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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13th July 1858.

No. 48. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 30th June 1858, No. 2256.

In Consultation 30th June 1858.

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 22nd June 1858.

(Here enter No. 114.)

Board's Pro. 13th Feby. 1858, No. 622 and 22nd Feby. 1858, No. 678.

In consequence of representations by the Collector, of the mischief caused by the unseasonable nature of the rains in the Tanjore District in the present year, the Board acceded to his recommendation for remissions on account of waste and unproductive land in the Ooloongoo and grass rented villages, and of Poonjah shavy in Cadarumbum villages.

2. In the letter now recorded Mr. Phillips applies for a further indulgence to the Ooloongoo villages. The prices of the year are on the whole more than cent per cent above the standard, and under the rules of the Ooloongoo system this excess minus 10 per cent. is added to the demand while at the same time, owing to very deficient produce, the ryot is not a real gainer to nearly this extent. The Ooloongoo rent is calculated to amount to 11,40,518, and the addition to be laid on, on account of price, to no less than 11,61,154. Mr. Phillips proposes to remit half of the gain by price or in round numbers 5,80,000.

Para. 25.

The Ooloongoo demand of the year will then be 17,20,000 which is stated to be more than has ever been brought to account since the introduction of the Ooloongoo with the exception of the amount in Fusly 1234, when the produce of the District did not materially fail. If the indulgence sought be granted the Iyen Beriz will not; as Mr. Phillips justly remarks, be diminished but increased to the extent of nearly six lacs.

3. The Collector's recommendation is based on a calculation that the field of the Ooloongoo villages did not amount to more than ten per cent. of a full crop, and this estimate is not founded on conjecture or on the report of native officers, but on the observation of himself and his Assistants, who were moving about the District during the harvest, and on the actual out-turn of the villages reaped under Amany.

Para. 24.

4. Being quite satisfied with the care with which Mr. Phillips has arrived at his conclusions, and of the danger of trenching on the ryots' means of carrying on future cultivation, if the very large enhanced demand on account of price is levied in full, the Board support Mr. Phillip's recommendation for its restriction to one half the gain by price.

Para. 27.

5. They observe that the remissions granted under previous sanctions are stated to amount to, ... Rupees, 1,36,000

Which added to that now granted, ... „ 5,80,000

Makes the total extraordinary remissions of the year,... ... ... „ 7,16,000

6. In addressing this application to Government, the Board have referred to the precedent created in 1854, when a remission of part of the price gain in Ooloongoo villages was sanctioned. It will be observed that the residue, which will still be added to the demand on this account, if Mr. Phillips' proposition is sanctioned, is upwards of five lacs, an amount almost unprecedented.

Board's Pro. 10th June 1854.

7. The Board would request the early attention of Government to this application.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 49. ORDER THEREON, No. 957; dated 13th July 1858.

Para. 1. With these proceedings, the Board of Revenue submit three letters from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 10th and 19th February, and 22nd June 1858, on the nature of the season in that District and the necessity of granting remissions to the agriculturists.

2. It appears that on the representations contained in the earlier letters of the Collector, of the mischief caused by the unseasonable nature of the rains, the Board had already authorized remissions on account of waste and unproductive land in the Ooloongoo and grass rented villages, and of Poonjah shavy in Cadarumbum villages. The Collector now applies, in his letter of the 22nd June, for a further indulgence to the Ooloongoo villages. The prices of the year are represented to be on the whole cent. per cent. above the standard, and under the rules of the Ooloongoo system, this excess, less 10 per cent., is added to the demand; while at the same time, owing to very deficient produce, the ryot is not a real gainer to this extent. The Ooloongoo rent is calculated to amount to Rupees 11,40,518, and the addition on account of price Rupees 11,61,154. The Collector recommends that half the gain by price, or Rupees 5,80,000, should be remitted. With this remission the Ooloongoo demand will be Rupees 17,20,000, a sum which is stated to be (with one exception) higher than has ever been brought to account since the introduction of the Ooloongoo; while the Iyen beriz will be increased to the extent of nearly six lacs of Rupees.

3. The Board support the Collector's proposition, and the Government are pleased, under the circumstances brought to notice, to accede to their recommendation. The remissions now sanctioned with those previously authorized by the Board of Revenue amount in all to Rupees 7,16,000.

4. The Government request the Board will obtain from the Collectors of Tanjore and Tinnevelly complete detail as to the method of computing the prices for the Ooloongoo Settlements; what markets; whose sales; what agency; what *kind* of paddy; what times; and all other particulars tending to elucidate the system.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 622.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18*th February* 1858.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore dated 10 February 1858.

(Here enter No. 28.)

The Board regret to learn the extent of mischief caused by the unseasonable distribution of the rains in the Tanjore District, especially in the Cadarumbum villages. The actual loss to the Oolungoo Merassidars consequent on short produce appears to be necessarily doubtful until the crops shall have been harvested, in view however of the importance of a timely harvest in a season like the present, the Board are willing to grant remissions to Merassidars reaping their own crops, on a scale to be suggested by Mr. Phillips for their sanction at the earliest period when such a calculation can be framed with confidence. Remissions will also be accorded on Nunjah waste lands in the Oolungoo villages but the Board wish to be at once informed of the amount of revenue which will be given up under this head. As regards the Cadarumbum villages where the actual pressure of scarcity will fall most severely the Board are prepared to allow a remission of the demand on all the Poonjah shavee of the later crop but it will be necessary that Mr. Phillips should submit as early as possible for their formal sanction an estimate of the amount he proposes to remit. The Board observe that the earlier kists were paid up in these Talooks, and pending the submission of this estimate they authorize Mr. Phillips to use his discretion regarding the kists now falling due.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary.

To

H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Tanjore.

No. 615.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22d February 1858.

In Con. 23d Feby. 1858. Read letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated 19th February 1858.

(Ben enter No. 33.)

1. The Board observe that the instructions given in their Proceedings of 13th instant, No. 622, were intended to give Mr. Phillips the authority he asked for remitting the assessment on Nunjah waste and unproductive lands in the Coloongoo villages and in those on which the gross beriz has been fixed. In carrying out this measure Mr. Phillips is allowed to act on the rule which in field assessed villages declares all lands to be unproductive which do not yield more than 20 cullums a valy and he will follow the course indicated in para. 8 of his present letter.

2. Mr. Phillips' Settlement Report will hereafter show the actual result of these remissions. Meanwhile the Board wished to know for financial reasons what the probable abandonment of revenue would be, as ascertained by the enquiries which he instituted before making his recommendations.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary.

To

H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq.,
Acting Collector of Tanjore.

No. 2256.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1858.

Read letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 22d June 1858.

(Received No. 1141)

In consequence of representations by the Collector, of the mischief caused by the unseasonable nature of the rains in the Tanjore District in the present year, the Board acceded to his recommendation for remissions on account of waste and unproductive land in the Ooloongoo and grass rented villages, and of Poonjah wavy in Cadurumbum villages.

2. In the letter now recorded Mr. Phillips applies for a further indulgence to the Ooloongoo villages. The prices of the year are on the whole more than cent per cent above the standard, and under the rules of the Ooloongoo system this excess mums 10 per cent is added to the demand, while at the same time, owing to very deficient produce, the ryot is not a real gainer to nearly this extent. The Ooloongoo cent is calculated to amount to 12,50,518, and the addition to be laid on, on account of price, to no less than 13,30,151. Mr. Phillips proposes to remit half of the gain by price or in rough numbers 5,80,000.

Para 3. The Ooloongoo demand of the year will then be 17,30,000 which is stated to be more than has ever been brought to account since the introduction of the Ooloongoo with the exception of the amount in Fusly 1254, when the produce of the District did not materially fail. If the indulgence sought be granted the Iyen Deriz will not, as Mr. Phillips justly remarks, be diminished but increased to the extent of nearly six lacs.

3. The Collector's recommendation is based on a calculation that the field of the Ooloongoo villages did not amount to more than 10 per cent of a full crop, and this estimate is not founded on conjecture or on the report of native officers, but on the observation of himself and his Assistants, who were moving about the District during the harvest, and on the actual out-turn of the villages reaped under Annany.

4. Being quite satisfied with the care with which Mr. Phillips has arrived at his conclusions, and of the danger of trenching on the Ryots' means of carrying on future cultivation, if the very large enhanced demand on account of price is levied in full, the Board support Mr. Phillips' recommendation for its restriction to one half the gain by price.

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Which added to that now granted, - - - - - - - - - - " 5,80,000

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6. In addressing this application to Government, the Board have referred to the precedent created in 1854, when a remission of part of the price gain in Ooloongoo villages was sanctioned. It will be observed that the residue, which will still be added to the demand on this account, if Mr. Phillips' proposition is sanctioned, is upwards of five lacs, an amount almost unprecedented.

Board's Proceedings 10th June 1854.

7. The Board would request the early attention of Government to this application.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

To

W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*

Copy to Collector of Tanjore.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under Date the 15th July 1858.

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