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No. 410.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd February 1877.

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 11th December 1876, No. 4,276-126 :—

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3. It happens, however, that the classification has been more lenient in these two villages than in any others of those transferred to the higher group as the prevalence of yellow and green in the coloring indicates, as in the other villages the application of the higher rate (red) is nearly universal. The cause of complaint in these two is simply that they were lower assessed than their neighbors formerly, but are now raised to about the same level.

4. It may be mentioned that the increase of area by survey is 429 and 377 Acres, respectively, in these two villages, and the charge on this area accounts for 14 and 13 per cent. of the over assessment complained of.

Dated 19th June 1875, No. 104-55.

5. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Deputy Director who made the settlement of these villages.

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With reference to your Proceedings of the 8th April, No. 669-22, calling for report on Appeal Petition, No. 746 of 1875, (herewith returned), presented by certain ryots of the Bapatla taluq in the Kistna District to the Government, complaining of the enhanced assessment fixed on their lands in the new settlement, I have the honor to explain that these are some of the forty villages of the old Prattipad taluq, for the rich deep loams of which Mr. Wilson proposed some special extra rates, but it was afterwards decided, on a reference made by the Board of Revenue, that they should be placed in the first group.

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True Copy.)

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

(Signed) **A. K. PUCKLE,**
Director of Revenue Settlement.

MADRAS, 11th December, 1876.

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3. As regards the particular villages to which the Secretary of State's despatch relates, Mr. Puckle states that they have no valid ground for complaint; the enhancement in their case being due to the fact that they were formerly lower assessed than the neighboring villages whose circumstances are similar. A reference to the statement which accompanies Mr. Puckle's letter shows that the average assessment prior to settlement in the two villages, Nos. 61 and 41, was below that of the other villages with which they have now been grouped, and that the present average by settlement is still below that of three out of the four other villages placed in the first group. The sketch shows that in the two villages in question, the proportion of ordinary and inferior soils is larger than in the other villages grouped with them, but it must be borne in mind that the rates fixed on the areas colored pink and yellow in the second group correspond with those fixed in the areas colored yellow and green, respectively, in the first group. The Board do not see reason to doubt the correctness of the grouping. The cause of the averages being lower in Nos. 24 and 60 is satisfactorily explained.

(True Copies and Extract.)

W. H. French
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with Map to be returned,
and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd June 1873, No. 918.

Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.

" " Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. W. H. French.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st February 1877.

No. 650. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1877, No. 410:—

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The enhancement which this caused was modified by me at the time of settlement, where it seemed necessary, by changes made in the classification as shown in the enclosed detailed statement which the Head Clerk has made out and sent one. In it he has given the particulars not only of

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 2ND FEBRUARY 1877, No. 410.

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En. 11-10-1876

Received 12 Feb 1877

FEBRUARY.
No. 410.

Memorandum—presented to Secretary of State by certain ryots of two villages in Bapatla Taluq, Kistna District, praying for exemption from additional assessment imposed by Revenue Settlement Department.—Submitting to Government, with Board's views, report of Director of Revenue Settlement regarding—

Order that a copy of these Proceedings be communicated to the Secy of State, in the name of the Secy of State, 11th Dec 1876 No. 11-10-1876

14th Dec 1876

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the petitioners' ten villages but other adjoining ones, and a reference to it and the accompanying sketch will show that petitioners have not been more hardly dealt with than others.

2. In the case of large increases, I proposed that the enhanced assessment should be gradually imposed by instalments, but neither the Director or Collector deemed it advisable to make any such concession, and considered that it would be enough to leave it to the judgment of the Collector or ~~any~~ ^{any} officer to propose such temporary remissions as might be thought necessary.

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* Annaspara and Pasalur.

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(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Director of Revenue Settlement.

ENCLOSURE No. 1
STATEMENT showing the old and new Areas and Assessment of certain Villages of the Bapatla Taluk, Kistna District.

Names of Villages.	Class.	Whether Dry or Irrigated.	AS PER REVENUE ACCOUNTS.			AS PER SETTLEMENT.			DIFFERENCE.		AVERAGE.		PERCENTAGE.		
			Area.	Assessment.	Area.	Area.	Assessment.	Area.	Assessment.	Revenue.	Settlement.	Columns 4 and 6.	Columns 5 and 7.	12	13
I	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
61. Kakumani ...	1	Dry ...	2,728 43	6,074 13 3	3,105 30	7,311 9	1,251 11 9	2 3 8	2 5 9	18 82	20 10	18 82	20 10		
41. Balukhandipalem ...	1	Dry ...	3,008 63	6,893 8 4	3,488 53	8,171 3 0	2,233 15 8	1 15 4	6 6 1	14 29	28 12	14 29	28 12		
<i>Adjoining Villages.</i>															
24. Vallur ...	1	Dry ...	3,902 98	8,953 3 9	5,155 82	10,967 2 0	2,013 14 3	2 4 8	2 2 0	32 10	22 8	32 10	22 8		
39. Katrapad ...	1	" ...	3,195 33	9,213 1 4	3,225 53	9,341 0 0	124 14 8	2 14 2	2 14 4	0 97	1 6	0 97	1 6		
50. Kondapatur ...	2	" ...	2,649 29	5,338 2 11	3,101 63	5,517 15 0	452 34	2 0 7	1 12 6	17 6	2 7	17 6	2 7		
52. Komur ...	1	" ...	3,867 39	11,063 6 11	3,942 63	11,113 21 0	75 24	350 4 1	2 13 10	2 14 4	1 97	2 14 4	1 97	3 3	
40. Pasalur ...	1	" ...	2,407 91	6,571 2 1	2,467 91	6,911 0	...	150 7 1	2 12 7	2 11 7	...	2 11 7	...	2 4	
59. Appapuram ...	2	Dry ...	1,403 28	1,929 2 6	1,482 95	2,114 0	77 67	556 11 6	1 6 0	1 10 10	5 55	1 10 10	5 55	28 14	
Water-rate ...	2	Wet ...	333 96	1,933 14 5	355 99	6 3 6 0	...	2 97	5 6 5	5 13 9	0 84	5 13 9	0 84	7 9	
			...	...	...	1,423 15 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
			...	...	...	2,083 5 0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42. Garikipad ...	2	Dry ...	1,764 24	3,868 0 11	1,335 94	4,232 0	74 70	704 2 1	2 3 1	2 7 9	4 25	2 7 9	4 25	18 3	
Water-rate ...	1	Wet ...	2,379 81	4,082 6 9	2,625 93	4,375 5 0	245 43	312 14 3	1 11 4	1 20 8	10 29	1 20 8	10 29	7 11	
			509 55	3,155 1 6	523 35	1,492 3 0	13 70	430 7 6	6 3 0	6 13 8	2 75	6 13 8	2 75	13 10	
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			2,889 46	7,217 8 3	3,145 59	7,119 15 0	259 12	742 6 9	2 8 0	2 8 5	8 97	2 8 0	2 8 5	10 4	

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(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

No. 651.

ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1877, No. 764.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED that a copy of these Proceedings be communicated to the Secretary of State, with reference to his Despatch, 7th September 1876, No. 11.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. D. Ryan.

Govt. of 1877

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated February, 21st.

Recd.

Encl.

C.O., 21st February 1877, No. 764

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 650-651.

Memorial presented to Secretary of State by
the Chiefs of two villages in Dapella, Pany,
Dapella District.—Communicating to Secretary of
State a copy of Board's Proceedings submitting
an report of Director of Revenue Settlement
regarding —, praying for exemption from addi-
tional assessment imposed by Revenue Settlement
Department.