

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

DEPARTMENT.

Revenue

G.O. No.	<i>323</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>11-3-</i>	<i>1858</i>

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 12th March 1858.

No. 87. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 9th February 1858, No. 586.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Madura dated 6th January 1858,* returning certain Statements corrected, relative to the proposed reduction of
* In Cons. 8th February 1858. assessment on the Nunjah lands of 7 villages in the Madacolum talook.

(Here enter No. 2.)

The above letter is in reply to a requisition from the Board dated 8th June 1857, with which they transmitted certain Statements partly prepared from their own Records as to the details of classes and cultivation of the Nunjah land in 7 villages which
† E. M. C. 29th April 1857, were under sanction of Government† to be subjected to reduction of assessment. Though the Government seemed to think that the Forms already in the Board's Office would furnish all that was required, it seemed advisable to have them verified at Madura, and corrected up to the latest date.

2. Resolved therefore that the amended returns be submitted to Government, with reference to para. 4 of the Extract Minutes Consultation above marginally noted.

3. The Board on a former occasion† deferred recommending a reduction on some of what appeared moderately assessed classes, till they received further details, which they then called for; but Government in para. 5 of the Extract Minutes Consultation above marginally noted, were pleased to sanction the proposed scale of reduction§ as a temporary measure, till it should be determined whether the privilege should be accorded entire, or partly. From the large per-centage of waste land in all the villages, as shewn in the Statements now submitted, the Board would recommend that the reduction be confirmed without exception. It will be observed from enclosure No. 9, of Mr. Hathaway's letter that the waste Nunjah land of the 5 villages referred to by the Board (from 6, 5, 10 to 3, 2, 11,) per cawnie being the low rates, is 1342 cawnies; of which it is proposed that 529½ cawnies only should be kept in the accounts as 'Nunjah'; 785 cawnies entered as 'Poonjah' to which it properly belongs, and 27½ to 'Perumboke.'

4. The Collector explains|| that the 529½ cawnies will from their situation be invariably cultivated as Nunjah, but that the situation of the 785 cawnies renders them incapable of irrigation in ordinary seasons but that they should be subject to the usual *teerwa jastee* if on any occasion they are irrigated from a Government source. Their Nunjah rates vary from 6-5-10 to 3-2-11 per cawnie and their Poonjah rates will be from 1-6-11 to 0-15-3 or an average deduction of about 75 per cent. As to the 27½ cawnies now classed as Nunjah, and proposed to be transferred to Perumboke, Mr. Hathaway explains that these land are above the level of the cultivated portion, and cannot be brought under irrigation without the outlay of some capital. The Board are averse to classing any land as *Perumboke* except that which is incapable of cultivation, or which there is no reason to expect will ever be cultivated. They would therefore prefer that these 27½ cawnies be classed as Poonjah with the other 785.

5. The waste land in these 7 villages under the head of Nunjah mail Poonjah is only 240 cawnies; of which it is proposed that 102 remains under the same head, and 138 transferred to Poonjah.¶ The present rates vary from 5-11-8 to 1-14-7 per cawnie and the Poonjah rates will be from 2-13-10 to 0-15-3.

6. The Acting Collector explains** that those lands classed as Nunjah at the old Survey, but cultivated as Poonjah (i. e. Nunjah mail Poonjah) in Fusly 1264 paid half of the Nunjah tax, or fluctuated with reference to the *teerwa dittum* of the several villages.

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7. Enclosure No. 8 in the Acting Collector's letter, is amended in compliance with the instructions of Government in para. 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation of 29th April 1857.

* Para. 8. 8. The financial results, if the contemplated reductions are sanctioned will be as shown by the Acting Collector* a total decrease of 7,513 Rupees yearly.

9. With reference to the error observed on in para. 8 of Extract Minutes Consultation of 29th April 1857, the Board did not think it necessary in their glossary to define the value of the cully chuckrum to the fraction of a pie. If the correct value is to be given rigorously, it is 2-1-11 272 and not 2-1-11 1/2 as corrected by Government, for 16 1/2 cully fanams = 1 Star Pagoda of 3 1/2 Rupees and 10 fanams make a Chuckrum.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, Secretary.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, No. 323; dated 11th March 1858.

1. In their Proceedings of the 6th April last, No. 1030, the Board of Revenue brought under the consideration of Government, the case of 7 villages in the Madura District, in which, it was stated that more than half of the total Ayacut was waste, owing, not to any excess in the assessment, but to the presence of saltpetre in the soil. The Board observed that a large portion of the Nunjah waste, in five of these villages, was in the lower classes, which were very lightly assessed; and pending the receipt of information which they had called for, regarding the practicability of these lands being cultivated as Nunjah, and of similar information relative to the Nunjah-mel Poonjah lands, and the survey Poonjah converted into Nunjah, they recommended a reduction, in the higher classes only, to the extent of 12 1/2 per cent. on the survey rates in Chintamani, and of 25 per cent. in the other six villages; the result of the reductions being a diminution of revenue to the amount of Rupees 5,600 a year. The Government observed† that there was no digest or abstract

† Ext. Mins. Cons. 29th April 1857, No. 393. of the details contained in the accounts, to show distinctly the necessity of the remissions proposed; and they desired that a statement of the Ayacut, cultivation, and waste, for a series of years, might be submitted for each village, in a form prescribed, together with the information which the Board had called for. But in order that no time might be lost in giving the ryots the benefit of the contemplated reductions, they authorized the Board to order a suspension of the demand, in all cases, to the extent proposed, until it should be decided whether the boon should be accorded wholly, or partially. In reply to this requisition the Board submit the statements called for, with information on the points to which they had directed the attention of the Acting Collector.

2. It appears from statement No. 9 submitted by the Acting Collector, that the total extent of waste Nunjah land of the lower classes, in the 5 villages referred to, is 1342 Cawnies, bearing an assessment of from Rupees 6-5-10 to Rupees 8-2-11 per Cawnie. Of this extent, he proposes that 520 1/2 Cawnies should be retained as Nunjah; that 785 Cawnies be transferred to Poonjah, on rates varying from Rupees 1-6-11 to annas 15-3, or an average reduction of about 75 per cent. subject to the usual teerwah jastee when irrigated from a Government source, and that 27 1/2 Cawnies be entered as Perumboke, as being above the level of the cultivated portion, and requiring in consequence an outlay of capital to bring the lands under cultivation. In these proposals the Board concur, except that they are averse to classing any land as Perumboke, which is capable of cultivation, and they therefore prefer that these 27 1/2 Cawnies should be classed as Poonjah with the other 785 Cawnies.

3. As regards the Nunjah-mel Poonjah lands, the waste in the 7 villages amounts to only 240 1/2 Cawnies, bearing an assessment of from Rupees 5-11-8 to Rupees 1-14-7 per Cawnie; and it is proposed that 102 Cawnies shall be retained under this head, and the remainder be transferred to Poonjah, on rates varying from Rupees 2-13-10 to annas 15-3 per Cawnie, and be charged with Teerwah jastee when Government water is used.

4. With reference to the enquiry made by the Board in para. 10 of their Proceedings of 6th April already quoted, the Acting Collector explains that those lands which were classed as Nun-

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jah at the old survey, but which were cultivated as Poonjah in Fusly 1264, paid according to the usage of the District, which was half of the Nunjah tax, or fluctuating with reference to the teerwah dittum of the several villages.

5. Under the explanation above afforded, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Board, the Government confirm the reduction of assessment, in the seven villages in question, temporarily sanctioned in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 29th April last, No. 393, and further approve the changes proposed in the classification of the lands as Nunjah and Poonjah; the whole arrangement involving a diminution of revenue to the extent of Rupees 7513, as shown by the Acting Collector in para. 8 of his report.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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No. 586.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1858.

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2. Resolved therefore that the amended Returns be submitted to Government, with reference to para. 1 of the Extract Minutes Consultation above marginally noted.

3. The Board on a former occasion* deferred recommending a reduction on some of what appeared moderately assessed classes, till they received further details, which they then called for; but Government in para. 5 of the Extract Minutes Consultation above marginally noted, were pleased to sanction the proposed scale of reduction* as a temporary measure, till it should be determined whether the privilege should be accorded entire, or partially. From the large per centage of waste land in all the villages, as shewn in the Statements now submitted, the Board would recommend that the reduction be confirmed without exception. It will be observed from enclosure No. 9, of Mr. Hathaway's letter that the waste Nunjah land of the 5 villages referred to by the Board (from 6, 5, 10 to 3, 2, 11,) per cawnie being the low rates, is 1,342 cawnies; of which it is proposed that 529½ cawnies only should be kept in the accounts as 'Nunjah'; 785 cawnies entered as 'Poonjah' to which it properly belongs, and 27½ to 'Perumboke.'

4. The Collector explains* that, the 529½ cawnies will from their situation be invariably cultivated as Nunjah, but that the situation of the 785 cawnies renders them incapable of irrigation in ordinary seasons but that they should be subjected to the usual *teerwa jastee* if on any occasion they are irrigated from a Government source. Their Nunjah rates vary from 6-5-10 to 3-2-11 per cawnie and their Poonjah rates will be from 1-6-11 to 0-15-3 or an average reduction of about 75 per cent. As to the 27½ cawnies now classed as Nunjah, and proposed to be transferred to Perumboke, Mr. Hathaway explains that these lands are above the level of the cultivated portion, and cannot be brought under irrigation without the outlay of some capital. The Board are averse to classing any land as *Perumboke* except that which is incapable of cultivation, or which there is no reason to expect will ever be cultivated. They would therefore prefer that these 27½ cawnies be classed as Poonjah with the other 785.

5. The waste land in these 7 villages under the head of Nunjah mail Poonjah is only 240 cawnies; of which it is proposed that 102 remain under the same head, and 138 transferred to Poonjah.* The present rates vary from 5-11-8 to 1-14-7 per cawnie and the Poonjah rates will be from 2-13-10 to 0-15-3.

6. The Acting Collector explains* that those lands classed as Nunjah at the old Survey, but cultivated as Poonjah (i. e. Nunjah mail Poonjah) in Pusly 264 paid half of the Nunjah tax, or fluctuated with reference to the *teerwa dittum* of the several villages.

7. Enclosure No. 8 in the Acting Collector's letter, is amended in compliance with the instructions of Government in para. 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation of 26th April 1857.

* Enclosure B., No. 10 of Collector's letter.

* Para. 7.

* Bd's. Pro. 6th April 1857, No. 1030, para. 4.

* 25 per cent on the Nunjah and of 6 villages, and 12½ per cent on the 7th (Chintamani.)

* E. M. C. 29th April 1857, No. 393, R. D.

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8. The financial results if the contemplated reductions are sanctioned will be as shown by the Acting Collector* a total decrease of 7,513 Rupees yearly.

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(A true Extract.)

H. Forbes

Secretary.

H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

Trans. 5th May 57. N^o 102

Revenue 1858 Department
No 211 328/5

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 9th } February 1858.
Recd 12th }

12 Encls.
11 Returned N^o 586.

S^o N^o 328. 11th March 1858

Submitting with the Board's remarks, a letter (with statements) from the Acting Collector of Madura relative to the proposed reduction of Apeement on the Kunjah lands of seven Villages in the Madaracolum Talook.

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Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
8th June 1857.

Sir,

From, J. D. Sim Esq
Agent to the Board of Revenue.

To, Mr. J. Sullivan Esq
Collector of Madras.

Sir,

As the accounts in the Office of the
Board referred to in Paragraphs 4 to 6 of Extract Minutes
of Consultation of Government under date the 29th
April 1857 No 393 Revenue Department show only
the Agent of Fusly 1264, I am directed to transmit
the accompanying Statements with a request
that in submitting the Report called for from you.
You will return them with the vacant Columns
filled up. You will also be pleased to verify
the figures already entered.

Revenue Board Office,
Fort St. George,
8th June 1858.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

J. D. Sim
Agent.

True Copy / J. D. Sim
Secretary.

To H. Forbes Esq
Agent to Govt
Revenue Department.
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Enclosure

An extract from the 13th
Proceedings to the Act & Rev.
Secretary to Gov^t dated 9th Fe-
bruary 1858. N^o 586.

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Boards letter to the Acting
Collector of Madura dated
8th June 1857.

Requesting him to fill
up the blank columns with
figures in the statement
accompanied with the let-
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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th March, 1858.

Read the following
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* Est. Mun. Cons. 29th April 1857 N 393.

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It appears from Statement N^o 9 submitted by the

the acting Collector, that the total extent of waste Kurnjah land of the lower classes, in the 5 Villages referred to, is $13\frac{1}{2}$ Cawnies, bearing an assessment of from Rupees 6-5-10 to Rupees 3-2-11 per Cawnie. Of this extent, he proposes that $529\frac{1}{2}$ Cawnies should be retained as Kurnjah, that 785 Cawnies be transferred to Poonjah, on rates varying from Rupee 1-6-11 to Annas 15-3, or an average reduction of about 75 per Cent, subject to the usual Terwah justice when irrigated from a Government source, and that $27\frac{1}{2}$ Cawnies be entered as Perumbokke, as being above the level of the cultivated portions and requiring in consequence an outlay of capital to bring the lands under cultivation. In these proposals the Board concur, except that

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involving

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revenue to the extent of
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acting Collector in para 8 of
his report.

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Revenue 1858 Departs
Dy. to Cons. 11th March

N^o 323
Extract Min. of Cons.
Dated 11th March 1858.

Paying orders on a
letter from the Coll^r of Guadua,
relative to the proposed reduc-
tion of assessment on the
Kungah lands of Seven vil-
lages in the Madacolum
Talook.

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