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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department, 25th April 1873.

No. 127. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st April 1873, No. 496:—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 4th March 1873, No. 287, Financial Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Stating that Government await further information called for regarding the repair of the Tamariar Anicut in the Terukurungudi Chuttrum.

Read letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., President of Local Fund Boards, Tinnevelly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 4th March 1873, No. 108.

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, No. 220, dated 17th February 1873, I have the honour to inform you that the chuttrum lands are not inam but are held on putta from Government, the chuttrum paying the assessment and profiting by sub-letting the lands. It was in consideration of the large surplus income thus accruing that I stated that the chuttrum could afford to pay half the cost of the repair of the Tamariar Anicut.

2. The Local-Fund Board have agreed to bear the charge, and the Government have but to receive the money.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with reference to G. O., dated 4th March 1873, No. 287.

2. In the letter recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated 10th February 1871, No. 644, Mr. Puckle said, "The Terukurungudi Chuttrum lands are inam, and, as such, are in no way liable for the repair of the irrigation works supplying them."

3. In the Note by the Acting Chief Engineer, recorded with G. O., dated 18th October 1872, No. 2453, Public-Works Department, it is stated that Mr. Puckle had suggested that the cost of certain repairs to a dam in the Tamariar River from which these chuttrum lands as well as other land are irrigated should be borne in equal proportions by Imperial and Local Funds.

4. On the 21st November 1872 Mr. Puckle briefly remarked that he had been once of opinion that the entire cost should be borne by Government but had seen cause to change his opinion "now that the cost of Imperial, Provincial, and Local Funds are defrayed from separate funds." In reply to the Board, who observed that the transfer of chuttrums to Local-Fund Boards and the "Decentralization of the Finances" afforded no grounds for reducing the endowments of the chuttrums by making them pay for irrigation repairs which they would not have paid for under the old system, Mr. Puckle replies that there is a large surplus income, that the chuttrum can afford to pay, and that the Local-Fund Board have agreed to bear the charge.

Board's Proceedings, dated 17th February 1873, No. 220.

5. He also says that the chuttrum lands are not inam but ryotwary. This is a contradiction of the statement in the first letter referred to, but it does not affect the question materially.

6. The Board submit that these irrigation repairs do not fall within the scope of the endowment, and that the Local-Fund Board ought to be prevented from appropriating the endowment funds as Mr. Puckle proposes to do. If the lands are ryotwary, as is now stated, Government derive full assessment from them, and there can be no ground for making the chuttrum bear any portion of the cost of repairing the Tamariar Dam.

7. The question is one of principle. If this precedent is allowed all chuttrums with large incomes from wet land may have the value of their endowments materially reduced.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 128. ORDER THEREON, 25th April 1873, No. 534.

The proposed appropriation of the Chuttrum Funds would be evidently proper.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secretary,
for *Chief Secretary.*

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. J. Wright.

Dy. 4 March 1873. Nos 31-32.

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Tamariar Anicut—in Tinnevelly District.—Letter from Collector regarding proposed imposition of half the cost of repairing — on Tirukurangudi Chuttrum Funds, submitted to Government with remarks against such an appropriation of these funds.

With an Order

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

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