

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 2140

DATED 19th May

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the grant of a remission of Rs. 8522 to certain Langadu work contractors who bid in January 1896 in the Bellary St.

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Revenue (1898) Department.

CURRENT No. 2349.

Order

From

The Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue,
Madras

Final No. 127 Ref.

Dated 21st March 1898.

Received 23rd

Registered 24th

Enclosures 5

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SUBJECT.

Subj. with remarks to Govt. with
reference to the order No. 110 6284/1897
dated 6.12.97 papers regarding
remission of arrears due from
certain landed bank assesses
in the Bellary Dist.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date. ^o
Mi	6284	Rev. + Comptroller	6.12.97 papers.

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G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

BELLARY COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, FOREST BRANCH.

Rec^d No. 3928
19.7.97

Dated 18th July 1897

FROM

H. A. Stuart Esquire

COLLECTOR OF

BELLARY.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE _____
COMMISSIONERS OF LAND-REVENUE,

MAL

~~THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,~~

~~NORTHERN CIRCLE~~

7981 25 ~~CHIZAGAPATAM~~

SIR,

With reference to B. P. mis N. 691 (Land Revenue Forests) dated 13th July 1897, I have the honor to state that the prices paid for the first 9 birkas sold in January 1896 left little margin for profit even if the season had been favourable. This may not have been the case in Anantapur where, moreover the lease was for 3 years so that they have one year more in which to make up any loss, while the Bellary leases expire with the current bad year.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Christians

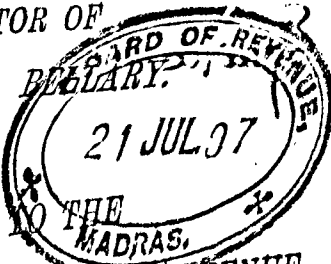
For Collector

On: 19/4/07

REVENUE DEPARTMENT, "FORESTS."

FROM

THE COLLECTOR OF



TO

THE SECRETARY TO THE
COMMISSIONER OF LAND REVENUE,
MADRAS.

THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
NORTHERN CIRCLE,
VIZAGAPATAM.

REK No. 3928

Dated 18th July 1897
Despatched 19th July 1897
Received

Enclosed 19th July 1897
Abstract.
Reporting the circumstances of the
that warrants the receipt of the
remission of the arrears of the
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Tangedu bark leases.
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Ab no 298

Camp Sandur
18 Aug. 97

From A. W. Lee Esq.

Cons. R.C.

The Secretary to the Commissioner
Land Revenue, Madras.

Subject - Remissions on Tangedu Leases.
Reference - Board's Reference dated
27 July 97 on Forest Reg. No. 2110
1897

Sir, with reference to the above I have the
honour to say that as I was shortly going to
Bellary I kept the papers till I could
consult the Collector personally, and see
a little of the district. I think that the
reason given by the Collector is correct,
namely, that the extra year of the lease in
Arantapur will enable the lessees to
recoup their temporary losses, and
also that there was not such keen com-
petition as in the other cases for which
some remission is proposed. I have lately
ascertained that an additional reason for
the keenness of the competition in these
cases was that a trader from Nellore ran
up the prices, and defaulted, forfeiting his
deposit - I saw one of the contractors
here.

here the other day, and find that he has made
no collections for the past eight months,
and I believe that if the full payment were
enforced, he and another poor lessee would
possibly go bankrupt. The other lessees
are richer, and would possibly pay up to
save their credit; but I think that the
prices paid were abnormally high considering
the conditions of the year, and recommend
the abatements proposed. It is higher than
I recommended originally, but as I explained
my proposals as to the actual amount were
more or less guesswork. The collector
ordered Mr. Eben Hardie to visit the affected
pirkas in detail, and I accept his present
recommendation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obed. servant

A. W. Peet

Cons. N.C.

Q.C. No. 298

OFFICE OF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, N.C.,

Warrant 22^d Sept 1897.

From

A. W. PEET, Esq.,

CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,

NORTHERN CIRCLE,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE

COMMISSIONERS OF LAND REVENUE,

MADRAS.

SIR,

I desired in your telegram
dated 21st instant I have the honor
to forward herewith the enclosures
returned with the Board's Proceedings
Forest No. 421. Miscellaneous of 10-5-97
and to request that they may be
returned when no longer required.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. W. Peet

Conservator of Forests, N.C.

Exd. by

Telegram (Deferred)

Dated 16th March 98.

10/3/98
Furnished

L. D. Wamkannu

30 MAR 1898

Board of Revenue
Land Revenue (Forest Branch)
3rd March 1898 } Assistant Secretary

Commissioner of
Forests,

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Sadasahib.

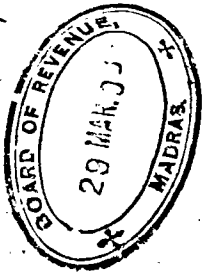
To The Under Secretary for
Govt Revenue Dept.

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MAR 1898
Assistant Secretary

For C. No. 2349/98

MEMORANDUM.



Requested for reference the under-mentioned paper:—

Copy of telegram from the Collector
of Bellary d. 16-3-98 read in Board's Report
No: 127 d. 21-3-98

GOVERNMENT OFFICE,
Revenue Department,
25-3-1898

M. Narayanaiah

Secy. Under Secretary

To The Secretary,
Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue.

P. S. 13/98

Telegram (Deferred)

Dated 16th March 98.

From.

The Collector of Bellary

*To. The Secretary, to the Commissioner of
Land Revenue (Forest),*

*"Your telegram 9th Kanishi
firka 2350 Amundun Narayanakeri
1310 Babasahib Kottur 1010 Badasahib."*

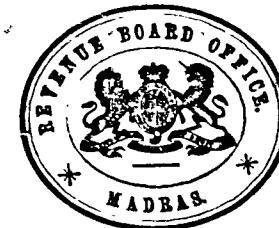
(True Copy)

*K. Dwamikanu
30 MAR 1898
Assistant Secretary*

Reference on *For* Nos ¹⁶¹~~527~~⁶³⁸ of 1898.

In replying the above should be quoted.

(LAND REVENUE.)



Read again Board's Proceedings, Serial No. 1282, dated 14th December 1897, communicating to the Collector of Bellary and the Conservator, N.C., G.O. stating that no remissions can be granted to the Tangedu Bark Contractors who bid in January 1896 in the Bellary District on the ground that the Contractors were imprudent in their bids, and requesting the Collector to report at once whether any assurance was given to the bidders at the sale that the right to collect the bark over half of the district would not be sold.

Read letter from the Collector of Bellary dated 19th January 1898, No. 3928 and the following reference therein dated 11th February 1898, No. 524.

Referred to the Conservator, Northern Circle for early remarks.

Read letter from the Conservator of Forests, N.C., dated 28th February 1898, R.C. No. 298 and the following reference therein dated 11th March 1898, Serial No. 1282.

Submitted to the Board for consideration.

despatched to the Collector of Bellary.

Your letter 19 January last no 3928 fresh.

Please report amounts which the men who have again bid have offered for their respective leases. Give names.

Read also telegram from the Collector of Bellary, dated 16 March 1898, reporting to the Board the amount which certain leasers have offered for leases of tangedu bark.

Reference No 127, dated 21. 3. 98

Submitted to Government with reference to its Order No. 6284 Mis, dated 6. 12. 97.

In that order Government required a definite report from the Board as to -

- (1) Whether any authorized assurance had been given to the bidders at the sale that the right to collect the bark over half the district would not be sold, and
- (2) Whether the bad season had materially lessened the crop.

The first query is answered in the negative. As regards the second, the Board submits that it is doubtful if true that "a result of continued drought, the growth of the trees was stunted and the yield of bark for even as regards the stems of earlier growth."

I G.O. misc. no 6284 Rev: dy 6th

December 1897

II B.P. Ref No 127 for: dy 21st Mar

1898 (enc. 2349 of 98)

Note

Please see the notes stitched with the G.O. marked I above. In its Props read in that G.O. the Board of Rev: submitted with its support a proposal made by the Collector of Bellary (at the instance of his D.F.O) to grant a remission of Rs 21,304 or 25 per cent of the purchase money to nine contractors who had bought at an auction held in January 1896 the right of collecting tangedu bark in certain firkas of the district for a period of two years. The above proposal was based on the following grounds: viz

(1) that the prices realised at the auction had been abnormally low having been sum of ... is sanctioned

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fishes in respect of which the
bids were made

(2) that in making their bid the contractors had acted under the impression that one ~~to~~ half of the district would remain unsold,

(3) that the price of tanned bark had considerably fallen since the date of the Sale and

(4) that there had been a heavy loss of crop owing to continued drought.

2. On the papers being circulated, the Hon. Mr. Grose remarked as follows:--

No remission can be granted on the ground that the contractors were imprudent in their bids. Great efforts were made to get remission granted for Abkari bids when the new system was introduced but it was refused, and

3. subsequent experience has shown
regret at the refusal was right. If
less true
of the trees was ^{noticed} ~~stunted~~ ⁱⁿ clarification was
as regards the stems of earlier growth.

x. It has been decided
that no revision can
be granted in the proposed
that the contractors were
imprudent in their bids.

the Bd reports that they had
no authentication assurance
to this effect. "

• This is the contractor's lookout.

/ Please see at end.

"the crop (which is not likely since the contractors were restricted to stems two years old) the question as to remission may be considered: otherwise not". In the G.O. already quoted above the Board of Rev: was accordingly informed that the remission could not be granted on the ground that the contractors were imprudent in their bids but it was at the same time asked to report definitely

(1) whether any au-
thorized assurance was given to
the bidders at the sale that the
right to collect the bark would
not be sold over one-half of the
district and

(2) whether the bad season materially lessened the crop.

3. The Board in consultation with the Collector and the Conservator, ^{now} submits its reply to the above reference. The answer to the first of the questions is sanctioned by the Board.

that "as a result of continued drought the growth of the trees was stunted and the yield of bark poor even as regards the stems of earlier growth." The Collector, on whose letter the information furnished in whose letter the Board's report is based, explains that "owing to the great drought in the Adoni and Hospet Taluqs in 1896 the plants cut in 1895 coppiced very badly, the shoots that were one year old in 1895 were cut in 1896 and there was consequently little or nothing to cut in 1897, as it does not pay to bark wood under a certain diameter the proportion of bark to wood being too small" and that condition 4 of the sale notice published in the Bellary District Gazette of 6th Decr 1895 does not therefore affect the question one way or the other, as in practice only one is considered owing to the difficulty of deciding the age as regards the

Therefore the contractors must have known of it.

is respectfully submitted, is not very clear, as condition 4 of the sale notice could easily have been modified if the practice was not in accordance therewith. From the facts now reported it is however clear that the season did affect the growth of the trees during one of the first of the two years for which the sales were made. In Anantapur it was considered sufficient to grant extension of time for the amounts due but it was reported that the Bellary leases had expired with the current year, whereas the Anantapur leases extend to the next year also leaving time to recoup the loss if any should the season turn out favourable and that the prices paid in Bellary were too high to leave any margin of profit even if the season had been favourable. The D.F.O. of Bellary, Mr. Eberhard since transferred to Krishna, thinks that unless the remission of 25 p.c. is sanctioned

to the Mezian's territory and thus
render it practically impossible
to levy any further sums from them.
The Conservator remarks that
from what he heard in the district
the grant of some appreciable
remission is advisable and
that as regards the amount of
remission ^{to be granted} he sees no reason to
dispute the ~~exact~~ accuracy
of the D.F.O. estimate. The Con-
servator also says that the fact
of some of the Contractors having
again bid this year struck him
at first sight as a possible indi-
cation that they had not lost
so much as was reported but
that a probable explanation of
the fact is that they have a
number of outstanding debts due
to the Chuklers who collect the
tax which they wish to recover.
4. It is admitted
that the effect of the drought was
way not uniform in each of the nine
districts of the prikas but the
size alone is considerable.
of the duty of deciding the ap-
proportion of the sum to be granted.

no information is also furnished
as to

(1) whether the nine con-
tractors bid for the nine divisions
jointly or separately

(2) whether all of them are
equally poor and likely to absorb
to the Mezian's dominions.

(3) if so, why the D.F.O. re-
commended to the Collector the
confirmation of the original
sales or

(4) why he allowed them to
bid at the new sales of June
1898.

Orders are solicited as to whether
information on the above points
should not be called for before
deciding the question as to
the amount of remission, if any
which should be granted.

8.5.98

Levy

Further information
seems hardly necessary.

The only ground for
remission is the fact of a
drought in the district of the prikas
which has caused a loss of the
crop of the year 1897.

on the amount proposed
for the year 1898.

To the Board of Rev. etc.
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clear that the contractors could not have foreseen it to some extent. There can be no doubt that, if the bids were high, it was due to reckless competition with the man from Wellor, & that, at the time of the bidding nobody thought anything about the season.

If it is decided however as a matter of grace to give some concession, I wd submit that 10% wd be ample. ~~The concession is not very great at all the 25% to the D.F.Os estimate & is probably founded on a fear of not getting good bids at the next auction.~~ The matter should however be submitted to be left to the Board alone is concerned with the matter of deciding the price as regards the season.

10% may be given because the crop was affected by the famine. Nothing can be granted because the men chose to bid recklessly.

Jg
76/5/98

Lee
(from orders)

19/5/98

Read again G.O. Misc No 6284
Rev: dy 6th Dec: 1897
Read also B.P. Ref No 127 for dy
21.3.98 (Chs 2349 of 98)

Order Misko. 2140 dy 19th May 98.

In view of the facts now reported, & E. the G. in C. is of opinion that while nothing can be granted to the contractors concerned on the ground that they chose to bid recklessly some concession ^{as a matter of} may be made to them on account of the unfavourable character of the season. & E. in Council ~~however~~ considers that ~~10 (ten) per cent~~ of the ~~purchase money will be used as a simple concession~~ ^{often per cent of the purchase money of No 1822} ~~than sufficient to cover the losses, if any, sustained by the contractors on the latter account~~ and is accordingly pleased to sanction the grant of a remission ~~on the amount proposed by the Board~~.

to the first mine Contractors

To the Board of Rev: 1897
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