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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th March 1877.

No. 293. Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st March 1877, No. 941.

In separate Proceedings the Board have passed orders on the recommendations of the several Collectors as to the remissions to be granted in the present season; but the amount of revenue at stake being in the unfortunate circumstances of the present season enormous, they deem it necessary to issue the following general instructions for the guidance of Collectors in the appreciation of claims.

2. The demands for remission in the current year will be so great that the Board fear that sufficient scrutiny of them will be very difficult. Great care will have to be exercised in checking the disposition of Tahsildars and subordinate revenue officers to recommend wholesale remissions. Nunjah remissions should be dealt with strictly according to the remission rules. As to punjah remissions none should be granted where one crop of any kind has been obtained, even though it be not the principal crop of the year. In the southern districts especially a large extent of land has yielded a crop, though possibly one below the average, under the early rains, and the prices commanded by agricultural produce are now so great that a single crop of the kind will enable the ryots to pay the assessment on their lands as easily as in ordinary years. Percentage remissions for partial failure of crop have been sanctioned on the Collector's recommendations in some districts, but it is the Board's desire that the rates named should always be considered as maxima, and not to be granted as a matter of course. The rates must be adjusted by the settling officers to the condition of the country and the circumstances necessitating indulgence to the people; and it must be remembered that in settled districts a large reduction is rarely necessary. No remission should be granted when the crops have yielded 6 Annas or upwards, *i.e.*, half or more than half of an average crop. The principle of dealing with claims with reference to whole villages, groups of villages, or tracts must be carefully carried out. As regards punjah waste care must be taken to exclude lands usually left waste for pasture and other purposes which are known in some districts as gramnool waste.

3. Collectors are requested to furnish to the Board as soon as possible after the Jamabandi of each taluq is finished, and in advance of the settlement report, a brief report showing the amount of remission for waste, shavi, and partial loss in dry and wet lands respectively in the taluq with any remarks which the Collectors or settling officers may see fit to record; and to note in the reports for comparison the average remission granted in the three previous faslis. In these reports occasional remissions only should be given.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 294. Order thereon, 9th March 1877, No. 695.

Land Revenue, No. 3.

Reserved; these precautionary instructions are fully approved, but the Board will consider whether the percentage remissions (paragraph 2) are suited to the present season.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. T. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
Read A. F. Govdall.

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 1st March 1877.

No 941.

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objections for the reduction of assessments,
2. The Government for their part,
must see the necessity for some
check and the Collectors for their part
check duplication of item with the same
objection, that same must also be
put upon the other side of the account

Recommended service dog
if in the Breeds desired but the tester
owned should always be considered
as working, and not to be granted as
a matter of course. The tests should
be adjusted by the supervising officers
to the circumstances of the country and
the circumstances necessitating trials
given to the dogs, used in suitable