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[Despatch Abstract.]

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to the general attitude assumed by Mr. A.C. Fitt
towards the administration of relief in the
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 27th July 1897.
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Resolution

The Famine Commissioner is reluctantly ght
compelled to draw the attention of Government
to the general attitude assumed by Mr. A.C. Tate
towards the administration of relief in his
district, since his return from leave in
January 1897.

2. The merest tyro in Revenue
administration could have seen at a glance
that remissions for dry cultivation would
be necessary. Mr. Tate was aware that a
report was due from him in January. The
Board had already issued orders, in
its Proceedings No. 322 dated 6th November 1896
for the necessary inspection of crops, and
Mr. Tate had plenty of time to see that
these were carried out. Towards the end of

He seems to have been absent from 6.1.97 to 10.1.97

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He was away when
the order was issued
and did not return till
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of January, he wrote requesting time to send in his report, due at the end of that month, up to the 20th February, which was granted. On the 17th February, he wrote asking for a further extension of time till the end of March, which was also granted. On the 31st of March, he reported that he had received no proposals from the Divisional officers and that no proper armoish had been conducted, and expressed the opinion that, in the absence of a regular armoish, he would not be justified in recommending any proposals for remission. At last, on the 6th of April 1897, Mr. Tate submitted two separate schemes for remission, both inconsistent with each other, and with the Standing Order on the subject, and recommended both for sanction.

The matter is treated of fully in Board's Proceedings dated 1st May 1897, No. 330, to which reference is requested. In these Proceedings, Mr. Tate was directed to submit amended

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recommendations without fail by the 12th May. He was reminded by telegram on 18th May, and to date - 8th July - has not yet submitted his proposals. Those for all the other Deccan districts have already been received and disposed of.

3. Mr. Tate neglected to take proper steps to introduce village relief. As Mr. Tate was inert, the Famine Commissioner was obliged to order him to take over the whole list of persons relieved by the Local Committee of Famine Charitable Relief Fund and shroff out the undeserving afterwards.

4. Mr. Tate has been consistently unpunctual in the submission of his reports. His fortnightlies were received as follows:-

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of	For	Date of receipt		
to	Fortnight ending	in the Board's Office		
th	27 - 12 - 96	1 - 1 - 97	1	4
to	15 - 1 - 97	16 - 1 - 97		0
to	31 - 1 - 97	3 - 2 - 97		2
to	14 - 2 - 97	24 - 2 - 97		9
th	28 - 2 - 97	4 - 3 - 97		3
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re	30 - 4 - 97	4 - 5 - 97		3
th	15 - 5 - 97	19 - 5 - 97		3
th	31 - 5 - 97	} not received		
n	15 - 6 - 97	}		
a	30 - 6 - 97	8 - 7 - 97		7

His fortnightlys for the 15th and 31st March were received together. Mr. Tate's attention was drawn to the delay in Board's Proceedings No 309 dated 22nd April 1897 and he was informed that his excuse, the excessive heat, was not a satisfactory one. The result of the warning is seen in the omission to submit any fortnightlys for the periods ending 31st May and 15th June.

5. The attention of Government is again requested to paras 5 - 6 of

of Board's Proceedings No 330 dated 1st May 1897, regarding unauthorised collection in Pulivendla. When Mr. Tate was first asked regarding them, he replied that "he had no doubt that the Tahsildar of Pulivendla had not resorted to coercive measures to collect dry Kists, as the Tahsildar was by no means a fool, but that he would enquire if the Board thought it necessary." The Board then ^{referred} Mr. Tate to definite charges put forward by a correspondent of the Madras Mail that coercive measures had been employed, and requested him to report if it was true that such collections had been made. This order was sent to Mr. Tate on the 31st March. Board's Proceedings No 2416 dated 3rd March 1897. To date, 8th July, he has not replied to this reference, though reminded of it.

6. Attention is requested to the position

position occupied by Cuddapah
in regard to the Loans Act, as
compared with the other Decan
districts.

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Government will see that Cuddapah
is particularly behind hand in the
matter of applications for, and
granting of, loans. In the taluks of
Cuddapah, Proddatur and Jammala-
madugu, on the 6th June, only 11, 11
and 29 applications respectively were
pending. A somewhat larger number
were pending in Pulivendla, and it
is plain that no interest was taken
in pushing the grant of loans in
the district, and there was a corres-
ponding backwardness in applying
for them. Government is requested
to refer to Board's Proceedings No:
5741 dated 17th ^{November} May 1896 and to the
G.O. No: 4895 dated 1st December
1896 thereon. The true explanation
why the Loans Acts are practically

Month April January 1897.

Districts	Acc No.	May				
		Accepted	Disbursed	Pending		
		Rs	No.	Rs	No.	Rs
Kurnool	9	26,613	211	21,788	1188	204893
Bellary	109	80938	729	78,888	2712	423416
Anantapur	351	30,935	243	30946	1691	323130
Cuddapah	7	Slightly for the second fortnight of May not ed. the information is not available in any report or return.				

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Statement showing no. of cases & amount of loans applied for

Districts	January						February						M	
	Accepted		Disbursed		Pending		Accepted		Disbursed		Pending		Accepted	Disb
	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs	N ^o .	Rs
Kurnool	9	1275	10	1640	377	75050	65	9883	55	4760			122	16480
Bellary	109	12490	70	6485	3091	457610	369	40075	299	34915	3902	539796	585	56775
Anantapur	351	45514	270	28769	1673	288259	301	47465	262	37092	2284	382696	182	20925
Cuddapah	7	1165	9	758	45	11790	6	1250	7	820	70	19565	19	2520

District	January						February						Mar		
	Number and Amount						Number and Amount						Number and Amount		
	Accepted	Disbursed	Pending	Accepted	Disbursed	Pending	Accepted	Disbursed	Pending	Accepted	Disbursed	Pending			
Kurnool F.				24	1120							3	170	3	
C.		2	100	12	1650							4	350	4	
Bellary F.	10	237	9	225	224	11540	66	3015	38	1622	361	16931	20	1080	34
C.				227	11015	6	155	6	155	388	16030				
Anantapur F.	2	200	2	200	240	20986	38	2185	16	1000	179	15860	54	3999	56
C.	10	550	10	550	35	2863					113	8315	39	2294	27
Cuddapah F.															
C.											2	150	9	800	6

F. = Fodder

C. = Cattle and Seed grain.

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a dead letter in Cuddapah, is to be found in the personal equation of the Collector. Where officials find that they have to pay up themselves in cases where loans are not recovered, there will naturally be no zeal in encouraging borrowers to apply, and the latter will not be slow to take the hint.

7. The Famine Commissioner has to complain of Mr. Tate's action in reference to the recent visit of the Honorable Mr. James to the Ceded District. As the Calcutta Committee has disregarded the written representations received from Madras, the Famine Commissioner was anxious that Mr. James should see for himself, and accordingly arranged to bring him to Jammalamadugu, and have a meeting of the District Committee there. The Head Quarter Secretaries were notified accordingly and

and went to gannalamadugu, having made due arrangements for a meeting, when Mr. Tate, without any reference whatever to the Famine Commissioner, whom he knew to be at Yerraguntla, made reference direct to Mr. James, deprecating a meeting at gannalamadugu, and requesting him to come to Cuddapah. As the Honorable Mr. James had lost a day on his journey, he yielded to Mr. Tate's representations, and the meeting was held at Cuddapah. The Famine Commissioner was not present at it, nor did the Famine Deputy Collector or the Tahsildar of gannalamadugu or Proddatur attend. The Famine Commissioner considers Mr. Tate's action in this matter to have been a gross official discourtesy, and to have been mischievous also; for Mr. James got an opportunity both of seeing a

a very distressed tract, and also of studying the system of weavers' relief, which he was anxious to understand, and which the Famine Commissioner was equally anxious to explain to him, as the Government of India seems to be under the impression that weavers' relief is, in a sense, gratuitous.

8. Mr. Tate seems to be an officer with no sense of subordination. In his letter no. 752, dated 8th June 1897, Mr. Tate took exception to the act of the Famine Commissioner in raising tasks on the Bolavaram work. When referred to Section 3 of the Famine Code, Mr. Tate represented that he was not aware of the Famine Commissioner's position, and wound up by saying that, in future, he would accept Famine Commissioner's orders without demur "even in cases where his opinion differed from the

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an
"Famine Commissioner." It is with
great reluctance, having a great
regard personally for Mr. Tate,
that the Famine Commissioner finds
himself obliged to urge that officer's
unfitness for his present charge, on
the consideration of Government.
It has been forced on the Famine
Commissioner that, not only has
Mr. Tate in no way overcome his
traditional obstinacy and dilatoriness
but also that his temper is not
favorable to good administration.
There has been a tendency unnecessarily
to discourage excellent officers by
continual censure and calls for
explanation, as notoriously, in the
case of Mr. R. Narainasamy Pillai,
and it was plain that native
subordinates hesitated to have an
opinion of their own which might
clash with Mr. Tate's views. The
Famine Commissioner would not go
so

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while one officer
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so far as to say that Mr. Tate
deliberately refuses to see what the
situation of his district is, but he
is satisfied that that officer
suffers from a form of mental
astigmatism which makes his
retention in such a critical post
irreconcilable with the best interests
of the district; and in view of the
possible failure of the South. West
monsoon, he feels bound to inform
Government accordingly. Mr. Tate
is no doubt an industrious officer,
but his industry needs direction, and
is not as practical as could be
desired; while, if a patent fact
clashes with a preconceived opinion,
it is so much the worse for the fact.
Mr. Tate's views of the outturn of crops
in his district, and the pasture
available, are so eccentric that they
could be dismissed with a simple
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FOR ORDERS.

The grounds of complaint which the Famine Commissioner urges against Mr. Tate are seven: viz,

- (1) Delay in the amount for re mission.
- (2) Neglect to take proper steps to introduce village relief.
- (3) Want of punctuality in submitting reports &c.
- (4) Unauthorisedly making collections in Pulivendla.
- (5) Not properly pushing loans work.
- (6) Gross discourtesy to the Famine Commissioner and mischievous action in inducing Mr. James to change his plans.
- (7) Mr. Tate has no sense of proportion as shown by his action when the Famine Commissioner reduced tasks.

The papers in regard to each of these subjects will be found t up separately and as Honourable Me are familiar with them all already is not necessary to notice them in tail.

As to the first matter,

In consequence of information that gave us the idea that Famine Relief was badly administered in Cuddapah, Mr. L. Tate was told on D.O. 21.5.97 to submit a full report on the working of Famine Relief there, after visiting the district & inspecting the works & kitchens. His reply is contained in B.P. 27.7.81. He makes no reference to what he has seen or learnt during this visit & does not even allude to any case in which Famine Relief is badly administered, but sends up seven complaints against Mr. T. that are now that there was delay in initiating Famine Administration & that Mr. T. is slow in movement & has not got the faculty of making his voice over him promptly. At the conclusion of his report Mr. L. T. feels bound to inform B.P. that on account of obstinacy, dilatoriness, tamper, tendency to dis- courage & outbursts & makes them for it to have an opinion contrary to his, and "wantable astigmatism" that Mr. T. is unfit for his place & should not be kept in Cuddapah, but says he will withdraw this recommendation if it will injure Mr. T. pecuniarily in any way.

When the Famine commenced, I thought from what I had seen of Mr. Tate's work that it was very unfortunate that he should be in charge of a Famine district & that it was very possible that we might have done over him. On the

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The B. P. seems true rather
a feeble exposition of Mr. LeDance's
complaints, but whether feeble or
not, I don't think that anything
will be gained by examining the
papers in detail. In March last
I placed on record my opinion that
Mr. Tate was constitutionally unfit
for the charge of a judicial district,
and I have seen no reason to
change this opinion since. A.E.
was not pleased to adopt my

It is rather a pity that the
previous papers about Mr. T. have
not been put up. But H.L. probably
knows the reasons why he was for-
mally subjected to punishment.

I agree with these members that it would be

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• That he has done, he might by the influence
of sound judgment and superior knowledge, have
corrected some of the mistakes which Mr. Tate
appears to have committed. There is objection
to this remark being conveyed to Mr. Le Fane.

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Complaint against Mr
Tate in B.P. ^{5858 his}
27.7.97

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Remission as to proposals
for Dry remission.

The F.C. says that Mr Tate
was aware in January that
a report was due from him
about Dry remissions, that he
had plenty of time to see that
the crops were properly inspected,
that he did not report till April,
that he then submitted two
separate schemes for remission,
~~and~~ inconsistent with each other
& with the Branding Order on
the subject, that he recommended
votes for sanction, & that he was
instructed to submit revised
proposals by the 12th May, but
had not replied on the 8th July.

In the Note the drift of
the complaint is said to be
"delay in the Agmair for
remission," but this is not
quite a correct description
of it. Ordinarily, as pointed
out in the Note, the Agmair
should begin about the 1st Sept
& be finished so far as the
Rev. Inspectors are concerned
by the end of December, &
as Mr Tate was on leave
from the 3rd October to the 6th
January he cannot be held

responsible for any failure in the
Aymaish in Oct. Nov. & Dec.
I observe, however, that the
circumstances of the season
in Cuddapah were peculiar,
calling for Aymaish later than
usual. Aymaish may proceed
as long as the crops are in the
ground, and the fortnightly
Narrative from Feb to May
shows that large areas of
crop were standing in those
months. Mr. Tate, himself, gave
orders for the inspection of
the late crops to begin on the
17th Feb. The area under
late crops was 131,796 acres.
The P. Comm^r remarks that
Mr. Tate had plenty of time
to see that crops were properly
inspected must refer to these
crops, & it wd only have been
fair to Mr. T. if he had pointed
out that the early crops had
not been inspected & that Mr.
T. was not responsible for this.

The delay in submitting
the proposals seems to have
been due in great part to
the fact that the early crops
were not properly inspected &
that it was difficult to get
reliable information about
them. This accounts for a
good deal of the delay, but
not all. Mr. Tate ought to have
been able to make up his

mind much sooner. He attributes
the delay to disobedience on
the part of his subordinates,
who did not send in returns when
he called for them. A part of the
delay in sending in returns is
attributable to famine work.
The next reply to discredit on
Mr. Tate, who, if he were a good
man, wd be able to make his
subordinates obey him.

With regard to the
proposals ultimately submitted
the case against Mr. T. seems
to me to be stated unfairly.
The only submitted one scheme
for remission on the 6th April.
The second scheme was Rengas
Kow's, & was submitted on the
17th April, but Mr. Tate, by
making no remark upon it,
showed that he adhered to his
own scheme of the 6th April.
This scheme was not in-
consistent with the scheme
of the Standing Orders, but it
was a new scheme altogether,
founded on a belief that the
circumstances of the district
made the scheme of the P.O.
unpracticable. Mr. T. cannot
be blamed for telling the Bd that
he had this belief, but his
subsequent delay in answering
the Bd's order wd instructed
him to submit revised
proposals needs explanation.

II

Stoness in introducing Village Relief.

Mr Le Fane says Mr Dake neglected to take steps for the introduction of Village Relief, & that he had, in consequence, to tell Mr 7. to take over all the people who had up to that time been relieved by the Charitable Fund, & went out the underserving afterwards.

According to the Note, Mr 9 "has made out a good answer" to this complaint, but the papers do not show the details of it. The only one in File II which throws any light on the matter is SO 429, containing 19.6.97 Mr 7's fortnightly narrative for the first fortnight in May & the B. Pro. on it. Mr 7. says he has been ordered in B. P. 3182 to take a total Relief 5000 people, fed from the Charitable Relief Fund, that none have been fed by it, all having received money doles, that many of them are undeserving or able-bodied, & that they cannot be put on State Relief, till they have been properly examined, as they will be as quickly as possible. He also says he has reported the steps he has taken with regard to Village Relief to the B.D., that he called on his subordinates for proposals about Kitchens on the 22nd March & ordered Village Relief the started on the 22nd April. He

Weekly returns show that there were 48 "others" relieved in Kitchens (less than in any other affected district) on the 24th ap & 1275 on the 29th May. All that the Famine Comm^t says about Village Relief in the B.D. Pro. is that the matter has been separately dealt with in B.P. 3318 and 3872 of 97. Neither B.P. 3182, 3318 or 3872 is put up, but I seem to recollect seeing 3182, & believe it is in the office. The fact that the B. P. in SO 429 does not notice 19.6.97 Mr 7's comments on B.P. 3182 (which is apparently the one referred to in the Complaint now under consideration) seems to show that Mr Le Fane then admitted it to be wrong.

In the absence of fuller information, all I can say is that Village Relief seems to have been introduced into Cuddapah more slowly than it should have been, & that this is due, as in the case of the first Complaint, to Mr 7's - Stoness in moving & inability to make his officers obey him.

III

Irregularity in the submission of Fortnightly Narratives
Mr Le Fane complains of delay in the submission of reports, but refers to the Fortnightly

Narratives and. The noticeable delays were those of 9 days in submitting the Narrative for the first fortnight in Feb., of 20 days in submitting the Narrative for the first fortnight in March, & of 7 days in submitting the Narrative for the second fortnight in June. The Narratives for the last fortnight in May & the first fortnight in June were not submitted at all. With regard to the 20 day delay Mr. Lake has explained that 2 of them were due to delay in the reports to him of the Sub Collector & the Sp. Examiner of Cows, & the rest to his own "indisposition on account of exposure".

As stated in the Notes, we have called for explanation as to the Narratives that have not been submitted. We had also got an explanation as to the extent of the "indisposition from exposure" which caused the 18 days delay. No doubt the other two delays could be explained. This matter of return as a matter in which Mr. Lake has been particularly bad in former years, & I am surprised that nothing stronger can be made out against him now.

IV

Disregarding a call from the Bd with regard to the alleged

collection of dry kists in Palamda by means of coercive processes.

The F.C. says the call was made in B.P. 2416 & Mr. 7.

has not yet replied to it. He was made with reference to some newspaper assertions. Mr. 7. in reply to B.P. 1894 had said 12.3.97 that the newspaper complaints therein referred to were false. I have not seen B.P. 2416 or 1894, & it is quite possible Mr. 7. may think his reply to 1894 is a sufficient answer to 2416. In his Review of the Land, Rev. J.C.B. Babington for Feb. Mr. 7. said, "the Board has further prohibited the distraint or sale of property for arrears of non payment of arrears." This Review was not sent to the Press till 7.4.97, but it shows that the prohibition had gained Mr. 7's attention.

Mr. 7. had he been told to explain why he has not replied to B.P. 2416 31.3.97

V

Delay in working the Loans Act & making them a "dead letter".

The F.C. submits a statement showing that there were many fewer applications for loans under the Land Improvement Loans Act in Cuddapah, & a much smaller sum disbursed there in January - April than in any other Decan district, and that the transactions under the Agricultural Loans Act were very small. He suggests that this is because officials have been found where loans were not required, as a consequence of the

personal equation of Mr. 7. & refers
to 30 4895 & Mr. 7. is disposed of
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in it, where this finding was disapproved
of.

As stated in the note, much of
the slackness in working the Loans
act is due to the fact that loans
were granted recklessly to the great
loss of the State in 1892, that
careless & imprudent followed,
& that officials, thinking the business
involved danger, kept out of it. I
have known recommendations for
similar finding to come from other
districts (Kurnool is the only one I
am certain about) so the error is
not restricted to Mr. 7. Mr. 7. is
probably in fault for the delay to
some extent, but to what extent I
cannot say.

VII.

It is contrary to the F.C. & possibly
arrangement that would have been
beneficial to the State, by inducing
Mr. James to have a meeting of the
Charitable Fund Committee at
Cuddalore instead of Sammalamudayam.

The F.C. had arranged for
Mr. James to visit Sammalamudayam
& meet the Famine Committee there,
where he would have seen several
District, Famine Works & Weavers'
Relief, but Mr. 7., without reference
to the F.C., recommended Mr. James
to have the meeting at Cuddalore,
& Mr. James did so. Neither the
F.C., nor the Famine Dep. Commr, nor
the District Officer of Sammalamudayam
& Mr. 7. were present, & Mr.
James did not see the Famine Administration

From Mr. Le 7. and 3.0. to
Mr. Stokes of the 20th June it
appears that Mr. James, "having
lost a day at Madras, put it that
he had not time for Sammalamudayam

It seems to me quite possible
that Mr. 7. may have done what
he did without being discourteous
to the F.C. It would certainly have been
a good thing if Mr. James had
gone to Sammalamudayam, but it is
quite possible he would not have
gone & even if Mr. 7. had wished
him to.

VII

Absence of any sense of
subordination.

The only instance the F.C. refers
to is the fact that when he raised
the barks at Bothavaram, Mr. 7.
wrote that he alone had the right
to approve barks under the Famine
Code, & that he thought the F.C.
ought to have consulted with him
before raising barks which he had not.

I think Mr. 7. was absurdly
wrong in this, but I don't see that
he was in subordination (he did not
reduce the barks with the F.C.
had raised). It certainly does not
show that Mr. 7. has no sense of
subordination.

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In consequence of information received from time to time, the Government ~~being~~ apprehend^{ed} that famine relief was not being properly administered in Cuddapah and directed the Famine Commissioner in May last to submit a full report on the relief operations in Cuddapah after visiting the district and inspecting the works and kitchens in person. The paper read above is the Famine Commissioner's report in which he makes no reference to what he saw or learnt during his visit and does not even allude to any instances of maladministration of relief, but enumerates a number of complaints against the Collector which only show that there was delay in initiating certain branches of relief and that Mr. Tate is slow in ~~his~~ movements and has not the faculty of making his subordinates carry out his orders promptly.

2. This is notably the case in regard to the matter dealt with in paragraph 3 of the Famine Commissioner's Proceedings from a perusal of which and the connect

apers the Govt observes that village -
relief was introduced in Cuddapah much
later than it should have been. The facts
set forth in para 7 do not show that Mr.
Tate was intentionally discourteous to -
the Famine Commissioner, and it is quite
possible that as Mr. James had lost a -
day in Madras he might not have gone to
Mammalamadugu even if Mr. Tate had in-
vited him to visit it. Nor does the solitary in-
stance mentioned in para 8 show that
Mr. Tate has no sense of subordination,
though he was certainly wrong in his -
contention that the Famine Commissioner
had no power to raise ~~the~~ tasks without
reference to the Collector. In regard to
para 6 the Govt, while concurring with -
the Famine Commr that Mr. Tate is partly
responsible for the want of interest -
shown by subordinate district officers
in the smaller of loan transactions,
believes that much of the slackness in
working the loans Acts in Cuddapah is
due to the fact that loans were granted
recklessly in the sub-division during the
last famine and that the censure and pun-
ishment which followed *in some of the most cases* have had the ef-
fect of making the district officials -

err in the other extreme.

3. In para 2 of the ~~above~~ Procs
the Famine Commr complains of Mr Tate's
remissness in submitting proposals for
dry remissions. The delay in the submi-
-sion of these proposals appears to -
have been due in great part to the fact
that the early crops were not properly
inspected and that it was difficult to
get reliable information about them.
Mr. Tate having been away from the dis-
trict from the 3rd October ¹⁸⁹⁶ to the 6th
January 1897, that is during the period
in which the early crops ought to have
been inspected, is not responsible for
this defect. He issued orders for the -
inspection of the late crops to begin
on the 17th February, and the ^{subsequent} delay ~~in~~
~~the submission of the returns~~ which he
attributes to disobedience on the part
of his subordinates reflects great dis-
credit on him, though no doubt due in
part to extra famine work.

In regard to the strictures of the
Famine Commr on the proposals ultimate-
ly submitted, the Govt observes that Mr
Tate proposed only one scheme for re-

missions, viz, the one embodied in his
communication of the 6th April, and that
the second submitted on the 17th April
was ~~not~~ ^{that} put forward by his Deputy Col-
lector which Mr. Tate forwarded without
any remarks, thereby indicating to the
Board that he adhered to his original
scheme. This original scheme ~~was not in-~~
~~conform~~ ^{did not} ~~consistent~~ with the Board's Standing Or-
ders ~~was~~ ^{on the subject as it} was a new one altogether pro-
posed in the belief that the circumstances
of the district rendered the scheme of
the Standing Orders impracticable. Mr
Tate cannot be blamed for informing
the Board that he had this belief, but
his subsequent delay in answering the
Board's order instructing to submit re-
vised proposals requires explanation -
which he should now be called upon to
submit.

4. The Govt has already called
upon Mr. Tate to explain his failure to
submit the fortnightly narratives for the
second half of May and the first half of
June; he should now be called upon, with
reference to his ~~ation~~ of the de-
lay in the submissio ~~the narratives~~
the first fortnight ~~as to the~~
^{to} ^{are part}

extent of the indisposition from expo-
sure which caused the delay. He should
also be called upon to explain why he
has not yet replied to B.P. 2416 dated
31st March 1897.

5. The Govt has carefully con-
sidered the recommendation in para 9 of
the Proceedings to transfer Mr. Tate
and is of opinion that it will do more
harm than good to move him from Cudda-
pah at the present juncture. He knows
the district and the details of the
works in progress; his administration
^{has} shown signs of improvement of late and
he is a far better officer than he used
to be. In famine matters especially he
seems to have overcome the faults which
most impeded administration in the be-
ginning, and it is not impossible that,
if the Famine Commr had seen more of
Mr. Tate personally, he might by the
influence of sound argument and superio
knowledge have corrected some of the
mistakes which the latter appears to
have committed. In these circumstances
the Govt is unwilling to take a step
which must necessarily result in placin

he district in charge of an officer
otally unacquainted with its present
ondition.

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