is intended to be at once introduced and to continue in force for the Jordan lands of the four dry Talooks until superseded by the Survey.

2. It was not thought necessary in forwarding to you, for your information and guidance; the Government Minutes Consultation, to enlarge on the instructions which it contained, as they appeared to be full and conclusive.

Revenue Board Office
Fort St George,
9th July, 1856.

I have &c.
(Signed) G. A. Forbes,
Secretary
(A true Copy)

Asstng Secretary

Comp. E. Thornhill

Revenue Department

No 3935

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 26 November 1856.

Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, replying to Para 16 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government dated 5 June 1856 No 577, on the subject of Garden Assessment.

(Here Enter No 118)

Dated 28 July in Com 26 November 1856.

Read also letter from the same Collector, submitting the Statements called for by Para 12 of the same Minutes of Consultation of Government, respecting the Garden lands in the four Wet Talooks of the Trichinopoly District.

(Here Enter No 123)

Dated 31 July in Com 26 November 1856.

In their Proceedings of the 20 March 1856, No 869, the Board submitted to Government the measures of relief which they considered to be required by the Garden lands of the Trichinopoly District.

Para 8.

2. In the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5 June 1856, No 577, the Government authorized a reduction of the

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue to the Secretary to Government dated 20th September 1856 No 3935

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Letter to the Collector of Trichinopoly dated 4 July 1856 No 2019 S.

Requesting the Collector to furnish certain Statements of Garden Lands in the Talooks mentioned in the margin

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the full Garden Rates in the 6 Dry Talooks as follows:

Tomore ——— } to 3/6
Valcondaporam ——— }

Arrialore ——— } to 5/8
Codiarpoleum ——— }

3 In regard to the Garden lands in the Wet Talooks of the District viz in those watered by the Cauvery and Coleroon Rivers, the Government called for Statements, for the dry and wet Villages respectively, to shew the Ayacut, cultivation and waste; and they desired moreover that the Collector should report the system of settlement, and his opinion as to the reduction required. Para 12.

4 Mr Bird was also to be invited to report similarly on the other lands of these villages if he should be of opinion that reduction is needed.

5 At the same time Govern- Para 13
ment adverted to the reductions of assessment in the Poonjah and Nunjah lands of the 6 dry Talooks authorized by the Board's Proceedings of the 1st February 1855; and expressed an opinion that the Para 16
indulgence might with advantage be enlarged

enlarged by making the maximum proportion of the Poonjah assessment in Arrealore and Codiarpoleum 7/6 instead of 5/6, and the maximum for Nunjah in Valcondaporam and Arrealore 5/ instead of 3/, to be applied to the 1st Crop only; the 2nd Crop being assessed at half the rate of the first. Both before passing an order to this effect, the Government wished to have the opinion of the Collector.

6 Mr Bird replied to this From Coll. 28 July & Con 26 November 1856.
last reference, first. He expresses his opinion that the reductions proposed by Government are very liberal but not more than are needed. It only remains therefore for the Board to state their concurrence, and request authority for the proposition being carried out. They regret very much that this letter was not at once submitted to Government without their waiting to consider the questions contained in the other communication recorded above.

7 In the same Para the Govern- Para 16.
ment observed that it would not seem necessary that the Nunjah lands in certain Villages in Valcondaporam and Arrealore, which

which are watered by River Channels, should share in this reduction. Mr Bird would be sorry to see a distinction made, as he does not consider these villages in a better condition than the others. The reason, however, that he gives for his opinion, Viz. that the Channels do not, to any extent irrigate these lands direct, but feed Tanks, does not appear to the Board satisfactory; and as Arealore has been surveyed, and Volcondaporam will probably be so immediately, they think it inexpedient that Government should now commit themselves to a reduced assessment, when the rates may soon be settled definitively.

8 In this letter Mr Bird also reports having given effect to the reduction in the Garden rates of the 4 dry Talooks stated in Para 2 of these Proceedings, as directed in the Board's letter dated the 9th July 1856. — 28th July 1856. Para 3 Con 26 Nov 1856.

9 The Board now proceed to notice the second letter from the Collector recorded in these Proceedings. — 31 July Para Con 26 Nov 1856

10 With respect to the Garden lands of the West Talooks, the Government observed — Para 12 Min Cons Govt 5 June 1856 No 577

observed that the rates of assessment prevailing respectively in the wet and dry villages are very different, being, as they believed, much higher in the latter. The Statements forwarded by Mr Bird completely bear out their view. The Gardens of the wet villages, irrigated, the Collector states from Channel water lifted, are moderately assessed; and in the opinion of the Collector in which the Board concur, require no reduction. They are rated as one Crop or two Crop and are charged the Tax fixed for the village or Magnanum without reference to Produce. The waste is only 7½ Cawnies out of 1065 which forms the Ayacut or about 1%.

11 In the dry villages of the West Talooks, the Garden lands pay according to produce, and are irrigated from Wells. The Ayacut and waste in July 1765 are shewn in the margin, as well as the average assessment per Cawney. The waste amounts to about ⅛th of the Ayacut, and the assessment in Moosery and Saulgoody is considerably above that of Garden land in general in

	Ayacut Cawnies	Ayacut Average per Cawney Rs a P	Waste in 1765. Cawnies	Waste in 1765. Average per Cawney Rs a P
Conaud	1387	2 4 8	335	2 8 3
Vellocully	3228	2 13 5	439	2 15 6
Moosery	1539	5 4 7½	417	4 11 8
Saulgoody	2535	5 12 3	631	5 8 1
	7689	4 2 4	1812	4 2 7

…s the west Talooks: The villages in which
…he well lands are situated are for the
…most part bordering upon the Dry Talooks
…and resemble them closely in character
…of Country.

12 In the Talooks of Cmaud Statements
…and Vellovcully the rates are moderate, the Nos 5 and 6.
…highest in the former being below 8 Rs and
…in the latter below 6 per Cawney. Pending
…a Survey, therefore, the Board agree with
…the Collector that no remission is required
…for the Garden land of the dry villages
…in these Talooks.

13 In Saulgoody and Mooseery Statements 8 & 9
…the rates vary from Rs 16. 5. 3 to . — 11. 3 ac- Para 13 Collr's Report
…cording to Product grown, the average in
…Saulgoody being 5. 12. 3 and in Mooseery
…5. 4. 2. The waste in the former is about
…th, and in the latter nearly 3/4 the Agcut.

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…proposed by the Collector is to reduce every
…rate above 8 Rs to that amount. The
…Board would go further and make 7 Rs
…the maximum. Although the lands now
…pay according to Product, the Board presume
…that the Collector intends the maximum rate
…to be in future permanent till the Survey

15 As regards the Nunjah and
Ponjah lands of the West Talooks, Mr
Bird is of opinion that the directly in-
-gated villages require no abatement, their
assessment being moderate, their supply
of water certain, and the lands not only
valuable, but finding a ready sale.

Para 16. 16 The dry villages, however,
he states to be differently situated and
to require relief, except Vellovcully in which
he proposes no reduction.

17 Statement C shews the
Agcut, Cultivation and waste of Nunjah
and Ponjah lands, with the average rate
of assessment per Cawney of each.

18 As regards Nunjah, the
waste in Mooseery and Saulgoody is seen
to be less than in the other Talooks;
and from Statements 11 and 12 it appears
that the maximum rate per Cawney is
only 9. 5. 6. Mr Bird therefore proposes
no reduction, and the Board see no reason
to differ from him.

19 In Cmaud the waste is
Statement 9. more than 3/4 of the Agcut, which is
comparatively large. and there are 107
Rates varying from 19. 9. 3 to . — 6. 1. It
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is recommended by the Collector that all above 9 Rs. should be reduced to that amount.

20. As regards Poonjah, the proportion of waste to Agacut is very large, especially in Conaud and Villoocully. The number of Rates in each Talook and the highest and lowest are shewn in the subjoined Statement.

	No. of Rates	Highest Rate	Lowest Rate
	Rs	Rs a P	Rs a P
Conaud	73	7	1 6
Villoocully	55	3 2 4	3 8
Moosery	46	3 13 4	3 9
Saulgoody	118	11 3 2	6 6

21. That reduction of some of the Poonjah Rates of assessment is necessary is very evident, nor, with reference to the great extent of waste, are the Board satisfied that it is not required in Villoocully as well as in the others.

22. The measure which Mr. Bird proposes is as follows.

In Conaud - The one Rate above 2 Rs 11 a per Cawney to be reduced to that amount.

In Moosery - The 1st Rate which is 3 Rs 13 a 4 p to be reduced to the next highest 2 Rs 11 a 8 p.

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In Saulgoody All Poonjah lands, bearing Rates above 2 Rs 8 a to be allowed the benefits accorded last year to the Poonjah lands of Terrore and Amalore which they adjoin, or the still further reduction proposed by Government in Para 16 of Minutes of Consultation of Government of 5 June 1856, No 577.

23. Before the Board can express any decided opinion on the propriety of the particular reductions recommended, they require to be furnished with Statements shewing the Agacut Cultivation and waste of the lands under each rate. They will be glad to receive these as well for Villoocully as for the other Talooks, for the extent of waste therein leads to the suspicion that there must be something wrong in the assessment though the rates shewn in Statements No 9 to 12 do not appear excessive. It will be satisfactory also that this account should be furnished for the Poonjah of Saulgoody and Moosery, although they see no reason to doubt the soundness of Mr. Bird's conclusion as regards these Talooks. At present the

the Board have no means of judging of the sacrifice of Revenue involved in the changes proposed.

7th The Statements 9 to 12 shew that some Punjab Rates are excessively light. It is requested that the Collector will furnish an explanation of the reason.

Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as well as to the Collector of Trichinopoly.

(A true Extract)

for

ag Secretary

To

The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

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" 27th February " 9410
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Revenue Dept
Dated 16th Dec 1856
No 1422

Extract from the Proc.s
of the Board of Revenue

Dated 20th
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Submitting with an
expression of the Board's views
thereon letter (with their En-
closures) from the Coll.r of Trichi-
nopoly replying to the obser-
vations and suggestions of
Government with respect to
the reduction of the Assess-
ment on the Garden lands
of his District.

No 13.

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No. 92. in Cons.

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 6th January 1857.

No. 13. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 26th November* 1856, *No.* 3935.

Dated 28*th July in Cons.* 26*th Nov.* 1856. Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly replying to para. 16 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government dated 5th June 1856, No. 577, on the subject of Garden Assessment.

(Here enter No. 118.)

Dated 31*st July in Con.* 26*th Nov.* 1856. Read also letter from the same Collector, submitting the Statements called for by para. 12 of the same Minutes of Consultation of Government, respecting the Garden lands in the four wet Talooks of the Trichinopoly District.

(Here enter No. 123.)

In their Proceedings of the 20th March 1856, No. 867, the Board submitted to Government the measures of relief which they consider to be required by the Garden lands of the Trichinopoly District.

Para. 8. 2. In the Minutes of Consultation under date the 5th June 1856, No. 577, the Government authorized a reduction of the full Garden rates in the 4 dry Talooks as follows.

Torriore. Volcondapooram. } to $\frac{3}{4}$
Arrealore and Oodiarpolliem. } to $\frac{5}{6}$

Para. 12. 3. In regard to the Garden lands in the wet Talooks of the District, viz. in those watered by the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers, the Government called for Statements, for the dry and wet villages respectively, to shew the Ayacut, cultivation and waste; and they desired moreover that the Collector should report the system of settlement, and his opinion as to the reduction required.

4. Mr. Bird was also to be invited to report similarly on the other lands of these villages if he should be of opinion that reduction is needed.

Para. 13. 5. At the same time Government adverted to the reductions of Assessment in the Poonjah and Nunjah lands of the 4 dry Talooks authorized by the Board's Proceedings of the 1st February 1855; and expressed an opinion that the indulgence might, with advantage, be enlarged by "making the maximum proportion of the Poonjah Assessment in Arrealore and Oodiarpolliem $\frac{7}{8}$ instead of $\frac{9}{16}$; and the maximum for Nunjah in Volcondapooram and Arrealore $\frac{5}{6}$, instead of $\frac{3}{4}$, to be applied to the 1st crop only; the 2nd crop being assessed at half the rate of the first." But before passing an order to this effect, the Government wished to have the opinion of the Collector.

Para. 16.

From Collector 28*th July in Cons.* 26*th November* 1856. 6. Mr. Bird replied to this last reference, first. He expresses his opinion that the reduction proposed by Government are very liberal but not more than are needed. It only remains therefore for the Board to state their concurrence, and request authority for the proposition being carried out. They regret very much that this letter was not at once submitted to Government without their waiting to consider the question contained in the other communication recorded above.

Para. 16. 7. In the same para. the Government observed that it would not seem necessary that the Nunjah lands in certain villages in Volcondapooram and Arrealore, which are watered by river channels, should share in this reduction. Mr. Bird would be sorry to see a distinction made, as he does not consider these Villages in a better condition than the others. The reason, however, that he gives for his opinion, viz. that the channels do not, to any extent irrigate these lands direct, but feed Tanks, does not appear to the Board satisfactory; and as Arrealore has been surveyed, and Volcondapooram will probably be so immediately, they think it inexpedient that Government should now commit themselves to a reduced assessment, when the rates may soon be settled definitely.

8. In this letter Mr. Bird also reports having given effect to the reduction in the garden rates of the 4 dry Talooks stated in para. 2 of these proceedings, as directed in the Board's letter dated the 9th July 1856.

28th July 1856, *para.* 9 *In Cons. 26th Nov.* 1856.

9. The Board now proceed to notice the second letter from the Collector recorded in these Proceedings.

31st July in Cons. 26th Nov. 1856.

10. With respect to the garden lands of the wet Talooks, the Government observed that the rates of assessment prevailing respectively in the wet and dry villages are very different, being, as they believed, much higher in the latter. The statements forwarded by Mr. Bird completely bear out this view. The gardens of the wet villages, irrigated, the Collector states, from channel water lifted, are moderately assessed ; and in the opinion of the Collector, in which the Board concur, require no reduction. They are rated as one crop or two crop and are charged the tax fixed for the village or Maghanum without reference to product. The waste is only 754 Cawnies out of 10678, which forms the Ayacut or about $\frac{1}{14}$.

Para. 12 *Mins. Cons. of Govt. 5th June* 1856, *No.* 577.

11. In the dry villages of the wet Talooks, the garden lands pay according to product, and are irrigated from wells. The Ayacut and waste in Fusly 1265 are shewn in the margin, as well as the average assessment per Cawney. The waste amounts to about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the Ayacut ; and the assessment in Moosery and Laulgoody is considerably above that of garden land in general in the wet Talooks. The villages in which the well lands are situated are for the most part bordering upon the dry Talooks and resemble them closely in character of country.

	Ayacut.				Waste in Fusly 1265.			
	Cawnies.	Average per Cawney.			Cawnies.	Average per Cawney.		
		Rs.	A	P.		Rs.	A	P.
Conaud.....	1,387	2	4	8	335	2	8	3
Vittoocutty.....	2,228	2	13	5	439	2	15	6
Moosery.....	1,539	5	4	½	417	4	11	8
Laulgoody.....	2,535	5	12	3	621	5	8	1
	7,689	4	2	...	1,812	4	2	7

12. In the Talooks of Conaud and Vittoocutty the rates are moderate, the highest in the former being below 8 Rupees and in the latter below Rupees 6 per Cawney. Pending a survey, therefore, the Board agree with the Collector that no remission is required for the garden land of the dry villages in these Talooks.

Statements Nos. 5 and 6.

13. In Laulgoody and Moosery the rates vary from Rs. 16, As. 5, pice 3, to Rs. 0, As. 11, pice 3 according to product grown, the average in Laulgoody being Rs. 5, As. 12 pice 3 and in Moosery Rs. 5, As. 4, pice ½. The waste in the former is about ¼, and in the latter nearly ½d the Ayacut.

Statements 8 *and* 7. *Para.* 13 *Collector's report.*

14. The measure of relief proposed by the Collector is to reduce every rate above 8 Rupees to that amount. The Board would go further and make 7 Rupees the maximum. Although the lands now pay according to product, the Board presume that the Collector intends the maximum rate to be in future permanent till the survey.

15. As regards the Nunjah and Poonjah lands of the wet Talooks, Mr. Bird is of opinion that the directly irrigated villages require no abatement, their assessment being moderate, their supply of water certain, and the lands not only valuable, but finding a ready sale.

16. The dry villages, however, he states to be differently situated and to require relief, except Vittoocutty in which he proposes no reduction.

Para. 16.

17. Statement C shews the Ayacut, cultivation and waste of Nunjah and Poonjah lands, with the average rate of assessment per Cawney of each.

18. As regards Nunjah, the waste in Moosery and Laulgoody is seen to be less than in the other Talooks ; and from Statements 11 and 12 it appears that the maximum rate per Cawney is only Rs. 9 A. 5 P. 6. Mr. Bird therefore proposes no reduction, and the Board see no reason to differ from him.

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19. In Conaud the waste is more than ⅓ of the Ayacut, which is comparatively large and there are 107 rates varying from Rupees 19-9-3 to A. 6 P. 4. It is recommended by the Collector that all above 9 Rs. should be reduced to that amount.

Statement 9.

20. As regards Poonjah, the proportion of waste to Ayacut is very large, especially in Conaud and Vittoocutty. The number of rates in each Talook and the highest and lowest are shewn in the subjoined Statement.

	No. of Rates.	Highest Rate.			Lowest Rate.		
	Rupees.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Conaud...	75	7	...	...	...	1	6
Vittoocutty.	55	3	2	4	...	3	8
Moosery.	46	5	13	4	...	3	9
Laulgoody.	118	11	3	2	...	6	6

21 That reduction of some of the Poonjah rates of assessment is necessary is very evident, nor, with reference to the great extent of waste, are the Board satisfied that it is not required in Vittoocutty as well as in the others.

22. The measure which Mr. Bird proposes is as follows :

In Conaud.—The one Rate above Rs. 2 A. 11 per Cawney to be reduced to that amount.

In Moosery.—The 1st Rate, which is Rs. 5 A. 13 P. 4 to be reduced to the next highest Rs. 2 As. 14 P. 8.

In Laulgoody.—All Poonjah lands, bearing rates above Rs. 2. As. 8 to be allowed the benefits accorded last year to the Poonjah lands of Torriore and Arrealore which they adjoin, or the still further reduction proposed by Government in para. 16 of Minutes of Consultation of Government of 5th June 1856, No. 577.

23. Before the Board can express any decided opinion on the propriety of the particular reductions recommended, they require to be furnished with Statements shewing the Ayacut cultivation and waste of the lands under each rate. They will be glad to receive these as well for Vittoocutty as for the other Talooks, for the extent of waste therein leads to the suspicion that there must be something wrong in the assessment though the rates shewn in Statement Nos. 9 to 10 do not appear excessive. It will be satisfactory also that this account should be furnished for the Nunjah of Laulgoody and Moosery, although they see no reason to doubt the soundness of Mr. Bird's conclusion as regards these Talooks. At present the Board have no means of judging of the sacrifice of revenue involved in the charges proposed.

24. The Statements 9 to 12 shew that some Nunjah rates are excessively light. It is requested that the Collector will furnish an explanation of the reason.

Order that a copy of these Proceedings be submitted for the consideration and orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, as well as to the Collector of Trichinopoly.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, *No.* 7; *dated 3d January* 1857.

In Extract Minutes Consultation June 5th 1856, the Government passed orders on the subject of a reduction in the assessment of the garden lands in the Trichinopoly District, both in the dry and the wet Talooks, and also recorded some observations having in view the further reduction of the assessment of the Nunjah and Poonjah lands of the dry Talooks. On the first point, viz., the reduction in the garden lands of the dry Talooks, the orders of Government were final (para. 8), and they have been carried into effect. Respecting the garden lands in the wet Talooks more discriminating information was called for (para. 12) on certain points, and respecting the Nunjah and Poonjah lands of certain of the dry Talooks, the Government specified (para. 16) the further measures of relief which it seemed to them that those lands required, in addition to what was given last year, but desired the opinion of the Board and the Collector before finally directing this reduction.

2. The Board of Revenue now lay before Government with their own remarks two letters from the Collector having reference to those orders of Government, and dated respectively the

28th and 31st July 1856. The former of these two letters relates to the last of the three points above specified. Mr. Bird considers that the reductions now suggested by Government will be liberal but not excessive; the Board concur in this view, and the Government direct that they be accordingly carried into effect in the settlement of the current year, as particularized in para. 16 of the order of the 5th June. Care should be taken to make these reductions generally known throughout the Talooks concerned. As respects the villages in Volcondaporam and Arrialore, watered by river channels, the Government fully agree with the Board that lands so irrigated have no claim to participate in those reductions. In these villages therefore the old rates for Nunjah will remain in force.

3. In his second letter of the 31st July Mr. Bird supplies the information called for respecting the garden lands of the wet Talooks; and also reports as he was invited to do as to the other lands in the dry villages of those Talooks. The Board review his remarks and suggestions in detail. The Government agree with the Board and the Collector that the garden lands in the wet villages (para. 10) and those of the dry villages of Conaud and Vitticutty (para. 12) need no reduction.

4. In the dry villages of Lalgoody and Moosery Talooks the Collector proposes that all garden rates above 8 Rupees a Cawny should be reduced to that sum, and the Board would substitute 7 Rupees as the maximum instead of 8 Rupees. The Government are of opinion however that the reduction advocated by the Collector will be sufficient; they sanction it accordingly to be carried into effect in the current year. Taking the cultivation of Fusly 1265 as a standard, the immediate sacrifice of revenue through this reduction will be Rupees 1350-7-6 in the two Talooks concerned. These lands pay according to the species of crop grown, but Mr. Bird has not given the rates. The Board appear to intend (para. 14) that the new maximum rate should be permanent till the survey; but in the opinion of Government the better course will be not thus partially to interfere with the existing system, but simply to substitute the maximum 8 Rupees for all rates exceeding that sum. Practically the effect will probably be to fix this rate permanently on particular lands; because the best soils are usually devoted to the most valuable crops.

5. Paras. 15 to 24 of the Board's Proceedings treat of the Nunjah and Poonjah lands of the wet Talooks. Adverting to para. 15, the Government must point out, that their order of the 5th June did not call for any Report as to the lands of these classes in the wet villages of the river Talooks, but only in the dry villages; they quite agree with the Collector and the Board that in the wet villages no reduction is needed.

6. In the dry villages the Collector recommends some reduction on the Nunjah of the Conaud Talook and on the Poonjah of the Talooks of Conaud, Lalgoody and Moosery. The Board justly observe however that the information supplied by Mr. Bird is too scanty to enable them to form a judgment on the question. His statements 9 to 12, being mere lists of the rates payable, are useless for this purpose. What is wanted is statements similar to Nos. 5 to 8 which relate to the garden land; and these should be submitted by the Collector as soon as practicable.

7. Adverting to a remark in para. 23 respecting the Poonjah of Vitticutty, the Governor in Council would observe that looking at the maximum rate and the mean rate of that Talook, which are both very moderate, it seems unlikely that the large proportion of waste is due to over-assessment, or that any reasonable reduction would materially diminish it. It seems probable that in this Talook much jungle and other land never reclaimed or cultivated, was improperly included in the Ayacut, and that a large part of the so called Ayacut waste consists of such land.

8. The Board have properly called for information as to the extremely low rates of some Nunjah lands. In lowering the higher rates it is only fair to raise such as are excessively low, many of the light rates in Trichinopoly are so low as certainly not to pay for water; and if they are contained it will be proper to make them Poonjah rates, and charge extra for water if it is used. But it is probable that much of this land is not irrigated, and if cultivated at all, is so as dry land.

9. The Governor in Council must observe in conclusion that the perusal of these papers and those formerly before him has forcibly convinced him of the urgent want of a systematic survey and assessment of the Trichinopoly District, the wet Talooks as well as the dry, to correct the great and numerous anomalies now existing.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue Dept.

No. 7

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 6th January 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

No. 3 Covering Letter dated 26th May 1856 with 39

In Extract Minutes Consn.
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passed orders on the subject of a reduction on
the assessment of the Gard
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...Talaks more distant
...inducing in formation
...as called for (Para
...2) on certain points
...and respecting the
...Punjah and Paonjah
...Lands of certain of
...the dry Talaks, the
...Government specified
...Para 10 the further
...measures of relief
...which it seemed to

them that those Lands required, in addition to what was given last year, but desire the opinion of the Board and the Collector before finally directing this reduction.

2 The Board of Revenue now lay before Government with their own remarks two letters from the Collector bearing reference to their orders of Government, and dated respectively the 28th and 31st July 1856. The former of these two letters relates to the

last

of the three points
one respecting. Mr Bird
considers that the re-
strictions now suggested
Government will
liberal but not
recipient. The Board en-
in this view, and the
Government direct that
they be accordingly
carried into effect in
the settlement of the
current year, as practi-
cable in Fasli 15
of the order of the 5th
June. Care should be
taken to make these
restrictions generally
known throughout the
Talooks concerned. ~~The~~
~~Government therefore~~
~~on the report of the Board~~
~~that the report on this~~
~~subject was not called for~~
~~at an earlier date.~~

As respects the Village

in Volcondaporam and Irri-
-lord, watered by river chan-
-nels, the Government fully
agree with the Board that
lands ~~so~~ irrigated ~~lands~~ have
no claim to participate
in these restrictions. In
these Villages therefore
the old rates for Nunjah
will remain in force.

3. In his second
letter of the 31st July Mr
Bird supplies the informa-
-tion called for respecting
the garden lands of the
two Talooks; and also
reports as he was invited
to do as to the other lands
in the dry Villages of
those Talooks. The Board
review his remarks and
suggestions in detail-
-s. The Government
agree with the Board and
the Collector that the

[illegible]rden lands in the Wet
[illegible]llager (Para 10) and those
[illegible] the dry Villages of Conaud
[illegible]ned Villiauly (Para 12) need
[illegible] reduction.

In the dry Villages
[illegible] Sulgoody and Moovery
[illegible]lacks the Collector proposes
[illegible]hat all garden rates above
[illegible] Rupees a Cawny should
[illegible]e reduced to that sum, and
[illegible]he Board would substitute
[illegible] Rupees as the maximum
[illegible]instead of 8 Rupees. The
Government are of opinion
however that the reduction
advocated by the Collector
will be sufficient; they
sanction it accordingly
to be carried into effect in
the current year. Taking
the cultivation of Fasly 1265
as a standard, the immed-
diate sacrifice of Revenue
through this reduction will
be Rupees 1350-7-6 in the Talooks concerned. These lands pay according to the species of Crop grown, but Mr. Baird has not given the rates. The Board appr-prove to interdict (Para 14) that the new maximum rate should be permanent till the Survey; but in the opinion of Government the better course will be not thus partially to interfere with the existing system; but simply to substitute the maximum 8 Rupees for all rates exceeding that sum. Practically the effect will probably be to fix this rate permanently on particular lands; because the best soils are usually devoted to the most valuable

Crops

...ojas.

Paras 15 to 24 of the Board's Proceedings treat of the Nunjuh and Poonjah Lands of the West Talooks. Adverting to Para 15, the Government must point out, that their order of the 5th June did not call for any Report as to the Lands of three Classes in the West Villages of the river Talooks, both only in the dry Villages. They quite agree with the Collector and the Board that in the wet Villages no reduction is needed.

In the dry Villages the Collector recommends some reduction on the Nunjah of the Coconut Talooks and on the Poonjah of the Talooks of Coimbatore, Palgoody and Proodery. The Board justly observe however that the information supplied by Mr Bird is too scanty to enable them to form a judgement on the question. The Statements 9 to 12, being mere lists of the rates payable, are useless for this purpose. What is wanted is Statements similar to Nos 5 to 8 which relate to the Garden land, and these should be submitted by the Collectors as soon as practicable.

7 Adverting to a remark in Para 73 respecting the Poonjah of Villicondy, the Governor in Council would observe that looking at the maximum rate and the mean rate of that Talook, which are both very moderate, it seems unlikely that the large proportion of waste is due to over assessment, or that any reasonable reduction would materially diminish it. It seems probable that in this Talook much jungle & other land never reclaimed or cultivated, was improperly included in the ayacut, and that a large part of the so called ayacut waste

...sists of such land.

8 The Boundhane properly called for information as to the extremely low rates of some Punjab lands & lowering the higher rates of it is only fair to raise such as are excessively low. Many of the light rates in Trichinopoly are so low as certainly not to pay for watering; and if they are continued it will be proper to make them Poonjah rates, and charge extra for water if it is used. But it is probable that much of their land is not irrigated, and if so cultivated at all, is so as dry land.

9 The Governor in Council must observe in conclusion that the perusal of these papers and those formerly before him has forcibly convinced him of the urgent want of a systematic Survey and assessment of the Trichinopoly District, the work to look as well as to correct the great and numerous anomalies now existing.

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