Revenue Department

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No. 49. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th September 1858, No. 3457.

In Cons. 14th September 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Nellore, dated 11th August 1858, stating, in compliance with the orders of Government, his opinion in regard to the expediency of granting a reduction of Assessment to the inferior classes of wet land and to the dry land in the Woodiagherry Talook.

(Here enter No. 142.)

In Cons. 7th May 1858. Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation under date the 28th April 1858, No. 537, R. D.

2. In the foregoing order the Government sanctioned the Collector's proposition to reduce the Assessment of all wet lands in the resumed Jaghire of Woodiagherry rated at above 10 Rupees the Goortoo; but requested that the Board would, in communication with the Collector, consider and report further on the case of the inferior classes of wet, and of the dry lands.

3. In the letter now recorded Mr. Elton expresses his opinion that no relief is particularly needed as regards the wet lands assessed at not more than 10 Rupees the Goort oo; because lands similarly rated in the District in general obtained no reduction, and the assessment and commutation rate in Woodiagherry were originally lower than in other parts of the District. From a Statement given in the margin of his report it appears that, in six out of fourteen villages in which these inferior classes of wet land occur, a large proportion of them are cultivated; and he states that in the other eight, in which the whole extent is smaller, the existence of a larger proportion of waste may be attributed rather to local circumstances than to over-assessment.

4. As regards the dry lands he considers the case different. In a former communication he described the lands of the Jaghire, situated just below the Eastern Ghauts, as very sterile, and he now states that the welfare of the Ryots mainly depends upon their dry lands, which are extensively cultivated. He therefore requests that sanction may be granted at an early date for making the reduction to these dry lands suggested by the Board in their Proceedings of the 29th January last, viz. of one Anna in the Rupee or $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent.

Para. 5. 5. The Board beg to support the Collector's recommendations. In their Proceedings, cited above, they shewed that, in regard to the dry lands, with reference to what had been allowed in other Talooks, the proper proportion to be given for Woodiagherry would be $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., or 10 Pice in the Rupee; so that one Anna in the Rupee will be liberal. Ten Rupees the Goortoo is not high for good dry, and is very low for wet land. That it does not operate to repress cultivation in Woodiagherry, seems evident from the Statement given by the Collector. The Board, therefore, agree with that Officer in deeming it unnecessary, at present, to grant any reduction to the wet lands in question.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 1313; dated 28th September 1858.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Collector and Board of Revenue the Government sanction a reduction of one anna in the Rupee, or $6\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., in the assessment of the dry lands of the Woodiagherry Talook in Nellore.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Para 5. 5. The Board beg to support the Collector's recommendations. In their Proceedings, cited above, they shewed that, in regard to the dry lands, with reference to what had been allowed in other Talooks, the proper proportion to be given for Woodiagherry would be 4½ per cent, or 10 Pice in the Rupee; so that one Anna in the Rupee will be liberal. Ten Rupees the Goortoo is not high for good dry, and is very low for wet land. That it does not operate to repress cultivation in Woodiagherry, seems evident from the Statement given by the Collector. The Board, therefore, agree with that Officer in deeming it unnecessary, at present, to grant any reduction to the wet lands in question.

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Secretary.

T. PYCROFT, Esq., *Chief Secretary to Government.*
Copy to Collector of Nellore.

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Extract from the
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Date 11th
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Submitting with the Board's remarks thereon, a letter from the Collector of Nellore stating his opinion in regard to the expediency of granting a reduction of assessment to the inferior classes of Wet land and to the dry lands in the Woodiaghurry Talook.

№ 1313. 28th Sept. 1858.
With an Order.

№ 1313

In accordance with the recommendation of the Collector and Board of Revenue the Govt. sanction a reduction of one anna in the rupee or 6 1/4 per cent in the assessment of the dry lands of the Woodiaghurry Talook in Nellore.

Fort St. Geo.
28 September 1858.

3 Copies to the Bd. of Rev.e Desp.h 29th with an Encls.

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