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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st July 1867.*

No. 5. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st June 1867, No. 3,846 :—

Read again letter from the Collector of Salem, dated 18th July 1865, No. 98, recorded in the Board's Proceedings under date 3rd August 1865, No. 4,597.

Read also the following letter from the Honourable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1866, No. 94:—

1. With reference to the Board's Miscellaneous Circular, No. LXII., (Board No. 3,166,) dated the 12th June 1865, I have the honour to enclose a Statement showing the lands classed and assessed as "Garden" in this district.

2. All the lands shown in the Statement depend upon wells. There is no other land in the district classed as "Garden."

3. Under the orders of the Board and Government noted in the margin, all lands depending on wells sunk subsequent to 1820 were transferred to the "Punjah" head, and all those depending on wells sunk prior to that year were retained under the head "Garden." On a reference to paragraph 35 of their Proceedings the Board will see that these lands were not retained under the garden head because the wells had been sunk at the expense of Government, but because they were of opinion that "Wells made before that date were constructed with the knowledge that a garden assessment would be laid on, and with a calculation of the profit that they would still yield." They were also of opinion that the lands could not now be in the hands of those who incurred the outlay in sinking the wells. From this there is no doubt that these wells were considered private property, and not sunk at the expense of Government. I do not, therefore, see why they should bear a higher assessment than those depending on wells sunk subsequent to 1820, unless the Board wish to maintain the argument in paragraph 35 of their Proceedings in support of their being retained under the garden head. I myself would certainly recommend their transfer to the Punjah head.

4. The land assessed as garden exists only in the Salem, Ahtur, Namkul, and Trichengode taluks. The small extent of garden in the four Baramahal and Huzoor taluks has already been transferred to the Punjah head under paragraph 16 of the Order of Government quoted above.

5. The total extent of the land shown in the Statement is Acres 13,388-3-0, assessed at Rupees 58,828-6-4. Of this Acres 12,915-13-10, assessed at Rupees 56,854-13-5, are under cultivation, and Acres 472-29-6, assessed at Rupees 1,968-8-11, are lying waste. The rate of the present garden assessment on Acres 2,894-25-10, assessed at Rupees 7,863-15-11, is lower than the highest Punjah rate of the village. This extent will, therefore, be transferred to the Punjah head, simply with its present assessment. The extent upon which the present garden assessment will have to be reduced to the first-class Punjah rate of the village is Acres 10,493-17-6, assessed at Rupees 50,959-6-5. The Punjah assessment on this will be Rupees 34,951-8-2, and the loss to Government will be Rupees 16,007-14-3. Of this loss Rupees 15,403-14-10 is on occupied land, and Rupees 603-15-5 on unoccupied or waste land.

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1st July 1867.

Statement showing the lands classed and assessed as "Garden" in the District of Salem.

Statement showing the lands classed and assessed in the year 1871												
Particulars	Under Cultivation in Year 1871				Waste				Total			
	Extent	Present Garden assessment	Proposed Punjab assessment	Loss	Extent	Assessment	Proposed assessment	Loss	Extent	Assessment	Punjab assessment	Loss
Extent to be assessed at the highest Punjab rate	5,010 3 13	15,063 1	3,113 9 2	5,966 8 6	47 30 2	216 11 3	163 0 10	53 10 5	3,067 36	6,15,254 13 11	11,322 10 0	3,953 2 11
Extent to be retained at its present rate as it is lower than the highest Punjab rate	1,139 13 8	3,118 3 1	1,006 2 1	...	17 12 12	43 15 0	43 15 0	...	1,146 24	5,216 1 1	3,150 1 1	...
Do. Do.	4,130 17 5	18,184 3	3,476 11 3	3,908 6 0	65 3 5	100 10 3	206 15 10	53 10 5	4,204 20 11	18,444 14	14,452 11 1	3,962 2 11
Do. Do.	1,473 25 0	6,541 15 19	3,107 7 0	1,374 3 4	100 23 12	43 5 7	359 12 10	142 8 9	1,574 8 12	7,035 5 5	5,518 4 4	1,517 1 1
Do. Do.	561 24 7	2,445 14 3	2,045 14 3	...	23 30 4	66 13 0	66 13 0	...	653 14 11	2,113 10 3	2,112 10 3	...
Do. Do.	2,135 9 7	8,537 14 1	7,215 5 9	1,374 3 4	124 14 0	70 1 7	417 8 10	143 8 9	2,269 23 7	9,147 15 8	7,050 14 7	1,517 1 1
Do. Do.	3,007 14 0	16,737 14 1	9,003 13 5	7,734 0 8	140 4 7	14 4 8	355 0 2	299 4 6	3,747 18 7	17,412 2 9	9,368 13 7	8,053 5 2
Do. Do.	229 0 2	622 8 7	632 8 7	...	1 11 15	5 1 8	5 1 8	...	280 12 1	627 10 5	627 10 5	...
Do. Do.	3,838 14 2	17,380 0 8	9,696 6 0	7,734 0 8	141 15 6	19 6 6	360 1 10	309 4 6	3,977 30 6	18,039 13 0	9,986 7 10	8,053 5 2
Do. Do.	3,907 27 5	10,817 1 9	6,450 4 5	2,366 13 4	106 6 3	79 15 7	201 7 10	103 7 9	2,113 35 13	11,227 1 4	8,751 12 3	2,475 5 1
Do. Do.	746 25 7	1,855 8 3	1,855 8 3	...	35 29 8	78 7 3	78 7 3	...	532 14 9	1,963 10 4	1,963 10 4	...
Do. Do.	2,801 12 12	12,703 4 11	10,835 7 7	2,366 13 4	141 55 10	53 6 9	379 15 0	103 7 0	2,946 8 6	13,190 11 8	10,715 6 7	2,475 5 1
Total extent to be assessed at the highest Punjab rate	10,005 33 2	40,185 1	4,39,731 3	6,13,403 14 10	394 25 4	174 5 1	1,170 5 8	603 15 5	10,493 17	6,50,859 6	5,94,951 8	2,10,007 14 3
Total extent to be retained at its present rate as it is lower than the highest Punjab rate	2,816 21 8	7,069 13 1	7,069 12 1	...	78 4 2	94 3 10	194 3 10	...	2,894 25 10	7,863 15 11	7,863 15 11	...
Grand Total	12,821 55 10	47,254 14 2	11,460 26 4	6,13,403 14 10	472 29 6	1,563 8 15	1,364 9 6	603 15 5	13,388 3	6,53,823 6	4,42,815 8	16,007 14 3
(Signed) ARBUTHNOTT,												

Collector.

(Signed) D. ARBUTHNOTT,

Salem,
24th June 1866

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st July 1867.

1. The Board regret that the second letter above recorded has been overlooked in their office for nearly a year. It will now be submitted to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 10th April 1865, No. 776.

2. In the year 1852, the well lands of the Salem district were brought under consideration, and it was then resolved to charge the higher, or garden, rate of assessment on those lands only which were irrigated by wells constructed previous to the year 1820. Under this arrangement Acres 13,388-3-0 of land have been classed as garden and charged with an assessment of Rupees 58,828-6-4, of which only Acres 472-29-6, with an assessment of Rupees 1,968-8-11, are now waste.

3. There is no reason to suppose that any of the wells of the Salem district were constructed at the cost of the State, and the concession granted to other districts in respect to the assessment of private well lands cannot equitably be withheld from it.

4. It appears that of the whole extent of the well lands the present "Garden" rate of assessment on Acres 2,894-25-10, viz., Rupees 7,863-15-11, is below the highest dry rate of the villages in which the lands are situated. Hence in the case of these lands it will be only necessary to alter their classification from "Garden" to "Dry" making no change in their assessment.

5. As regards the remaining Acres 10,493-17-6 now assessed at Rupees 50,959-6-5, it seems that if the highest "Dry" rate in force in each village be adopted in lieu of the present "Garden" rate, there will be a gross reduction of assessment, amounting to Rupees 16,007-14-3, but as a portion of these lands are now unoccupied, the actual loss of revenue will be only Rs. 15,403-14-10.

6. The Board request the permission of Government to carry out the revision from the commencement of the coming Fusly.

No. 6.

ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1867, No. 1,458.

Land Revenue.

The Government approve and sanction the proposal to carry out the revision of the assessment on well lands from 1st July 1867.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

No. 457.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 3rd August 1865.

Read the following letter from the Honorable D. ARBUTHNOTT, Collector of Salem, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pennagaram, 18th July 1865, No. 98:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 12th ultimo, No. 3,166, (Miscellaneous Circular, No. LXII.), I have the honor to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the report therein called for on the subject of old private well lands, is required from this District also. I seek for this information because the land assessment in this District will immediately come under the revision of the Settlement Department, when, I believe, it is intended to class all well garden lands under the Punjab head.

2. You are aware that all wells sunk prior to 1820 have been classed as Government wells, and all those subsequent to that period as private wells. Garden assessment is, therefore, levied only on lands irrigated by wells sunk prior to 1820. For the principle upon which this classification was made, I beg to refer you to the Proceedings of the Board, dated the 23rd August 1855, No. 2,192, paragraphs 33 to 36.

The Settlement of the Salem District is not likely to be revised completely for some time. ~~The Collector's attention will, therefore, be drawn to paragraph 3 of the Circular to which he refers. The Circular refers to an Act of 1817 which provides that wells constructed at the cost of the State, or derive their supply from a State source of irrigation. It is not sufficient that they have been classed as Government wells, or that they were constructed previous to any specified date.~~

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Honorable D. Arbuthnott, Collector of Salem.

Copy to R. E. Master, Esq., Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.

Exd. J. Wright.

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 lands from 1st July 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 3rd August 1867.

No 4597.

Observing that the report called for on the
 subject of old private well lands is required
 from the Salem District also.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 21st June 1867.

Depd to -
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Requesting permission to carry out revision
of well lands in district of Salem from com-
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