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No. 722. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th March 1877, No. 1,141:—

Read the following letter from C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Thoppoor, 23rd February 1877, No. 709A—139.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd instant, I regret having again to trouble them with an explanation.

2. The Board remark that the rainfall from April to September being in some taluqs nearly equal to the average, there does not appear a sufficient reason for granting remissions. I would observe here that the seasons of sowing and harvest are so peculiarly conservative that any fall of rain before September does not enable the ryot to realize any produce to an appreciable extent.

3. The only crops harvested before September are cumboo and gingelly-oil seeds, of which former only is one of the food grains. Ragi, varagoo, samai and tennai—the chief food grains of the district—though sown before the end of September are matured only by the rains of October and November.

4. The simple fact therefore that all such crops received rains when young is no argument that they reached maturity.

5. Other grains again such as dholl, oil seeds and avaral which are sown in July and August come to maturity only in January and February after receiving the heavy rains of the north-east monsoon; and the crops of horse gram, black gram, etc., which are sown only in the north-east monsoon entirely failed this year, owing to the failure of that monsoon. It must be remembered that the gauge of rainfall at the cusbahs gives no accurate idea of the state of the whole taluq, and this year the fall was particularly partial.

6. All these circumstances must be considered in determining the state of the yield of the different crops which vary in each taluq; and taking the rainfall as a guide, I have prepared a taluqwar statement for the Board's information showing the percentage of the yield of each crop dry.

From this the Board will see that my last statement as to the extent of failure was not excessive.

7. The Board further remark that I recommended remissions to the full extent of the failure, but in doing so I was acting under the Board's Standing Order, No. 137, and also in accordance with their views as expressed in Proceedings, No. 3,235, dated 20th December 1876.

8. In conclusion I beg to submit that a partial crop will not enable the smaller Puttadars to pay up without stress the Government demand, and the very partial food grain crop which the ryots had this year in many places was a bare subsistence for a few months, while the crops which are taken to market to be converted into money, *e.g.* dholl, black and green gram were an entire failure, and, as the preceding year was also a bad one, I think I was justified in making my recommendation. But as the finances of the Presidency will be affected by such large remissions, and considering

also the fact of the collections being made easy, I beg to resubmit my proposal for remissions as follows, and trust the Board will be pleased to accord sanction for the same:—

Salem	{ Salem. Kazipoor. }	30 per cent.
	Omalore.	50 „
Namkal	Namkal.	30 „
	Trichengode	
	Dharampuri	60 „
	Oossoor	
Kistnagiri		40 „
Tripatore		20 „
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ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

THE Collector of Salem resubmits in the foregoing letter proposals for punjah remissions in the current fasli, those already made by him having been considered by the Board too sweeping and of questionable necessity.

2. The statement now enclosed by Mr. Longley places before the Board, as far as this can be done on paper, the information wanted for an estimate of the yield of the crops in a complete and satisfactory way. It shows the percentage usually cultivated with each crop, the months of sowing and reaping, the rainfall in the taluq in the interval, and the Collector's estimate of yield—16 Annas being taken as a full crop.

3. The results are summarized taluqwar for the principal grains below:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
22nd March 1877.

	Salem.			Namkal.			Trichengode.			Utangarai.			Oossoor.			Dharampuri.			Kistnagiri.			Tripatore.			Ahtur.		
	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.	Per cent. cultivated.	Yield in Annas.	Result.
Cholum	9·84	6½	8·22	17·18	8	8·59	7·8	6½	2·55	2·31	2	·37	·34	2	·68	2·68	2	·53	1·09	3	·37	·94	12	·70	3·90	16	3·90
Ragi	28·94	2	3·37	8·41	8	4·20	8·87	8	4·44	38·87	2	4·85	6·70	2	6·70	40·43	1	2·63	23·80	4	7·20	30·50	12	22·89	23·36	10½	16·32
Varagoo	4·70	..	..	4·2	..	..	·69	..	..	6·91	..	..	..	..	..	6·64	..	..	5·33	2	·66	5·34	8	2·67	25·88	10½	16·99
Cumboo	21·15	8	10·57	44·71	4	11·18	60·52	2	7·56	15·26	10½	10·01	·51	8	·26	7·75	2	·97	21·74	10½	14·60	19·36	12	22·02	8·90	8	4·45
Samai	7·00	16	7·00	·78	16	·78	2·80	1	0·70	8·93	8	4·47	·40	16	·40	6·95	4	1·74	9·37	10½	6·14	5·98	12	4·60	4·57	16	4·57
Tennai	2·28	2	0·28	·59	8	·30	·12	8	0·06	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6·24	8½	2·0
	71·91	6½	24·44	75·87	5½	25·05	80·80	8	15·31	72·28	4½	19·34	65·21	2	7·36	64·45	1½	6·58	87·23	6½	38·97	72·12	11½	59·78	72·85	10½	47·2
	30 to 5 per cent.			30 per cent.			60 per cent.			50 per cent.			60 per cent.			60 per cent.			40 per cent.			20 per cent.			15 per cent. (Rs. as only).		
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4. The balance of the cultivation is chiefly made up of grain and pulses which are late crops and are said to have entirely failed. From the statement it will be seen that the loss of crop is nearly total in Dharampuri and Oossoor, and that in Tripatore and Ahtur the yield has been fair. The Collector's proposals reflect pretty closely the state of each taluq, and are approved as maximum rates subject to the general instructions on the subject of the grant of remissions in Board's Proceedings, No. 941, dated 1st March 1877.

5. The Board entertain some doubt whether remissions of 20 and 15 per cent. are needed in Tripatore and Ahtur, but are satisfied to leave the question to the Collector, as there is much force in his remarks regarding the partial character of the rainfall, and discretion may be wanted as regards particular tracts in these taluqs. The remission in Ahtur is only to be given in certain parts of the taluq where failure has been especially great.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 723. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1877, No. 1,189.

Land Revenue, No. 16. RECORDED.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. E. C. Shunker and A. Grubert.

Rev Dept.

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Govt. of [1877] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

The BOARD OF REVENUE.

dated March, 22nd.

Read.

Ans.

G.O., 22nd March 1877, No. 1,189.

MARCH.
Nos. 722-723.

Punjah Remissions in Salem District.—Recording Board's Proceedings approving certain rates proposed for —,

	Salem			Naukal			Erichencode			Attur			Dindigul		
	Percent Cultivated	Yield in valuation	Result	Percent Cultivated	Yield in valuation	Result	Percent Cultivated	Yield in valuation	Result	Percent Cultivated	Yield in valuation	Result	Percent Cultivated	Yield in valuation	Result
Cholam	98	5½	3.22	7.18	8	2.59	7.8	5½	2.55	3.90	16	3.90	.96	12	.70
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I am Sir
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J. H. Stokes
Secretary.

To The Collector of Salem.

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To The Secretary to Government, Revenue Dept.
With original Statement to be returned &
Copy of Collrs Letter 23rd Jan 1877 No 209 of 39.

Salem Collector's Office
Camp Hoppoor
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A Memorial by Ramasamy Pillai
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I have &c.

(Signed) C. T. Langley
Collector.

/True copy/

J. Cousins
Secretary.

Enclosure.

In Rep. of the Bd. of Rev.
Dated 12th March 1877
To the Secy to Govt. P.D.

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P.O 22-3-77 Mr. Colley.

Copy of Habeas corpus
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