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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 7th March 1861.

No. 119. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th February 1861, No. 1,098 :—

Read letter from the Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, dated 23rd February 1861, No. 27.

(In Cons. 26th February 1861, No. 1,216.)

1. The Board regret to receive so unfavorable a report of the out-turn of the year.

2. In regard to Nanja waste caused by failure of water, remission should be granted, and for Shavy a per centage remission according to the circumstances of each village.

3. In Punja land also liberal remissions may be allowed, as the season has been so very adverse.

4. In all cases the Acting Collector must use his discretion and not grant remission generally, as a matter of course.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 120. ORDER THEREON, 7th Mrach 1861, No. 527.

The Board's order is approved.

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

No. 1,098.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 28th February 1861.

Read the following letter from Æ. R. McDONELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Voytullay Goodalore, 23d February 1861, No. 27 :—

1. I have the honor to state for the information of the Board, that the settlement accounts of this District for Fasli 1270 are nearly complete, and I hope ere long to commence the distribution of Puttahs.

2. My monthly season reports will have kept the Board informed as to the nature of the season, which has been one of more than ordinary drought; and the rain that has actually fallen was not in due season for agricultural purposes.

3. There will I have no doubt be much unwillingness on the part of the Ryots to receive their Puttahs, and general dissatisfaction unless they are treated liberally. I am quite aware that the Board and Government are most anxious that every fair consideration in a season like the present, should be shown to the Ryots, and that by recent orders, such discretion for making necessary remissions is vested in the Collector ; yet as this is the first year in which I have been called upon to make the settlement of this District, I think it but fair to myself that I should have the Board's authority before acting in the matter.

4. Many of the tanks and reservoirs in this District have not had their due supply, and the freshes in the rivers have been unusually low ; in consequence a large extent of land in Nunjah, Poonjah and garden has been left uncultivated. This has not been the Ryots' fault ; a more industrious body of people I have seldom seen. It is really owing to the exigency of the season.

5. There is a large extent of Shavy or crops which never can come to maturity on lands cultivated, owing also to a want of water. This occurs in Nunjah lands in both the irrigated and dry Taluqs.

6. I have as far as in my power on the data before me, prepared a statement which I enclose, exhibiting the amount of Shavy and Tarasee lands, from which the Board will perceive that I estimate the necessary remissions at 72,691 Rupees under the head of "waste" and Rupees 23,000 under Shavy, making an aggregate sum of Rupees 95,691. I have now issued strict orders to competent Taluq and Hoozoor servants, to go and carefully inspect and submit detailed accounts for all localities where Shavy is reported ; and I shall use my best endeavours to guard against frauds either on the part of the Ryots or the Government servants. I have delayed writing to the Board in the hope of a few timely showers, but now the time has passed, and I earnestly solicit the Board's sanction for the relief I advocate. The Ryots in the dry Taluqs especially in this District are in a depressed condition, and if not treated liberally it would be some time before they recover themselves.

7. The date hitherto fixed within which Razeenamahs must be tendered was the 30th of April ; the Ryots held on hoping for a favorable season ; and it would be hard now, the season having most decidedly failed them, to come down upon them for the tax on the waste, which they would most undoubtedly have cultivated if the season had been favorable.

8. Waste land has never yet been charged in this District, and to begin in a season like the present one, is I think impolitic—knowing as I do the feelings of the people, I feel sure the whole body of the agricultural classes would grumble. From next year with the date changed (as sanctioned by the Board) for relinquishments of land to the 15th of August, I anticipate no difficulty in an ordinary season in enforcing the rule of paying according to each man's holding.

9. The statement I now forward exhibiting the probable remissions, has been only roughly prepared, as time would not admit of my waiting for the detailed accounts ; but I feel sure that the

total remission will not exceed my present estimate. I have represented the state of affairs as exactly the case stands; and as it is of consequence I should commence the settlement as soon as possible. I solicit an early reply.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of Shavy and waste for the District of Trichinopoly in Fasli 1270.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary.

To Æ. R. McDonell, Esq., Officiating Collector of Trichinopoly.

Copy to J. D. Bourdillon, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., for information.

Exd. J. Wright.

Abstract Statement of Shavy and Waste for the District of Trichinopoly in Fasli 1270.

Garden — Sholt

Garden — Assessment & Extent — Assessment

Waste — 5124 Ns 7 26551 S " 35911 Rs 12,445 " " " "

Shavi — 4,600 " " 23000 " " " " " "

Total — 10,224 Ns 7 48561 S " 58911 Rs 12,445 " 23000 " "

Trichinopoly District
Day to May general Exec...
23rd February 1861...

Signed / Æ. R. McDonell
Officiating Collector

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Enclosure in a letter from
the Dy. Collector of Trichinopy
to the Board of Revenue
dated 23d. February 1861
No. 27.

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Abstract Statement of
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18th June 1859 No. 1.
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 28th
Desp: 28th } Febuary 1861.
Rec: 1st March

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No. 1098.

Submitting for information Copy of the Board's Proceedings passed on a letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly requesting him to use his discretion in granting remissions for Nunjah and Punjah lands on account of the adversity of the season.

No. 527. 7th Memo
With an order

No. 527.

The Board's order is approved.

Fort St George,
7th March 1861

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