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[Despatch Abstract.]

Requesting the Board to obtain a report from the Collector of Godavari whether it has been the Custom, since the settlement, when remissions or wet-lands are granted, to remit the water-rate only and collect the dry assessment or remit both.

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SUBJECT.

Remission — Passing orders on the Collector's letter enquiring whether — of dry assessment and water-charge may be granted on lands in Godavari whose first crop was damaged by floods and the second crop by the unfavourable character of the season.

The Hon. Mr Ellis is not correct. The dry assessment can only be remitted under 23/2/97. the rules in that behalf i.e. but to individual cases but to tracts. The water rate may be remitted of course by individual lands in Godavari it must be remembered are meant "dry lands" which — usually take water but are lands in the usual acceptation of the term.

11/4/97.

Undoubtedly remission on dry lands must generally go by tracts

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).

Read—the following letter from R. H. SHIPLEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Gódávarí, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated Cocanada, 2nd December 1896, Ref. No. 3516-Ver. :—

In reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 16th October 1896, No. 274, disposing of Mr. Brodie's report on the recent floods in this district, I have the honour to state that the instructions issued in paragraph 7 of the Proceedings in regard to remissions do not cover the cases in which dry crops raised on wet lands, the paddy crop of which had been lost, also fail totally owing to the subsequent unfavourable season. I presume that both dry assessment and water-rate may be remitted in such cases. But I am doubtful, as Board's Standing Order No. 23 does not provide for such cases. Paragraph 3 of that Standing Order simply lays down that when dry crops are cultivated on wet lands which must otherwise have remained waste, only the highest dry rate of the village should be charged. I therefore solicit Board's instructions.

Resolution—dated 9th February 1897, No. 113.

In the cases referred to by the Collector, the Board considers that full remission should be given ; that is, that both dry assessment and water-charge should be remitted. The Board assumes that the cases referred to are cases of total loss of both crops. This is only clear regarding the second crop.

(True Copy and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collector of Gódávari.
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[illegible] Lands. The lands are really wet lands & the crops that fail are wet crops. The assessment on the lands nominally consists of dry-rate + water-rate, but the total has been fixed so as to correspond with the consolidated wet assessment imposed elsewhere on wet lands. I think the full remission ordered by the Bd is right. The difficulty of estimating individual claims for remission is insuperable in the case of real dry lands, but it is not greater in the case of these lands than the difficulty of estimating individual claims in the case of ordinary wet lands.

DG
25.2.97

Shou the Hon'ble Member have any observations to make?

I have any observations with regard to the Collector's proposal. It seems to me that the dry assessment of lands in the Godavari should be dealt with in the same way as the dry assessment in other districts, that is, should be remitted only by orders under the most exceptional circumstances. The right course of collecting the dry assessment under any but the most exceptional circumstances is one of the advantages of the Godavari System of assessment and I cannot see why Govt should relinquish the advantage. His notion of the operation of dry assessment + water rate had as a condition of the charge in Godavari of a low water rate — It has not, but has caused much more light, so that the district has flourished exceedingly. I do not see therefore, why an exception should be made to the usual rule because one season out of many has been bad one. Govt must take the chances as the ryots do.

DG
2/3/97

I think the Collector should be asked whether it has been the custom since the Settlement when remissions on wet lands is granted to remit the water-rate only & to collect the dry rate

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ask. I believe it has been the custom but obtain it's authority.

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