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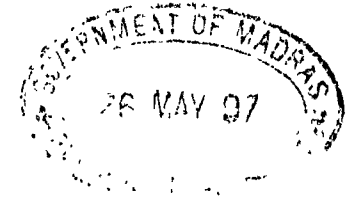
[Despatch, Abstract.]

Stating that Mr. Atkinson's report on the experimental assignment of waste lands to the poorer classes in the Gudwada Taluk, District, proves the possibility of success when lands are assigned to Panchamas & that they should not be prevented from taking up lands under the Surchist rules.

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The Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue, Madras.

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SUBJECT.

Submitting to Government with remarks letter from the Collector of Kistna reporting on the experimental assignment of waste lands to the poorer classes in the Gudlavada Taluk.

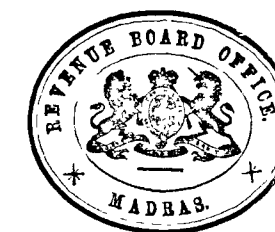
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

No./881.Hinc., dated 22nd May 1897.

Read letter from J.N. Atkinson, Esquire, Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras, Dis.No. 1645/vce of 1897, dated 22nd April 1897.

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Resolution

Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, No. 4756 Hinc., dated 25th November 1895 calling for a detailed report on the assignments of waste lands to Panchamas and other destitute classes in the Kistna District.

2. Mr. Atkinson has been at considerable pains to ascertain the subsequent history of lands assigned to Panchamas in the Gudivada Taluk. He points out that such assignments were made not by way of experiment, but in the ordinary course of Taluk administration, Panchamas not being distinguished from any other applicant for land. Hence his report, though very interesting as an account of what enterprising individuals among the Panchamas are capable of doing, falls short of demonstrating the probable success or failure of any experimental Panchama colony, composed of individuals who are not fitted either by nature or by habit to an active agricultural life. The assignment of lands to Panchamas is a matter of great importance, and the Government are desirous of knowing the results of the experiment.

under the Peddalaika Channels is being separately dealt with.

(True Extract)

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Secretary.

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with report in original.

M.P.H.

Plot

The Hon. Mr. Grose C.J.E.

Cuo. 4419 of 1897.

For orders.

In Connection
with the Scheme for establish-
ing colonies of pariahs &c.
in the Krishna District, Sanction-
ed in G.O. 732 of 17-10-94,
the Collector of Krishna, in sup-
port of his allegation that
there could be no doubt as
to pauper assignees being
able to retain their lands,
quoted the case of an ex-
periment made by him in
the Gudwada taluk in provi-
ding the poor classes with
small allotments of land.
As it did not appear then
that what was designated
by the Collector as an "ex-
periment" was, as afterwards
^{turned out} ~~found to be~~, merely a case of
assignment of land to pancha-
ma classes under the
ordinary darkhast rules,
a more detailed report was
called for from the Collector
on the "experiment" referred to.

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The Collector accordingly reported the extent of land assigned to indigent classes under the darkhast rules since fasli 1302 and the extent since alienated by them, with the remark that — "indigent classes are generally anxious to become land-holders and are no more likely to part with their lands than other wealthier classes, and that Govt. officials in the Gudwada taluk have always said that the poorish land holders had been the most prompt in paying their revenue Risti and the easiest to manage". The Board, however, considered that the report was meagre and that it was rather early then to pronounce a definite opinion on the scheme, and accordingly requested the Collector to submit a more detailed report at the end of 1896. The Collr. ~~has~~ submitted the further report which is contained in the current

	acres
* Sale -	50.90
Mortgage -	663.49
Relinquish ^{ment} }	349.86
Transfer	58.87
Sale for arrears ^{of rev.} }	99.43
	1152.55.

(3) the enhancement of the water rate from Rs 4 to 5

read above.

2. According to his report 3536.96 acres were assigned during his last four faslis, of which 1152.55 acres were alienated leaving a balance of 2384.41 acres as shown below, —

Fasli	Extent assigned	Extent alienated
	acres	acres
1302	2199.48	338.24
1303	211.91	338.24
1304	880.53	411.73
1305	245.4	402.58
1306 Total	3536.96	1152.55 ^x

The Collector states that ~~in spite of~~ ⁽¹⁾ in spite of the opposition on the part of the wealthier ryots to allow these depressed classes to better themselves, ⁽²⁾ after the disaster caused by the floods in 1892 and 1895 of the Kolleru and Godavari rivers, and ⁽³⁾ of the fact that these panchamas had no capital of any sort

to start with, and that they
are generally stunned and
despised as a race of out-
casts without means and
without influence, they
have been able to keep
themselves from reverting
to servitude, notwithstanding
their traditional impro-
vidence. He further adds
that what alienations
there have been, have been
the result of want of propi-
-ety or lack of steady
effort, but simply of
misfortune. He has also
ascertained that 122 families
are fully provided with agri-
-cultural stock and imple-
ments, 60 families partially
so, and only 32 are dependent
on hiring and borrowing from
others; that ~~more than~~
125 families had to borrow
money in the first instance
of whom 19 have since
been able to clear off
the encumbrances on their
lands; that 198 frontiers
have

have brought the whole
extent of their holdings
under wet cultivation,
and 9 are irrigating part
of them; and that 124
frontiers have taken
pains to manure or
otherwise improve their
holdings. The Collector
concludes his report by say-
ing that the purchased
frontiers in the Guianas
look in spite of many
obstacles have succeeded
in firmly establishing
themselves on the soil and
that there need be no ^{fear} ~~fear~~
either for their future
or that of any others to
behave hereafter and
may be given.

3. The Board in
forwarding his report states,
that as the assignments in
question were not made
by way of Colony experi-
-ment, the report may be
interesting as an account
of what enterprising indi-

rodents among the panama
 mas are capable of doing;
 but that it falls short of
 demonstrating the probable
 success or failure of any
 experimental Panamanian
 colony composed of indi-
 -viduals who are not
 fitted either by nature or
 by habit to an active agri-
 cultural life and among whom
 the spirit of enterprise and
 self-help would be nec-
 -essarily lacking.

Orders are requested
 as to whether, in the cir-
 -cumstances stated above,
 further inquiry in this
 direction may be stopped
 and the paper merely

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Recorded

J.F.
 14/6/97

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If the report falls short of
 proving the success of colonies
 it proves the possibility of
 success when lands are given to
 Panamanians and on them must
 be much land which
 can be assigned them left
 the land might be better to
 give it to Panamanians where
 possible.

14/6/97.

The report certainly shows
 that Panamanians should not be
 prevented from taking up land
 under the dark-hat rules, &
 I think we should say so, as the
 report is a complete one &
 deserves notice, but it does
 not show that the dark-hat
 rules should be interpreted as
 the Sec. seems to propose.

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J.S.
 18/5/97

J.F.
 14/6/97

17/6/97

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G.O. Mis. no. 3245 of 28th June 97.

The Govt. has perused Mr
 Atkinson's report with much
 interest. The report proves the
 possibility of success when lands
 are assigned to Panamanians and
 that they should accordingly not
 be prevented from taking up
 land under the dark-hat rules.

18/6/97

(but from orders).
 29/6/97

The R? of Rule (L.R.)
 with letters

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