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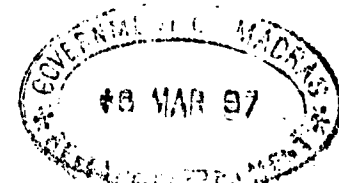
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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 25TH FEB. 1897, No. 157.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following letter from J. W. HUGHES, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, Gódávári District, to the Collector of Gódávári, dated 17th January 1897, Ref on C. No. 4556-S.A.A. :—

In reply to your Ref. No. 4641-Ver., dated 4th December 1896, I have the honour to state that full information is not at present available, but considering the urgency of the matter, I am addressing you on the subject of dry remission at once.

The statements of Polavaram and Yellavaram are herewith submitted, as well as the report of the Tahsildar of Bhadrachalam.

They show very clearly the unfavourable character of the season ; conditions have been very much the same throughout the whole of the Agency. The rainfall of the south-west monsoon was very deficient and the north-east monsoon was an utter failure. With the exception of hill cholom, dry crops generally may be said to have yielded from 4 to 8 annas, the 4-anna crop largely predominating. As for hill cholom, the favourite crop of hillmen, it may be described as a total failure. In Bhadrachalam, the cultivation is chiefly " podu " which has not yet been measured. It will be measured as usual during the coming weeks. But as to the general state of the crops raised thereon, there is no doubt, chama, the earliest crop, did not yield more than 2 annas. Gingelly was somewhat better ; but not more than a 4-anna crop. " Konda gonna " or hill cholom is in 50 per cent. of the podus, a total failure and in the rest will not yield more than from 2 to 4 annas. A good deal of it has been disposed of as fodder, as I found myself during my tour in those parts.

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In Yellavaram, gingelly is the best crop, but of that quarter was a 4-anna crop and the rest between 4 and 8 annas and some total loss. The outturn of cholom was wretched and cumbu poor and chama little better. No part of Agency, so far as I can find from personal inspection and information received, has been more favoured than another. All have suffered alike. The villages along the bank of the Gódávári in Bhadrachalam have had a fair cholom crop ; but these are zemindari villages and with their revenue we have nothing to do.

The cultivators are mostly poor and largely indebted to the sowcars. Taking then all these circumstances into consideration—the unfavourable season, the miserable outturn of dry crops which are the food of the people in these parts and the poverty of the cultivators—I recommend that 50 per cent. reduction may be allowed in the dry assessments this year. It is, of course, quite true that the whole assessment might perhaps be collected, but there would certainly be great difficulty in collecting the last two instalments. The ryots would be hard put to it. The measure proposed would give them relief and encourage them for the cultivation of next year.

As regards Chodavaram, I have not yet visited the division and the Deputy Tahsildar has not yet sent me his report and proposals. I request that time may be allowed and the question of remission be settled at jamabandi ; the remission to be within the maximum of 50 per cent. if any remission be found necessary.

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2. A statement showing the total demand of the Agency tracts for fasli 1306 and the collections up to the end of December 1896 is enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

STATEMENT showing the several kists of rentals and quit-rent, &c., on minor inams in the Agency tracts for fasli 1306 and the amount collected up to the end of December 1896.

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2. In consideration of the very poor outturn of dry crops which form the food of the people in these parts, the Board sanctions the Collector's recommendation to grant remissions up to a maximum limit of 50 per cent. of the assessment, the exact proportion in the several cases being left to the discretion of the local officers. The total demand of the tracts being about Rs. 32,000, the remissions should not exceed Rs. 16,000.

3. There will be no remission of cesses; as, in the case of land-cess, remission cannot be legally granted, and in the case of village-cess, remission cannot be granted, as the salaries of village officers must be paid.

(True Copy and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Collector of Gódvári.

" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" Land Revenue Department.

Exd. A. F. Eccleston.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue

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MADRAS.

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„ Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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ORDER—No. 159, Revenue, dated 12th March 1897.

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(Signed) G. STOKES,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
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