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JANUARY.

Floods.—Submitting to Government, with remarks, letter from the Collector of South Arcot submitting report on the — in the district in November and December 1898 and proposing postponement of collections, and transferring to the Collector for disposal a petition praying for postponement of collections.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following endorsement, Mis. No. 174, Revenue, dated 11th January 1899:—

Read—the following telegram from CHINNASAMI IYER of Cuddalore Old Town, to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, dated 4th January 1899:—

Mahazar submitted by ryots Serupaliyur, Karuvappanpadi, Kalliyankuppam, Theerthanagari, Audinarayanapuram villages, Cuddalore, South Arcot. Heavy rains in November, December last caused high flood, washed away crops, thus created loss Rs. 15,000. Ryots willing to migrate to countries such as Mauritius deserting 20,000 acres bearing kist 18,000. Request Government to advance money for future cultivation. At this crisis Revenue authorities torture to pay kist. We submitted mahazar to Collector, 2nd January 1899, and requested suspension of collection of kist. Collector summarily refused to do so but admitted havoc created by flood was true. We humbly pray Government to suspend collection of kist till this matter is disposed of and request a good Commissioner may be ordered to examine spots and make local enquiries.

Endorsement Mis. No. 174, Revenue, dated 11th January 1899.

Transferred to the Board of Revenue for disposal.

2. The Government will be glad to be informed in due course of the result of the action taken by the Board.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).

READ—the following letter from L. M. WYNCH, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras, dated Camp, Tindivanam, 15th January 1899, Dis. No. 61-V.D.:—

With reference to paragraph 2 of B.P., Mis. No. 6530, of the 10th November last, I have the honour to submit the further report on the floods that occurred in this district in November and December last, together with a statement showing the rainfall registered at the several rain-gauge stations in the district and an estimate of probable remissions to be granted in fasli 1308.

2. It will be seen from the statement of rainfall that there were heavy falls on three occasions—once between the 24th October and 6th November, another between 26th November and 1st December and the third between 25th and 29th December.

3. As the result of this heavy rainfall both the Gadilam and the Pennar rivers overflowed their banks and serious breaches occurred in the latter at Seruthanur, which caused an interruption of the Railway traffic on the 6th November. Several

houses in Kuttianguppam, a hamlet of Malaperumal Agaram, in the Cuddalore taluk, were washed away by the floods. The village was more or less under water for some days and was only approachable with considerable difficulty. Gratuitous relief had to be granted in this village under the authority of B.P., Mis. No. 7129, dated 12th December 1898, to the extent of Rs. 55.

4. The flood in the Vellar, in the Vriddhachalam taluk, was up to the level of 1884. At Vriddhachalam which is situated on the bank of the river, it overflowed its banks in spite of all efforts to strengthen the weak parts of the bund; and a portion of the town was under water for a day and several houses fell down. I have sanctioned gratuitous relief to the houseless poor to the extent of Rs. 40 for the disbursement of which the sanction of the Board will be duly obtained.

5. The Coleroon was fortunately not in fresh at the same time; but the Raja Voikal, Boothangudi channel and Khansahib's channel in the Chidambaram taluk breached in several places.

6. Numbers of tanks have also breached in every taluk in the district. Every effort was made to induce the ryots to close the breaches by ring bunds and this has now been done in most cases. Rupees 7,500 have been sanctioned by the Board for monsoon damages for works which could not be repaired by kudimaramat. The number of major and minor works damaged so far as reported are as under:—

		Tindivanam.	Tiruvannámalai.	Villupuram.	Cuddalore.	Tirukóyilúr.	Kallakurchi.	Vriddhachalam.	Chidambaram.	Total.
Major works.	Tanks	4	3	8	5	14	16	11	3	64
	Channels and rivers.	..	1	1	7	1	..	3	10	23
Minor works.	Tanks	15	21	10	22	61	41	45	2	217
	Channels	2	..	..	8	4	1 (anicut)	..	..	15
Total ..	Tanks	19	24	18	27	75	57	56	5	281
	Channels	2	1	1	15	5	1 (anicut)	3	10	38

The Public Works Department is attending to the repair of major works. Of the minor ones estimates have been received and sanctioned up to date for 47 works for Rs. 6,934. The remainder have either been dealt with by the ryots or are damaged to such an extent that it is useless to attempt to do anything to them this month. The number falling under the last category is, however, very small. The returns of lands damaged by the floods received from Tahsildars through their Divisional officers are tabulated below:—

Taluks.	Extent damaged in acres.	Remission proposed.					
		Extent in acres.			Assessment in rupees.		
		Dry.	Wet.	Total.	Dry.	Wet.	Total.
Tindivanam	1,470	..	333	333	..	1,232	1,232
Tiruvannámalai	103	..	53	53	..	225	225
Villupuram	2,519	114	834	948	232	2,485	2,717
Cuddalore	4,259	420	1,061	1,481	997	5,985	6,982
Tirukkóyilúr	414	15	148	163	37	617	654
Kallakurchi	1,078	95	1,011	1,106	357	4,145	4,502
Vriddhachalam	1,403	105	417	522	213	2,381	2,594
Chidambaram	7,150	364	948	1,312	930	4,902	5,832
Total ..	18,396	1,113	4,805	5,918	2,766	21,972	24,738
In round numbers ..	18,500	1,000	5,000	6,000	3,000	22,000	25,000

7. The amount set down as probable remission to be granted for loss of crops on dry lands seems to be somewhat excessive. On some of the lands the ryots will have already reaped one crop and in such cases I do not propose to grant any remission. I would grant remission only (1) for lands on the bank of rivers or large jungle streams which have been washed away or silted up as to necessitate a heavy outlay on the part of the ryots to make them fit for cultivation again, or (2) on lands which, though classed as dry, are usually cropped with wet crops and charged tirwajasti. I request the Board's sanction for the issue of instructions to Divisional officers to grant remission on these lines. I should estimate the amount at Rs. 2,000. This will be chiefly in the Cuddalore and Chidambaram taluks.

8. On the other hand, the estimate of wet remissions is rather below the mark as the third heavy fall of rain which occurred in the last week of December damaged the young seedlings which had been transplanted after the second flood of November. I should therefore put the probable wet remission at about Rs. 25,000. The total amount will thus come to Rs. 27,000. In my revised budget, which I submitted to Board (Land Revenue) with my Ref. on Regr. No. 441-Ver. Super., dated 26th October 1898, I estimated the amount of remission at Rs. 15,000 and that figure now requires to be raised and I have accordingly submitted a report to Board in the Land Revenue branch in my letter No. 52-Ver. D., dated 12th January 1899.

9. Petitions have been received from several villages applying for postponement of collections. I do not propose, however, to recommend this course. In cases where it is clear that remission will have to be granted I propose to suspend collection till the jamabandi.

10. A petition was received a few days ago from a village under the Perumal tank in the Cuddalore taluk—which is an entirely wet village—in which the crop is said to have been entirely lost and the re-sowings also washed away. There is however still time to re-cultivate the lands. The Head-quarter Deputy Collector has been deputed by me to inspect the village and in case the statements made in the petition are found to be correct, I would ask the Board's permission to suspend collection unless the ryots are found to have had one crop already or are found to be in good circumstances.

11. The Cuddalore taluk suffered rather severely last year from drought and is, I think, entitled to exceptional treatment in this great misfortune.

12. I was not able to do much personal inspection of the areas affected by floods, as in the first floods of November, my presence was required at head-quarters, the town having been threatened with a repetition of the serious flood of 1884. I went out to Sendanur and made arrangements there for furnishing assistance to the Railway officials in repairing the wash-away on the South Indian Railway line and also for closing the breaches in the Pennar river bank pending the arrival of the Executive Engineer who had gone down to Chidambaram to look after the anicuts at Shatiatope and Pelandorai which I am glad to say, resisted the flood successfully. Directly after that I had to go to Tiruvannámalai to be present at the Karthigai festival and superintend arrangements there to guard against the danger of importation of plague. The Divisional officers and Tahsildars have, however, been continuously inspecting tanks and lands damaged by floods. Mahomed Azizuddin Sahib Bahadur, Head-quarter Deputy Collector, M.R.Ry. Ramachandra Row, Tahsildar of Villupuram, and M.R.Ry. Ponnusamy Mudaliar, Deputy Tahsildar of Panruti, especially rendered valuable assistance to the Public Works Department and Railway Engineer in closing the breaches in the Pennar.

13. The damage to roads has been considerable and unfortunately owing to the heavy drain on the District Board finances caused by the expense of the plague precautionary measures little could be done to repair them beyond what could be effected out of the maintenance grants in making breaches passable for traffic.

14. I regret the delay in submitting this report which is due to the repetition of the floods, to the absence of Revenue Inspectors at survey schools and to the delay on the part of the Chidambaram Tahsildar in submitting his report which was only received on the 7th instant.

Rainfall in inches at

Month and date.	Gingee.	Tindivanam.	Merkanam.	Vanur.	Villupuram.	Panruti.	Cuddalore.	Kambilimedu.	Mambadi.	Bowngiri.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
22nd October 1898 ..	..	·42	·16	·09	·10	·38	·23	·04	·31	·28
23rd ,, ,, ..	..	..	..	..	·04	·11	·24	·82	1·95	1·16
24th ,, ,, ..	1·00	·50	1·03	·61	1·62	1·90	3·72	2·55	1·50	1·05
25th ,, ,, ..	1·05	1·10	1·98	1·67	1·40	·60	1·63	3·05	4·2	3·02
26th ,, ,, ..	·40	1·10	2·27	·55	·22	·46	1·10	2·28	1·60	2·35
27th ,, ,, ..	·47	·55	·73	60	1·47	·20	·85	·46	·35	·08
28th ,, ,, ..	·65	·36	..	·27	·08	·40	·38	2·09	2·16	2·77
29th ,, ,, ..	..	·10	·77	·21	·08	·40	·48	·69	·25	·60
30th ,, ,, ..	·38	·40	2·23	·53	1·49	..	·66	·63	·95	1·34
31st ,, ,, ..	·53	·74	1·88	·83	·06	·20	·62	·35	·09	·10
1st November 1898 ..	·25	·34	·1	·1	·62	1·28	1·88	1·27	·77	
2nd ,, ,, ..	..	·14	·60	2·88	2·3	·98	1·55	3·50	2·68	5·45
3rd ,, ,, ..	·47	·62	1·45	1·09	·70	1·01	1·27	1·37	1·15	3·30
4th ,, ,, ..	1·40	1·70	2·51	2·75	1·40	2·17	2·23	1·10	1·63	·93
5th ,, ,, ..	1·18	2·70	5·50	3·92	2·30	2·77	4·09	4·40	3·31	2·16
6th ,, ,, ..	6·70	6·08	7·75	8·80	7·28	6·52	8·94	5·86	8·68	3·64
26th ,, ,, ..	..	·39	·34	·76	1·71	·93	·59	·92	·74	5·02
27th ,, ,, ..	..	·06	..	·56	·95	·90	·84	1·64	·80	·50
28th ,, ,, ..	..	·29	·25	1·88	·49	·50	1·09	·09	·31	·22
29th ,, ,, ..	..	·22	·30	·42	·15	·55	·48	·62	·68	·27
30th ,, ,, ..	2·16	1·61	1·52	3·68	4·60	3·47	2·51	2·40	3·37	·64
1st December 1898 ..	3·70	1·90	1·49	1·28	3·11	1·63	2·52	2·63	3·07	3·66
25th ,, ,, ..	..	·75	1·13	·84	·93	6·34	5·00	3·71	2·06	5·53
26th ,, ,, ..	2·45	3·44	2·69	3·55	2·79	4·85	2·85	3·00	2·50	2·2
27th ,, ,, ..	1·19	2·77	4·71	2·99	1·81	3·71	2·20	·78	·90	1·77
28th ,, ,, ..	..	..	·87	..	..	..	·93	2·32	·98	1·13
29th ,, ,, ..	..	·04	·04	..	·27	..	·27	1·34	·8	1·41
										·64

Month and date.	Chedambaram.	Mannárgudi.	Chengam.	Tiruvannámalai.	Tirukóyilúr.	Ulundurpet.	Kallakurchi.	Vriddhachalam.	Tittagudi.
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
22nd October 1898 ..	1·06	·69	..	·15	..	·21	..	..	..
23rd ,, ,, ..	·79	·41	..	..	..	·17	..	·35	·11
24th ,, ,, ..	1·90	1·10	·88	1·44	1·30	1·12	·80	·77	·40
25th ,, ,, ..	3·66	1·74	·90	1·94	1·10	·70	·89	·50	·30
26th ,, ,, ..	1·92	·63	1·80	1·10	1·20	·20	·11	·54	·25
27th ,, ,, ..	·29	·15	..	·10	·75	·09	·20	·08	..
28th ,, ,, ..	2·28	1·20	·90	·90	·65	1·63	·72	1·60	·65
29th ,, ,, ..	1·20	·80	..	·08	·80	·43	·32	·20	·38
30th ,, ,, ..	1·08	·57	..	..	·25	·03	·03	·18	..
31st ,, ,, ..	·37	·10	..	·23	·29	·10	..	·05	..
1st November 1898 ..	1·00	1·30	2	..	·18	·08	·79	·27	..
2nd ,, ,, ..	3·95	3·03	..	..	·28	1·42	·35	1·38	1·00
3rd ,, ,, ..	·87	·49	·21	·14	·32	·59	·34	·64	·30
4th ,, ,, ..	1·78	3·14	·62	1·12	1·45	1·18	1·05	2·20	1·30
5th ,, ,, ..	2·24	2·50	·53	·81	·90	1·43	·81	1·50	·80
6th ,, ,, ..	7·00	6·44	3·42	5·80	6·25	6·15	5·65	5·60	5·60
26th ,, ,, ..	·35	·26	..	·26	·65	1·75	1·16	2·10	1·07
27th ,, ,, ..	·58	·47	..	..	·78	1·10	·49	1·53	·50
28th ,, ,, ..	..	·09	..	..	..	·55	·03	·77	·25
29th ,, ,, ..	1·00	·22	..	..	..	·22	·04	·38	·83
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25th ,, ,, ..	2·83	2·77	..	·15	·69	3·10	2·29	2·68	2·40
26th ,, ,, ..	2·22	5·80	·18	1·26	1·15	2·65	1 88	3·20	2·90
27th ,, ,, ..	2·75	1·40	·45	1·18	2·70	2·47	2·88	2 10	1·30
28th ,, ,, ..	1·78	2·86	..	..	..	·10	·23	..	..
29th ,, ,, ..	·5	1·18	..	..	..	·34		1·07	·65

RESOLUTION—No. 32, dated 31st January 1899.

The second paper read above will be submitted to Government, in continuation of B.P., Mis. No. 6530, dated 10th November 1898.

2. Owing to heavy rainfall during the last north-east monsoon, there were high floods in almost all the rivers in the South Arcot district, which caused much damage to property. Several houses in one of the villages in the Cuddalore taluk were washed

away and several houses in Vriddhachalam town fell down; but there was no loss of life. Gratuitous relief was granted to the amount of Rs. 100, to persons rendered destitute by losses caused by the floods.

3. The damage done to irrigation works was extensive—319 works were affected, of which 87 are "major" and 232 "minor" works. Repairs to the former are being attended to by the Public Works Department and the reports submitted by the officers of that department are embodied in G.O., No. 38 I., dated 6th January 1899. Estimates for the repair of minor works have been sanctioned in the case of 47 works at a cost of Rs. 6,934, while the remaining works have either been dealt with by the ryots themselves, or are damaged to such an extent that it is useless to attempt their immediate repairs.

4. The crops on about 18,500 acres are reported to have been damaged and the probable remission is estimated by Tahsildars at Rs. 3,000 on 1,000 acres of dry and Rs. 22,000 on 5,000 acres of wet. The Collector considers that the estimate for dry land is excessive and that for wet below the mark. In the case of dry land, the Collector proposes to grant remission only in the case of (1) lands on the banks of rivers or jungle streams, which have been so much damaged as to necessitate a heavy outlay to render them fit for cultivation and (2) lands, which though classed as dry, are usually cultivated with wet crops and charged *tirvajusti*; no remission being granted on land from which one crop has already been taken. Remission granted on these lines is estimated to amount to Rs. 2,000. The probable amount of wet remission is estimated by the Collector at Rs. 25,000, having regard to the fact that the young seedlings transplanted after the second flood of November have also been damaged by the heavy fall of rain in the following month. The Collector proposes to postpone collections only in those cases in which it is clear that remission will have to be granted; and in respect of one village which is stated to be entirely wet and in which the crop is alleged to have been entirely lost and the re-sowings also washed away, he proposes to suspend collections if the allegation is true, unless the ryots are found to have had one crop already or are found to be in good circumstances.

5. The Collector's proposals regarding postponement of collections are approved. As regards dry remissions the Collector's attention will be drawn to the revised Standing Order, No. 23-A communicated with B.P., No. 17-R.S., dated 20th January 1899, and he will be requested to submit proposals in accordance therewith.

6. The telegram received with the endorsement, Mis. No. 174, Revenue, dated 11th January 1899, first read above, will be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot for disposal. Copy of the orders passed by him on the application should be submitted for the information of the Board and Government.

(True Copy and Extract.)

A. V. Srinivasa
Secretary.

To the Collector of South Arcot.
" Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Board of Revenue—Land Revenue.
" " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Paragraph 6 to the petitioner.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 1152 Of 1899

From The Board of Rev (Rev. Sett)
Rv 32 Pres Dated 31— 1— 1899.

FOR ORDERS.

To the Board Secretary

The Board's Proc read above gives a concise account of the damages done to crops and irrigation works by the recent floods in South Arcot. The Dry and Wet remissions that may have to be granted on account of flood damage are estimated by the Collr at Rs 2,000 and 25,000 respectively. The latter will of course be granted in accordance with the Bd's Standing orders on the subject. ~~Proposal~~ As regards dry lands ~~for dry~~ ~~granted~~, the Collr proposes to grant ~~these~~ remissions in the case of

(1) lands on the banks of rivers or jungle streams which have been so much damaged

damaged as to necessitate a heavy outlay to render them fit for cultivation, and

(2) lands which though classed as dry, are usually cultivated with wet crops and charged kirwajaste; no remission being granted on land from which one crop has already been taken.

This being (not) in accordance with the principle laid down in the revised S.O. no 23A (Para III) for the grant of dry remission, the Board of Rev has called for revised proposals in conformity with the S.O.

The B^d has approved the Coll^r's proposal to postpone till Jamabandi the collection of revenue in those cases where it is likely to be remitted and has comm^d to him for disposal the telegram transferred to it in this Secretariat.

It is submitted that the Board's Prop^s may be recorded pending the receipt of revised proposals for the grant of dry remissions.

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S.O. 174 11-1-99

Sent to the P.C. with the note for the Hon'ble Minister's return

Please see draft letter on the subject of the current letter.

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