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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26*th April* 1869.

No. 521. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th April 1869 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 31st March 1869, No. 68:—

Dated 24th March, No 118.
„ 25th „ „ 120.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, transcript of the letters noted in the margin received from the Acting Sub-Collector of this district.

2. In letter No. 118 are shown the results of remissions granted in Wandewash Talook for Fusly 1278. The Board will observe that the amount of remission under all heads is larger by Rupees 9,479-1-8 than that of the previous Fusly. Mr. Brandt, who settled the talook, ascribes this unfavorable result to the disastrous character of the season and the failure of seasonable rain.

3. In his second letter Mr. Brandt comments on a report received from the Arcot Tahsildar in which he estimates the probable amount of remission to be granted in that talook at one lac under all the items. This appears to me very large, but the result can only be known after a careful settlement of the Talook by the Officer who may be sent to replace Mr. Brandt.

4. As Mr. Brandt's health has unhappily given way, and he goes home, I hear, by one of the April steamers, it may be found practicable to replace Mr. Comyn in charge of the Sub-division. Mr. Comyn desires to return to the district, and his valuable experience and personal acquaintance with the country and people would make his re-appointment at this crisis a most acceptable arrangement. There yet remain three heavy Talooks to settle, and in all interests Mr. Comyn's services would be invaluable.

5. The Gudiattum Talook was settled by myself, and the result is shown in the margin. There is thus so far an increase of Rupees 32,491-7-8 in the general revenue of the talook, the remissions granted this year being Rupees 30,004-0-6 less than those of the previous Fusly. From this increase a considerable deduction will have eventually to be made on account of withered crops already returned since the settlement, and crops which has yet to be verified and brought on the account as Shavi. As a rule, I give no remission for Punjah waste, as the earlier sowings of dry grains yielded well, and the people were getting very full indulgence on all agricultural loss in wet land.

Item.	Fusly 1277.	Fusly 1278.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Beriz	1,71,989 3 6	2,04,480 11 2
Remissions.		
Dry waste	7,049 3 2	59 14 9
Wet do.	27,601 14 11	18,438 15 2
Bhoganasti.....	6,071 1 10	4,800 3 9
Dry Shavi	10,058 13 2	... ...
Wet do.	2,604 6 0	82 9 11
Total.....	53,385 12 1	23,381 11 7

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From F. BRANDT, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of North Arcot, dated Vellore, 24th March 1869, No. 118.

IT seems desirable that I should acquaint you with the extent to which I have granted remissions both for waste and withered (Shavi) crops in the recent settlement of the Wandewash Talook, the more especially as I fear that I shall very shortly have to resign charge of the Sub-division in consequence of failure of health.

2. As far as I could ascertain by inquiry, by comparison of rain-fall, and the general appearance of the country, there seemed little doubt that the season of the current Fusly 1278 has been as unfavorable, if not more so, than that of the preceding year, Fusly 1277. From the commencement of the season, rain was deficient to a greater or less extent in all parts of the talook. Naturally a considerable extent both of dry and wet land was left waste; much of the crops both dry and wet, which were attempted to be raised, entirely perished; and, even in the case of

crops partially saved, (in many cases by constant and laborious irrigation from wells,) the produce yielded did not, in general, exceed one-half of an average crop, and in many cases not one-eighth. The failure of Varagu and Horse-gram seems to have been general.

3. The rain-fall was very unequal: in some villages the tanks were filled with a single fall of rain, while in adjacent villages no rain fell. In some villages the fall of rain though it sufficed to supply water for wet cultivation fell at such intervals and in such quantities as to benefit dry crops but very little, if at all.

4. Under these circumstances, the settlement could not but be a somewhat difficult task, and it was rendered the more so by my not being previously acquainted with the district. I gave my most anxious consideration to the subject; and knowing that this year is but one more of a series of bad seasons which have pressed heavily on the ryots, and left them with but little margin of resource to meet the deficiency and the demands for assessments, I believe that the remissions granted are not excessive, and that the indulgence is calculated to postpone, if not to tide over, the serious difficulties in which the people are undoubtedly involved. There is not, I am glad to say, as yet actual distress, and the relief now granted in the way of remissions will go far to prevent the ryots from becoming actually involved in distress.

5. I have accordingly granted full remission on all Waste and Shavi lands from which, through no fault of the cultivators, no produce was obtained. Remissions for Punjah Waste and Punjah Shavi has been allowed, subject, of course, to the confirmation of the Board of Revenue. The particulars of the total remissions granted is shown below:—

Waste Punjah.	*Nunjah.*	*Shavi* Punjah.	Nunjah.	Total.
RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
23,658 6 6	25,138 8 8	3,869 2 9	10,287 10 8	62,953 12 7

The total amount of remissions granted during the previous Jummahbundy is also shown below:—

	RS.	A.	P.
Nunjah and Punjah Waste	38,126	7	0
Nunjah and Punjah Shavi.....	15,348	3	11
Total...	53,474	10	11

6. Of the amount remitted on account of waste, about Rupees 4,000 is the assessment on Porumboke and other lands taken up in the current year, but taken up too late to be cultivated.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. D. ROBINSON,
Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Nellore, 25th March 1869, No. 120.

IN continuation of my letter to you dated the 24th instant, No. 118, I have the honor to forward the accompanying Arzi, No. 63, from the Tahsildar of Arcot, reporting the effect of the unfavorable season of the current Fusly on the agricultural condition of his talook.

2. He estimates the waste and shavi—dry and wet in the whole talook—at about a lac of Rupees, and urges the necessity of granting full remission for all these items including gayar hazer shavi duly proved. His opinion regarding the losses sustained by the ryots from waste, shavi, and short produce in this and the preceding year, I believe to be well founded. He refers to the

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remission granted for short produce in the talook of Conjeveram, and would seem to be of opinion that a like indulgence should be shown in the neighbouring talook of Arcot. Although I have not sufficient knowledge of the state of the talook to recommend this, the measures found necessary in the adjoining district may show to some extent the extent to which remissions are required in this Sub-division.

(True Copy.)

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IN these letters an account is given of the result of the settlement of the Gudiattum and Wandewash Talooks, and of the probable result in the Arcot Talook.

The report is not accompanied, as it should be, with statements showing the cultivation and remission for Waste and Shavi under the heads of Wet and Dry.

2. As regards the Gudiattum Talook, the failure of crops does not appear to have been so extensive as in the previous year, and the remissions under all heads have aggregated Rupees 23,381 against Rupees 53,385 last year, showing a decrease of Rupees 30,004. The Collector explains, however, that this sum is likely to be diminished by remissions on account of crops, the failure of which had not been verified at the time of the Jummahbundy; as a rule, it was not found necessary to give Punjah remissions in this talook, the early rains having been favorable.

3. In the Wandewash Talook the season is described by the Acting Sub-Collector as having been as unfavorable, if not more so than that of the preceding Fusly, bad as that was.

4. Much of the land was left uncultivated, and that cultivated the crops to a large extent perished entirely; even where the crop was by great exertion brought to maturity, the yield did not in general exceed half a crop, and in some cases not one-eighth the failure of Varagu and Horse-gram was general: in this talook remission has been granted on all Waste and Shavi; the results being as shown in the margin.

		RS.
Waste ...	Wet.....	25,138
	Dry.....	23,658
Shavi ...	Wet.....	10,288
	Dry.....	3,869
		62,953

5. The state of the crops and condition of the people appears to have been carefully examined by Mr. Brandt, and the Board approve of the settlement as reported. Considering the failures experienced during the last five or six years, they are of opinion that the resources of the people cannot be subjected to any further pressure.

6. With his letter of the 25th March, the Sub-Collector forwards a report from the Tahsildar of the Arcot Talook in which that Officer estimates the loss from Waste and Shavi both for wet and dry at a lac of Rupees, including remission in such Shavi as has been removed or grazed off by cattle previous to examination: it further appears that he suggests the necessity of remission for short produce similar to that granted in the adjoining talook of Conjeveram, in the Madras District.

7. On this subject the District Officers do not make any definite recommendation, and the matter must be left to the discretion of the Settlement Officer: the Board are of opinion that when more than half an average crop has been realised, this form of remission is unnecessary; but will not object to its being carried out when the outturn has not reached that limit in cases where the Settlement Officer may deem the measure absolutely necessary.

8. The Board regret to learn that Mr. Brandt's health has given way under the exposure and fatigue involved in the arduous inquiries rendered necessary in conducting a settlement in a year of such widespread drought: the services of Mr. Comyn are at present required for the prosecution of a charge against a Public Officer in the Kistna District; they venture to suggest, however, that on his duties in connection with that matter being discharged, his local experience of the Sub-division of North Arcot be again made available in the administration of that charge.

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No. 522. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1869, No. 1,119.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board's Proceedings are approved.

2. An Officer has already been appointed to act as Sub-Collector of the district.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated April, 26th.

Read. Encl.

G. O.; 26th April 1869, No. 1,119.

APRIL.

Nos. 521-522.

Jummabundy Settlement of Gudiattam and Wandiwash Talooks.—Proceedings Board of Revenue in connection with it, approved.

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he was selected for duty in the Kistna District, solely on public grounds, and because it was understood that the services of able and experienced officers were urgently needed there.

The Deputy Inspector General of Police Major Heard has given the Chief Secretary a miserable picture of the state of affairs in the District, and a similar account has been given to me by Mr. Mc Laurice, the Inspector General of Police, Madras. According to Mr. Cowper's account the Kistna District is the worst in the Presidency.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]

The Revenue Secretary has shown me this draft and I venture to represent that it is of great importance not to send a new officer to the Sub Collr. of the Kistna Dist. Major Hearn is not given to exaggeration and it was very clear from his account that the administration of the Kistna district needed much improvement. I explained very fully to Mr. Cowper why he was sent and he appeared to me readily to acquiesce in the arrangement. Since he has heard of Mr. Brandt's

illness he has written and telegraphed to me urging the change on purely personal grounds. R.K.

Mr. Cowper's removal from the N. arcot Collectorship abstracted some from the very first blow of doubtful hopes and disappointed myself. My opinion remains unchanged. We lost in N. arcot a man who knew every square foot of the District and every ryot in it. If the Krishna District required an able Collector to put down Dacoity that Collector had assumed to be wrong done hard on N. arcot to take for that purpose the Inspector of Police who had had charge of the Salt Case. The result is now very felt. However unusual the Course of the Govt. suggested may be, it is made for the public interests and I would adopt it as soon as Mr. Cowper has completed the prosecution of his defaulters.

There are three experienced Sub Collectors just from England now available. Their removal at this juncture might be made use of in the Krishna Collectorate. Mr. Plumer for instance has always been full of zeal & is a person of respectable character who has been established. Mr. Melville is well acquainted with the work and Mr. Reid has a good character besides being a Barrister.

I agree with Mr. Thayer. Mr. Brandt has served in the Kistna & is I believe an efficient officer.

I communicated a public
grade by the Chief
Secretary & sent Mr.
Conyngham to the Cutcha.
He endeavoured to evade
obedience at that time
and has since tried by
frivolous & public
representations to return
to his old district. The
Board has in my opinion
neither shown perfect this
duty is censured by
a subordinate officer
for employment in a
particular place and
Mr. Robinson has fallen
into the same irregularity.
I understand that Mr.
Conyngham has made a very
unfair letter to Mr.
Robinson on this subject.
I think we may very
properly enjoin the
Collector

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Melville acting Collector
and Judge at Pallon
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Revenue Department.

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(A true Extract)

A Macfarlane
Sy Secretary.

To
The Sy Secretary to Govt
Revenue Department

With Copy of last Mr letter and its 2 Enclosures.

N. D. Lewis Locker
Copr by G. Srinivasa

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Dated 9th Sept. 9 Rec'd 12th Do. } April 1869.

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No. 9

Mr 1119-26 Apl 69

Immediate Settlement of Sindiattum and Wanchiwash Taloogs in North Arcot. Reports on result of, and of probable results in Arcot Taloog, submitted to Govt. with recommendation that Mr. Conyn may be appointed in charge of Sub. Div. when his duties in connection with prosecution of Vincatachellum

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1. The Board's Proceedings are submitted.

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Ans. to Govt. Order Dated 9 Sept 1869

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