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No. 146. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th August 1867, No. 5,566.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1867, No. 142 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Board of Revenue, a list of Villages in the Bellary talook, where from previous bad seasons, and especially owing to the last being a severe one, the crops have been scanty, and the people are reduced to poverty.

2. A great portion of Bellary talook was, perhaps, the worst off, of any in the district, during last year, the rains coming latest, and being most deficient in quantity. A greater number of people than elsewhere came for relief in famine works.

3. The number of villages wherein I recommend remission of demand is fifty-nine; assessment due on cultivation (the waste has already been remitted) Rupees 69,217; of this amount Rupees 40,574 has been paid, and of the balance due, I recommend that Rupees 13,797-14-8 should be remitted, leaving Rupees 14,844-1-4 to be collected.

4. The remissions proposed are at an average rate of twenty-five per cent. on the revenue of the villages in List A., in which only half a crop had been raised, and sixteen per cent. on those in List B., where two-thirds was the amount of the harvest. These villages have been all visited and inspected by Mr. Firth, the Tahsildar.

5. I observe that Sir T. Munro, when Principal Collector of the Ceded Districts, recommended, as the most effectual mode of relief, during the scarcity that prevailed in 1807, that remission of revenue should be given to the poorer ryots, and that the loss thereby accruing would be re-placed by extended cultivation on the seasons proving more favorable.

6. I must say that of all the talooks in the district I have visited, not excluding Kudlighi and Madaksira, I thought Bellary shewed worst in its southern moiety, and eastern section.

7. The remission I now advocate is similar in kind to that I recommended last year, in the Alur talook, and which the Board sanctioned.

8. I alluded to this partial failure of crop in my letter of the 28th May 1867, No. 88, shewing the cause I had to continue famine relief longer in Bellary, and some other talooks, than in the rest of the district.

Enclosure No. 1.—List.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government. The Board observe that, under the circumstances stated by the Collector, the remission proposed by him in certain villages of the Bellary talook is necessary in order to afford relief to those ryots who have been reduced to poverty owing to a series of bad seasons. The Board accordingly recommend that the Collector may be authorised to strike off Rupees 13,798-14-8 from the Land Revenue Demand for Fusly 1276.

No. 147. Order thereon, 9th September 1867, No. 2,117.

Land Revenue

1. The remission of Rupees 13,799 in round numbers from the demand against the Ryots of the Bellary talook is sanctioned.

2. The Collector will take all necessary precautions to ensure that the proper parties derive full benefit from this remission.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant General.

Rd. S. T. Augustin.