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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th April 1867.

No. 144. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th April 1867.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Ganjam, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 11th March 1867, No. 799 :—

1. I think I may now venture to submit, for the Board's approval, the terms of the settlement I propose to carry out this year in* that part of the northern division of the district which suffered most from last year's famine.

* Note.—These proposals have reference solely to the Berhampoor talook.

2. Although the harvest was good, the state of the produce market was at first extremely unfavourable to ryots, owing probably to the impoverished and indebted condition of great numbers of them who were compelled to realize at an early date. As the merchants seemed able to dictate their own prices, it will be in the recollection of the Board that I obtained their permission† to postpone all collections for two months, and we did not commence the demand till the middle of December. Since that time prices have risen, owing to the commencement of a brisk export to Pooree and Cuttack, and they are now steady at rates which give a fair equivalent to the more substantial ryots who were not compelled to part with the bulk of their produce at the outset. I think, therefore, that the time has come for proceeding with the settlement, which I propose to conduct on the following terms :—

† *Vide* my letter No. 3,048 of the 8th November, contained in Board's Proceedings, No. 8,379, dated 20th November 1866.

Remission to be granted on all lands left uncultivated from whatever cause the failure may have arisen (such failures are all attributable to exhaustion, failure to procure seed, or want of labour).

No old balances to be collected.

No recovery of Tuccavi to be attempted ;

Nor the value of the seed-grain supplied by the Board.

3. But, assuming that these conditions are approved, it will still remain to consider the extensive impoverishment which has occurred among the class I alluded to at the commencement of this letter, viz., the poorer sort of ryots who have had to pay dear and with interest for a part of last year's maintenance advanced to them by Soucars. I think, therefore, that it will be necessary (and I feel confident that the Board will so regard it) to lower the usual demand in such villages as the harvest returns of the famine year show to have endured the heaviest loss, remitting an amount equal to one-half the sum remitted last year in each class. It was on these returns (exhibiting the crop reaped) that the remissions of last year were granted, and a modified reduction on the same principle should be repeated in order to avoid undue pressure.

	Rs.	A.	P.
4. The Tuccavi distributed was	17,363	9	3
The cost of seed-grain supplied by the Board was...	10,291	0	2

	RS.	A.	P.
I calculate the remission on 4,998 acres of untilled rice-land at	11,174	0	0
The remission on villages which reaped less than half crop last year will be	48,119	5	5
The remission on villages which reaped less than $\frac{5}{8}$ crop will be	2,419	2	10
Remission on villages which reaped less than $\frac{3}{4}$ crop will be	3,329	13	5
Total remissions ...	65,042	5	8
Amount to be foregone on account of Tuccavi and cost of seed-grain	27,654	9	5
Grand Total ..	92,696	15	1

5. Lastly, a margin must be left for individual cases of hardship occurring here and there, though every effort will be made to render the measure a general one applied to an entire class.

6. On receiving the Board's order, the accounts will be at once framed accordingly.

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1. The Board have no doubt that the liberal measures proposed by Mr. Forbes in the foregoing letter are necessary, and that they will eventually provo advantageous to Government. They accordingly resolve to recommend them for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. The Board understand from Mr. Forbes' letter that he proposes to remit altogether both the old balances and the Tuccavi advances.

No. 145. ORDER THEREON, 9th April 1867, No. 823.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government have already in their Order of 19th March 1867, No. 654, remitted the demand on account of Tuccavi and the value of seed-grain supplied.

2. They now authorize the Collector to remit the Government demand for the current year on the Berhampoor talook to the extent proposed by him, and to deal at his discretion with the individual cases of extreme hardship which may come to notice during the settlement for the year.

3. They also authorize him to remit the outstanding balances against the ryots of this talook, but desire that he will report the amount for special sanction.

4. It is observed that the revenue of the talook for Fusly 1274 was Rupees 2,93,389, and that Mr. Forbes estimates the remissions for this year at about Rupees 65,000.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 5th April 1867

Read the following

No. 729

From — G. S. Forbes Esqre Collector of Ganjam

To — R. A. Dalyell Esqre Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras

Sir

I think I may now venture to submit for the Board's approval the terms of the Settlement I propose to carry out this year in that part of the Northern Divisn of the District which suffered most from last year's famine

Note These proposals have reference solely to the Berhampoor Talug

2. Although the harvest was good, the state of the produce Market was at first extremely unfavorable to ryots owing probably to the unprovided and indebted condition of great numbers of them who were compelled to realize at an early date. As the merchants seemed able to dictate their own prices it will be in the recollection of the Board, that I obtained their permission to postpone all collections for two months and we did not commence the demand till the middle of December. Since that time prices have risen owg to the commencement of a brisk export to Pooree and Cuttack and they are now steady at rates which give a fair equivalent to the more substantial ryots who were not compelled to part with the bulk of their produce at the outset. I think therefore that the time has come for proceeding with the settlement which I propose to conduct on the following terms.

+ Vide my letter No. 3048 of the 8th Nov contained in Board's Proceedings No. 8379 dated 20th November 1866

Remission to be granted on all lands left uncultivated from what ever cause the failure may have arisen / such failures are all attributable to Exhaustion. Failure to procure seed, or want of labor.

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No old balances to be collected.
No recovery of Succavi to be attempted
Nor the value of the seed grain supplied by the Board.

3. But assuming that these conditions are approved, it will still remain to consider the extensive impoverishment which has occurred among the class I alluded to at the commencement of this letter, namely, the poorer sort of ryots who have had to pay dear and with interest for a part of last year's maintenance advanced to them by Sowcars. I think therefore that it will be necessary (and I feel confident that the Board will so regard it) to lower the usual demands in such villages as the harvest returns of the Famine year show to have endured the heaviest loss; remitting an amount equal to one half the sum remitted last year in each class. It was on these returns (exhibiting the crop reaped) that the remissions of last year were granted and a modified reduction on the same principle should be repeated in order to avoid undue pressure.

4. The Succavi distributed was ---- Rs 17363-9-3 A. P.
The cost of seed grain supplied by the Board was Rs 10291-0-2
I calculate the remission on 4998 Acres of
puntilled rice land at ---------- Rs 111174-0-0
The remission on villages which reaped less
than half crop last year will be ---------- Rs 40119-5-3
The remission on villages which reaped less
than 5/8th crop will be ---------- Rs 2419-2-10
Remission on villages which reaped less
than 3/4 crop will be, be ---------- Rs 3329-13-5
Total remissions Rs 65042-5-8
Amount to be forfeit on account of
Succavi and cost of seed grain ---- Rs 27654-9-5
Grand Total 92696-15-1

5. Lastly a margin must be left for individual cases of hardship occurring here and there, though every effort will be made to render the measure a general one applied to an entire class.

6. On receiving the Board's order the Accounts will be at once framed accordingly.

I have &c &c &c

Signed/ G. S. Forbes
Collector

Ganjam District
Collector's Office
Chatterpore 11th March 1867

The Board have no doubt that the liberal measures proposed by Mr. Forbes in the foregoing letter are necessary, and that they will eventually prove advantageous to Government. They accordingly resolve to recommend them for the favorable consideration of Government.

The Board understand from Mr. Forbes' letter that he proposes to remit altogether both the old balances and the Succavi advances

True Copy and Extract/

H. Wilkett
Secretary

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

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Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

dated 5th
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No. 898

Submitting for favorable consideration of Govt. proposals of Collector of Sangam in regard to grant of remissions during settlement of Current year, in that part of the Northern Division of the Dt. which suffered much from last year's famine —

No. 823 - 9th Apl.

Rs. 3 & 4 Para 1866 Nos. 721 & 722.
- 19th March 1867 - Nos. 307. 308

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22 Septr. 1868, Nos. 3065

No. 144 & 145

9th April 1869.

No. 823.

Gov. Lan abstract
in their order of 19 March 1867
No. 654 - remitted the demand
on account of Inamdi
the valuation Land grain Assessed

They are authorized
Collr. to remit the Govt. demand
for the current year in the Portion
Cor taluk to the Extent proposed
by him - and to deal at his
discretion with the individual cases
of Extreme hardship as may
come to notice during the settlement
for the year. They also authorize him
to remit the whole demand chargeable
against the Lands of this taluk. but
direct that he will report the
amount for special sanction
It is observed that