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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29-1-1861.

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No. 431. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th January 1861, No. 100:—

Read the following letter from E. B. THOMAS, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 2nd January 1861, No. 1.

SIR,

1. I regret to bring to the notice of the Board the indifferent character of the season this year, but think it better to do so in due time.

2. The south-west monsoon, on which a portion of the early Punja cultivation of four* important Táluqs depends, as well as the north-east rains, have been scanty, and the dry crops have failed in many instances; whilst in some cases, a very poor crop has been obtained.

* *Coimbatore.* *Pulladum.*
Polachy. *Oodoomulpettah.*
Especially Camboo, Grain, Samy, &c.

3. The Nunja lands under the channels, branching from the Bowany, Cavery and Amravaty rivers, in Perindoray, Suttimungalum, Caroor and Dharapuram Táluqs, will, I trust, yield the usual produce. Under the Noyel the cultivation has been very limited, and under many tanks there has been no cultivation at all.

4. I fear that during the approaching Revenue Settlement, some considerable remission of Revenue will have to be made.

5. Many of the Ryots did not throw up their dry lands within the prescribed period, as they hoped to the last, for a change of season, but as they were disappointed, it is probable that a large number of Razeenamahs may be tendered at the time of the ensuing settlement. It will be therefore requisite to make such remission as may be absolutely necessary.

6. I beg to assure the Board that every effort will be made to secure the just demands of Government; and that remission will be granted only upon full and careful inquiry, and regulated upon definite principles so as to avoid fraud as far as practicable.

7. Nunja remissions are granted yearly on one fixed rule; remission for failure of *dry* crops, will have to be about 15 per cent., granted to holders of Punja lands alone; the losses of those having *also* Garden or Nunja, being, in a measure, compensated by the profits obtainable from the latter description of cultivation; while the mere Punja Ryot, loses every thing, labor, seed, and crops, every care will be taken to confine it within the narrowest limits.

8. I have just returned from a tour in the District, round the Táluqs of Coimbatore, Polachy, Oodoomulpettah, Dharapuram, Kongayen, Caroor, Erode, Bhawani, Parindoray, Cheyoor, and have *seen* the country in all directions, with the crops failing. I therefore write from careful observation as well as general report.

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1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.

2. With reference to paragraph 7 of the letter, the Board authorize the Collector at once to strike out of the demand all assessment on Punja waste.

3. Should further remissions be necessary for Punja withered, the Board will be prepared to entertain the Collector's application on good grounds being shown for it.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Acting Secretary.*

No. 432. ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1861, No. 217.

Ordered to be recorded.

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

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Asst Secretary

To J. D. Sim Esqre
Asst Secretary to Govt
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Submitting for information
a letter from the Collector
of Coimbatore and the Board's
Proceedings thereon, authoris-
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Punjah waste.

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