

Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

2nd March 1858

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Order No. 239 of 24th Feb 1858

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d March 1858.

No. 1. Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department; dated Fort Saint George, 9th February 1858, No. 588.

SIR,

The adverse state of the season in the Central and Southern Provinces must have an unfavorable effect on the settlement of the current Fusly 1267, and lead to a considerable loss of revenue. The Board have therefore deemed it proper to bring the subject at once to the notice of Government, lest financial difficulty should result from a diminution of receipts not being foreseen and provided for.

2. It is however only in the power of the Board to offer a rough estimate of the extent to which the revenues will decline; as the loss will arise from a failure of the crops by drought, more than from a decrease of cultivation. Until therefore the settlement of at least some Districts has been completed, no precise calculation can be made. Still the experience of former years, a scrutiny of the current cultivation returns, and the season Reports sent by the Collectors enable the Board to form a general idea of the probable outturn of the year, which, perhaps, will not prove very far from the truth.

3. In Malabar and Canara the season is favorable except that in the former Province the rain has been scanty for the second crop. The Ceded Districts have also a year not very much below the average, especially Kurnool. In the Northern Circars the reports are favorable except for a portion of Masulipatam, but Nellore and all the Central and Southern Provinces down to Tinnevely have suffered more or less. The early rains in May and June proved insufficient for the Poonjah cultivation, and the nearly total cessation of the S. W. monsoon during the months of November and December has extensively destroyed the principal crops of the year. Under these adverse circumstances several Collectors have already applied for authority to grant liberal remissions, and the height to which the price of all grains has risen and a murrain which has unfortunately prevailed among the cattle, give irresistible weight to these applications.

4. Under these adverse circumstances the general calculation made by the Board leads them to expect that the Land Revenue in the current Fusly is not likely to exceed 360 lacks of Rupees. This is a falling off of 25 lacks compared with last year, but leaves it superior to the settlement of Fusly 1263 when the season had much the same character.

5. As the adverse state of the season will affect exports and trade, a diminution must be looked for in the extra branches of Revenue also, and the Board are led to anticipate that they will not exceed the average of the 5 past years or 106½ lacks. This would be a falling off of 5 lacks compared with last year.

6. Thus the loss estimated by the Board in consequence of the failure of the rains amounts to 30 lacks in comparison with the past Fusly 1266.

Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

No. 2. From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort St. George; to CECIL BEADON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India; dated 24th February 1858, No. 239.

SIR,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to request that you will bring to the notice of the Government of India the accompanying Report from the Board of Revenue on the adverse nature of the season in the Central and Southern Provinces of this Presidency, and its probable effects on the revenues of the current year.

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 2d March 1853.

2. On a rough estimate the Board calculate that the land revenue for Fusly 1267 is not likely to exceed 360 lacs of Rupees, which will be less by 25 lacs than the revenue of the preceding year; while in the extra branches they anticipate that the revenue will not exceed the average of the five past years, or 106½ lacs, which is five lacs short of the revenue of the past year. It is thus anticipated that the total loss in consequence of the failure of the rains will amount to 30-lacs in comparison with Fusly 1266.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
9th February, 1858.

No. 588.

From

G. S. FORBES, Esq.,
Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

To

H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

SIR,

The adverse state of the season in the Central and Southern provinces must have an unfavorable effect on the settlement of the current Fusly 1267, and lead to a considerable loss of revenue. The Board have therefore deemed it proper to bring the subject at once to the notice of Government, lest financial difficulty should result from a diminution of receipts not being foreseen and provided for.

2. It is however only in the power of the Board to offer a rough estimate of the extent to which the Revenues will decline; as the loss will arise from a failure of the crops by drought, more than from a decrease of cultivation. Until therefore the settlement of at least some Districts has been completed, no precise calculation can be made. Still the experience of former years, a scrutiny of the current cultivation returns, and the season Reports sent by the Collectors enable the Board to form a general idea of the probable outturn of the year, which, perhaps, will not prove very far from the truth.

3. In Malabar and Canara the season is favorable except that in the former province the rain has been scanty for the second crop. The Ceded Districts

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" 238	" Nellore	3d in Con. 6th "
" 223	" Cuddapah	2d in Con. 5th "
" 224	" Chingleput	1st in Con. 5th "
" 221	" S. Arcot	1st in Con. 5th "
" 236	" Trichpy.	3d in Con. 6th "
" 233	" Madura	3d in Con. 8th "
No. 517	" Tinly.	26th Jan. in Con. 5th "
My. 237	" Tinly.	1st in Con. 6th "
" 227	" Salem	2d in Con. 5th "

have also a year not very much below the average, especially Karnool. In the Northern Circars the reports are favorable except for a portion of Masulipatam but Nellore and all the Central and Southern provinces down to Tinnevely have suffered more or less. The early rains in May and June proved insufficient for the Poonjah cultivation, and the nearly total cessation of

the S. W. Monsoon during the months of November and December has extensively destroyed the principal crops of the year. Under these adverse circumstances several Collectors have already applied for authority to grant liberal remissions, and the height to which the price of all grains has risen and a murrain which has unfortunately prevailed among the cattle, give irresistible weight to these applications.

4. Under these adverse circumstances the general calculation made by the Board leads them to expect that the Land Revenue in the Current Fusly is not likely to exceed 360 lacks of Rupees. This is a falling off of 25 Lacks compared with last year, but leaves it superior to the settlement of Fusly 1263 when the season had much the same character.

Land Revenue Settlements.	
1262	370 Lacks.
63	341
64	357
65	372
66	385
Average of above	
5 Fuslies	365

5. As the adverse state of the season will affect exports and trade, a diminution must be looked for in the Extra Branches of Revenue also, and the Board are led to anticipate that they will not exceed the average of the 5 past years or 106½ Lacks. This will be a falling off of 5 Lacks compared with last year.

6. Thus the loss estimated by the Board in consequence of the failure of the rains amounts to 30 Lacks in comparison with the past Fusly 1266.

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE,
Fort Saint George,
9th February 1858.

To
H. FORBES, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

G. D. Forbes
Secretary.

*Copy of Letter to E.
27 April 1858 No. 17.*

*Revenue 1858 Deputy
D. to Govt 27 March
No. 206*

From
The Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
To
The Acting Secretary to
Government
Revenue Deptt.

Dated 9th February 1858.
Recd. 11th
10. Encl.
Returned to No. 588.

No. 239. 24th February 1858.

Reporting the adverse
state of the season in the
Central and Southern provinces
of the Presidency, and the
probable extent to which
it is likely to affect the
Revenue for the current
Fusly.

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12 Feb 1858

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Cecil Beadon Esq.

Secretary to the Government of India

Sir,

I am directed by the
Right Honorable the Governor
in Council to request that you
will bring to the notice of the
Government of India the ac-
companying report from the Board
of Revenue on the adverse nature
of the season in the Central
and Southern provinces of this
Presidency, and its probable
effects on the revenues of the
Current year.

On a rough estimate
the Board calculate that the
Land revenue for July 1857 is
not likely to exceed 360 lacs.
which will be less
of rupees, ~~or a falling off of~~
by 75 lacs. ^{than the revenue of} compared with the
preceding year; while in the
Extra branches they anticipate
that

Dated 9th February 1858.

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that the revenue will not
exceed the average of the five
past years or 106½ lacs. which
is five lacs short of the ^{revenue of the} past
year. ^{It is anticipated} thus ~~showing~~ that the
total loss in consequence of the
failure of the rains will amount
to 30 lacs in comparison with
last year 1266.

E. G.

Fort St. George 24 February 1858

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.

Sir,

Yours faithfully,
A. S. S. S.

Col. J. M. D. 4. 3.
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No 239.

To the Secretary to the
Gov. of India.

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From the Secy. to the Gov. of India.

Referring to the notice
of the Government of India
the accompanying Report
from the Board of Revenue
on the subject of the
the decision in the matter
of the Southern Province
of this Presidency.

1812.