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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd January 1869.*

No. 425. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Revenue Department :—

Mannangudinne Tank in Nellore District —
Board's Proceedings requiring the Shrotriem-
dars to bear a portion of the expense of execut-
ing the more important repairs to it, approved. } (Here enter 15th January 1869, No. 105.)

No. 426 ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1869, No. 211.

IRRIGATION, No. 35

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 2nd Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

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JANUARY.

No. 45-428

Tank — Proceedings Revenue Department, concurring with the Board of Revenue in the propriety of requiring the Shrotriendars of Mannangidinne in the Nellore District to bear, in future, a portion of the expense of executing the more important repairs to the tank which irrigates lands in that village, as well as those in certain Government villages, communicated to the Officer concerned

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
15th January 1869

No 218. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1868, No. 8,202A —

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 8th September 1868, No 3,166

1 I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Board, copies of the correspondence between myself and the Acting Head Assistant Collector in regard to the restoration of Mannangidinne, as sanctioned by Government, in their Order, dated 19th June 1868, No 1,731, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 1st July last.

2 I have directed Mr. Stokes to put the village in possession of the Shrotriendars from the current Fusly, on their executing an engagement as proposed by him

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 8th August 1868, No. 192

1 I have the honor to enclose a report from the Tahsildar of Kavali, forwarding a Kaifiyat from the Shrotriendars of Mannangidinne, in the matter of the restoration of the Shrotriend

2 With reference to paragraph 8 of the Board's Proceedings, No 3,717, dated 19th May 1868, directing that steps should be taken, when making over the village, to insure the maintenance of the tank, I consider that it is only necessary to require the Shrotriendars to make themselves responsible for the execution of the ordinary repairs by customary labor, as specified in the Board's Standing Orders, and to stipulate that, whenever other repairs may become necessary, (as to which the Government Engineers are to judge,) half the cost shall be paid by the Shrotriendars, and I accordingly offered these terms to them. They have acceded to them, on the understanding that the ryots of the Circar villages irrigated under the tank are to contribute their quota of customary labor. The Tahsildar reports that they have hitherto done so, and that there will be no difficulty on this head. I propose, therefore, with your sanction, to embody these conditions in the Bond for the payment of the old arrears which the Shrotriendars are to execute, and to make over the village from Fusly 1278. The Tahsildar has taken steps for the realization of the sums outstanding for the Fusly 1277. I do not consider it necessary to take any security from the Shrotriendars for the performance of the conditions, as the power of resumption which Government will always possess, and which can, if you think fit, be expressly reserved, amply secures them from loss

From the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Nellore, dated 15th August 1868, No 2,889

Your Docket, No 122, dated 8th August 1868

1. The Kavali Tahsildar's Arzi and the Kaifiyat of the Mannangidinne Shrotriendars are herewith returned

2 On the report of Mr Dykes, and the remarks of the Board of Revenue thereon, the Government in their Order, dated 12th September 1867, No 2,152, sanctioned the restoration of the Shrotriend on payment of the arrears amounting to Rupees 220-11-7, and of Rupees 2,751 expended in repairing the tank

3 In his letter, dated 2nd December 1867, No 204, the Acting Head Assistant Collector reported that the Shrotriendars expressed their willingness to accept these terms, petitioning, however, that they might be exempted from the payment of Rupees 2,751 referred to as spent in repairing the tank

4 The Acting Head Assistant Collector pointed out, in the same letter, that the tank in question irrigated more land in Government villages than in Mannangidinne and that the cost of repairing the tank when the village was in the hands of the Shrotriendars was borne by Govern-

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ment Under these circumstances, the Government in their Order, dated 19th June 1868, No 1,731 approved of the Shrotriendars being exempted from the payment of the demand on account of the repairs

5 From the letter under acknowledgment, it appears that the Acting Head Assistant Collector offered the following terms to the Shrotriendars —

1st —That they should be responsible for the execution of the ordinary repairs by customary labor, as specified in the Board's Standing Orders

2nd —That, when other repairs may become necessary, half the cost shall be paid by the Shrotriendars

6 As regards customary labor, the Shrotriendars are bound to render it according to usage and Standing Order of the Board This condition, therefore, may be embodied in the agreement to be executed by the Shrotriendars

7 But as regards the liability of the Shrotriendars to contribute half the cost of what is called "Other repair," it is not quite clear under what authority this offer was made The principle on which the Shrotriendars were exempted from the payment of Rupees 2,751 holds good to future repairs It was distinctly shewn by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, that, in some years, when the village was in the possession of the Shrotriendars, the cost of repairing the tank was exclusively borne by Government The Acting Head Assistant Collector is, therefore, requested to report more fully on this point

8 It is not clear from what date the village should be restored On this point it will be necessary to obtain the Board's orders whether the restoration is to have retrospective effect In that case it is necessary to ascertain the demand actually realized by Government, and the demand which would be payable if the village had been on Shrotriem tenure The question whether the village should be settled under the Inam Rules has also to be settled

9 The undersigned requests that a complete report may be furnished in view to the Board's orders being applied for once for all

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 29th August 1868, No 206

1 I have the honor to reply to your Memorandum, No 2,889, dated 15th August 1868, relative to the Mannangidinne Shrotriem.

2 With reference to paragraph 6, I beg to submit that it is the ryots collectively who are bound to contribute the customary labor, and not the Shrotriendars, and that the Shrotriendars standing in the position of Government, will possess the influence necessary to induce the ryots to contribute it, while Government being in no way connected with the village, and there being no legal compulsory process, (except a regular suit,) will be unable to enforce it. I, therefore, considered it of importance to make the Shrotriendars personally responsible for the labor being contributed

3. With reference to paragraph 7, I have the honor to state that I meant by "Other repairs" repairs of more important character than can be executed by customary labor, such as restoring the tank bund if breached, renewing sluices, bund, revetments, and such like In my letter to you, No 204, dated 7th December 1867, paragraph 6, I stated that, as the interests of Government and

* Though more land is now irrigated in Government land than in the Shrotriem, more land is irrigable in the latter, and the cost even on that irrigated is greater than in the former

the Shrotriendars in the tank were nearly equal, * it would be an equitable arrangement that each should bear half the cost of future repairs This proposal was not noticed in your letter to the Board, and in their Proceedings, No 3,717, dated 19th May 1868, they simply said, "the Collector will see that some arrangement is made to ensure the maintenance of the tank" In communicating

† 19th June 1868, No 1,731

to me, for my information and guidance, these Proceedings and the Government Order thereon, † you gave no intimation of the course to be adopted I, therefore, thought that it rested with me to propose an arrangement, and as the one I had already proposed seemed to me most equitable,

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and had been allowed to pass at least without objection, I acted accordingly, and ascertained that the Shrotriendars were willing to accept the terms subject to your approval I think the Board must have intended some arrangement of the kind I proposed I had no other authority for the course pursued I submit that Government having hitherto reaped all the advantages from the repairs during the period of resumption was one of the grounds on which the Shrotriendars were excused payment of the sum expended From the enclosed Statement of the Demand, Collection,

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* G O, dated 25th November 1856, No 1,243, quoted in Mr Dykes' letter to the Board, dated 25th August 1868, No 269

† There is scarcely any dry or garden land in the village

‡ From the Statement in my letter of 7th December 1867, it would seem that this interest, for Fusly 1276, was about one sixth

years which have elapsed since the tank was repaired † From document No 2 cited by me, it is plain that the Shrotriendars were always held, to a certain extent, responsible for the care of the tank No further information as to repairs is to be found among the Talook records, or those of this office

4 The enclosed Statement gives the information called for in paragraph 3 of your letter. As for the question of enfranchisement, it seems to me that, as the measure would be clearly for the advantage of the Shrotriendars, it will be for them to agitate it after the Shrotriem shall be restored

THE Orders of Government (12th September 1867 and 19th June 1868) approving generally of the Board's proposals to restore the Shrotriem village on repayment of a small sum of arrears due, and to relinquish the demand on account of past repairs, do not appear to have been intended in any way to interfere with the Board's discretion to make provision for future repairs necessary for the maintenance of the tank being shared proportionally between the Government and the Shrotriendars on the contrary, in the Board's Proceedings of the 19th May last, contained in Proceedings of Government, dated 19th June last, the Collector was directed to make arrangements for securing the maintenance of the tank.

2 If it is stated that the Acting Head Assistant Collector's letter of the 29th August 1868, that though more land is now irrigated in the Government villages than in the Shrotriem, there is more irrigable land in the latter than in the former, and that the assessment on the land irrigated in the Shrotriem is greater than that in the Government villages The Board have no doubt that the Shrotriendars have always been held partly responsible for the repairs of the tank, and they approve the Collector's recommendation to put the Shrotriendars in possession from the commencement of the present Fusly on their executing an engagement as proposed by Mr. Stokes and agreed to by them, the expense of executing the more important

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repairs to the tank being apportioned according to their net interest as compared with that of Government as calculated in the manner proposed by the Acting Head Assistant Collector. The proportion to be borne by the Shrotriendars will, it appears, under these terms, be very trifling.

3 It appears that the Shrotriendars have expressed their willingness to ensure the contribution of their share of the usual customary labor on the part of the ryots in the Shrotriem villages, and further to contribute towards other repairs such as repairs of the bund if breached, renewing sluices, &c, &c. The Board consider that the Shrotriem may be made over on such conditions; it remains, however, to be decided what proportion of the cost of the greater repairs shall be borne by Government and by the Shrotriendars, respectively. On the one hand it was originally stated by the Shrotriendars that the Government always bore all the expenses of the repairs in consideration of the water taken for Government villages. subsequently, however, as appears from the Acting Head Assistant Collector's letter of the 8th August 1868, the Shrotriendars agreed to pay *half* the expense of repairs to be incurred, an arrangement which the Head Assistant Collector considered equitable, the interests of the Shrotriendars and the Government in the tank being nearly equal. It was on the strength of this agreement, and with a view to carrying out the instructions of the Board directing the Collector to arrange for the maintenance of the tank, that the Head Assistant Collector submitted the proposal for the approval of the Collector.

4. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted to Government, with a request that the sanction of Government may, if necessary, be formally accorded to the course pointed out by the Board.

No 219

ORDER THEREON, 15th January 1869, No 105

Irrigation, No 8

The Government concur with the Board of Revenue in the propriety of requiring the Shrotriendars of Mannan-

gidinne to bear, in future, a portion of the expense of executing the more important repairs to the tank which irrigates lands in that village, as well as those in certain Government villages. The sum to be contributed by the Shrotriendars should be in proportion to their interest in the tanks.

(True Extract.)

D. Sullivan
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department

Edw G. A. Turton.

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