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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1864.*

No. 588. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Requesting the issue of orders for the measurement of the }
Iram lands taken up for public purposes up to the end of } (Here enter 25th October 1864, No. 1,971.)
Fusly 1273 in the Sub-Division of the Godavery District }

No. 589. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1864, No. 3,122.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, who will issue the necessary instructions for the immediate measurement of the lands in question.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th October 1864.*

No. 319. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1864,
No. 6,512.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District,
to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 4th
August 1864, No. 200 :—

1. With reference to my letter to the Board noted in the margin, I have the honor to
observe, that if the course laid down in para-
graph 13 of the Order of Government, No. 325,
Dated 22nd July 1864, No 186.

dated 23rd February 1864, be considered imperative, a separate officer must be appointed to
this District to settle the claims of Inámdars and proprietors to compensation for their lands
occupied for irrigation works.

2. In writing my letter above referred to, I fear that I did not sufficiently consider this
point, viz., that Government might *insist* on the plan laid down by them in paragraph 13 being
strictly followed. As the Board are aware, there is no Officer now in the District who could
leave his present head quarters, and devote himself entirely to this inquiry for the whole District.
The Collector, Sub-Collector, and Head Assistant, can carry out the necessary inquiries, each
in his own Talooks, if that course be approved of.

3. The taking of land has been confined almost entirely to the Collector's Talooks (Rama-
chendrapur and Amalapur) and the Sub-division. Villagewar accounts have been received for
the whole of this land, i. e., accounts which show that in so many villages so many acres of Inám
or proprietary land have been taken for public purposes, and the quantity taken from each
Inámdar or proprietor with the assessment payable on it. The same accounts show the amount
of waste in each village.

4. What I propose therefore to do is, in the case of Ináms, wherever there is available
culturable waste in a village in which an Inámdar, whose land has been taken, resides, to give
him such land in compensation at once, not allowing him the option of the four modes proposed
by the Board; where culturable waste is available in an adjoining village only, to give the
Inámdar the option of taking it, or the value in cash, of the land lost.

5. Inámdars seldom hold Jirayati lands in addition to their Ináms; and in regard to assign-
ments of revenue from occupied lands, if these lands should happen to be relinquished by the
present holders, and not at once taken up again, fresh assignments would be necessary. I think
therefore that modes 1 and 4 of those referred to by Government in paragraph 12 of the Order
already referred to, must be those to be generally acted on in this District.

6. In regard to proprietary lands taken for public purposes, I have informed the proprietors,
that amounts equivalent to the assessments lost by them will be deducted from their Peishchush
in future, so that they will have no claim for annual compensation subsequent to Fusly 1273.
I hope the Board will approve of this course. Of the 4,000 acres referred to in paragraph 10 of
the Government Order already quoted, compensation had been awarded, prior to the date of that
Order, for all but 3,149; of which 1,486 are proprietary, and are therefore disposed of under the
course I have just mentioned.

7. There remain 1,663 acres of Inám land taken up to Fusly 1270, and bearing an annual
assessment of 5,975 Rupees, for which compensation has still to be awarded; and I hope to do
this speedily, if myself and the Sub-Collector are allowed to dispose of the cases, each in his own
Talooks.

8. There remains the land taken up to the end of Fusly 1273. I regret to say that in many
cases in the Sub-division, the officers of the Department of Public Works neglected to measure
the quantity of land taken in Fuslies 1270, 1271, 1272 and 1273; and now this work must be
done by some one. The Curnums are hard pressed with business there now owing to the correc-
tion of the Settlement Registers which is going on, and the inquiries regarding "Mamool
Nurjah;" and I think therefore, that to avoid much delay, the present Engineer Officers should
now be directed to do what they or their predecessors have improperly neglected to do, viz., to

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measure and send up Memorandums of all Inám lands taken by them for public purposes in Fuslies 1270, 1271, 1272 and 1273, and which have hitherto not been measured by their Department, or by any other competent persons.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1864, No. 5,205.

2. The Board do not doubt that Government will be satisfied with Mr. Fraser's plan of operations, viz., that the Collector and Sub-Collector shall respectively dispose of the cases occurring within their several charges, instead of deputing a single officer for the sole performance of this duty as originally suggested in the Government Order, to which the Collector refers.

3. The Board approve the Collector's proposals in regard to the offer of waste land to Inámdars on the understanding that, as in the case of the commutation of Temple allowances, an additional percentage of area is to be granted in consideration of the cost and labor of bringing waste land into cultivation.

4. In regard to the deductions from the Peishcush in the case of "Proprietary" lands, the Board fully approve the Collector's proceedings, but it will be necessary that a Statement of the adjusted amount of Peishcush in each case be hereafter submitted for the sanction of Government.

5. The proposal that the necessary measurement of the land taken up shall now be made by the Officers of the Department Public Works, by which Department it should originally have been made, appears to the Board perfectly unobjectionable.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 1,971.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve of the work being done by the District officers in their respective divisions, and concur in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

2. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Department Public Works in view to the necessary orders being issued for the immediate measurement of the lands referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

L. S. M.

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Department Public Works.

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To The Sup^r Eng^r 1st Div. W.B.

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