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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 19th November 1870.

Read the following:—

No. 278. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1870, No. 1,675.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th January 1870, No. 33.

In reply to Proceedings of the Board, No. 95, dated 6th January 1870, I have the honour to inform you that there are no special or extra expenses incurred by Government in the collection of the water-rates payable to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Government Order, dated 17th December 1869, No. 3,204, Revenue Department.

2. The collections are all made by the existing establishments in the villages, that is to say, by the Reddy, the Curnum, and the Vetty.

3. I think, however, that as the Service Inams have been enfranchised, and the emoluments of the village servants regulated according to the requirements of the villages, before the Canal Irrigation was introduced, and as their labour becomes much increased by the new irrigation, and the collection of water-rates, that these village servant's pay should be increased at the expense of the Company.

4. I am without any data from which to draw any exact conclusion, but think, if 5 per cent. were deducted from the amount payable to the Company as wet assessment, that it would be a fair remuneration to the village servants for their extra work. The 5 per cent. might be divided according to the following proportions:—

Reddy.....	1½ per cent.
Curnum	2½ do.
Vetty	1 do.
Total...	5

5. Whether the State should charge for its collection is another question, regarding which I am hardly in a position to give an opinion at all. I think the State should charge. Not that it has any extra expense in making the extra collection, because the establishment is the same as if the Company did not exist, but I think that as the Company is saved a great deal of expense and trouble by the State making the collections, it would be but fair to charge the Company some thing. What the amount should be is a difficult subject, and should form some proportion to the actual sum which it costs the State to collect its own revenue, and can only be arrived at by a careful calculation made of the total average cost all over the Presidency.

The Board await the Collector's reply to their Proceedings of the 28th January 1870, No. 653.

2. The opinion expressed in this letter is too vague, the subject should be treated in detail.

No. 279. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd July 1870, No. 4,660.

Read the following letter from the Deputy-Collector, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated Bhakarapuram, 23rd May 1870, No. 35.

With reference to foot-note to Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 28th January last, No. 169, I beg to report on the charge that should be made against the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for the supply of water, and for collection of water-rate on the lands that may be cultivated under the canal in this district.

2. I find it very difficult to solve the question satisfactorily, because neither the Consulting Engineer's letter nor the correspondence which gave rise to it illustrates the manner in which it is contemplated to supply water and collect water-rate, and because there are no means to find out what extent of land will be irrigated under the canal in this district.

3. I presume, however, that the task of distributing water to the fields, and of realizing water-rate from the ryots, is contemplated to be entrusted to the officials of the respective villages on the system prevailing in Government villages.

4. If my inference be well founded, the Reddies and Curnums will certainly be saddled with additional work; the former will have to collect water-rate, and the latter will have to keep accounts and prepare receipts for the same. The Tahsildar will also have to do some additional work by way of seeing what amount of water-rate has been collected, and what amount left uncollected, and by adopting measures to collect balances by distress and sale of property of the defaulters.

5. Furthermore, two "Neercuts" or distributers of water are required for each village, in order to distribute water to the fields, to close and open sluices, and to guard the canal in rainy weather against any accidents.

6. Again, one additional Gumastah will be required for each taluq, in order to assist the Tahsildar in preparing notices, etc., to defaulters, and to do other work connected with the levy and realization of water-rate.

7. The canal was excavated through and by the under-mentioned villages:—

Taluqs.	Number of villages.
Jamalmadagoo	6
Prodatoor	15
Cuddapah	12

Not only the lands in these villages but also those in some of the contiguous villages will be irrigated under the canal.

8. I beg to add that I find from the information kindly favoured to me by Mr. Acting District Engineer Schwartz of Dhoor Division that these are only of about 30,000 acres of dry land in this district between the borders of the Kurnool District and Cuddapah Town, where the canal has been excavated, fit to be converted into wet. The water-rate on these 30,000 acres amounts to 1,80,000 Rupees, at 6 Rupees per acre. From the correspondence that has passed between the Collector of Kurnool and the Board, and from the unpopularity to which this rate of water-tax gave rise, I think the Company will be obliged sooner or later to reduce the water-rate to 4 Rupees per acre, which was prevalent in the beginning in the Kurnool District. If this is done, the water-tax on 30,000 acres comes to Rupees 1,20,000

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9. In my humble opinion the charge of one per cent. on water-tax that may be levied on the lands under the canal will be sufficient to meet all the ordinary charges relating to distribution of water and collection of water-tax.

No. 97.

True copy submitted to the Board in reply to their Proceedings, dated 6th and 28th January last, Nos. 95 and 653, there being no superior officer of the Company in this district, with whom I am in official communication, in the absence of any information from the Consulting Engineer. I have really no means of knowing anything certain about the proceedings or prospects of the Company, and therefore I am unable to arrive at any more definite conclusion. The Collector of Kurnool, who has better opportunity of keeping himself informed of the operations and intentions of the Company through the Chief Engineer, who has his office at Kurnool, will probably be able to give a more definite estimate, the principle of which will probably be applicable to this district.

(Signed) J. A. BOYLE,
Assistant Collector,
For *Collector.*

Gurramkondah,
28*th May* 1870.

The Collector of Kurnool will be requested to expedite his reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March 1870, No. 1,675.

No. 280. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th August 1870, No. 5,447.

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 11th March and 2nd July 1870, Nos. 1,675 and 4,660.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th July 1870, No. 235.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 1,675, dated 11th March 1870, No. 4,660, dated 2nd July 1870.

2. I do not know exactly the kind of details which the Board require.

3. In recommending a charge of 5 per cent. on the revenue realized for the aid rendered to the Company by the village servants, I was guided by the general principle on which salaries have been fixed for village officers in this district, *vide* Government Order, No. 2,180, dated 19th November 1861. They were fixed in proportion to the revenue of each village, and without reference to the work the servants have to do, and at rates the lowest compatible with efficiency. And as the work of the Company falls heaviest on these servants, it seems to me most necessary that their pay should be raised for the efficient performance of the work.

4. I proposed a higher rate for the Curnum than for either of the other village servants, for his work is undoubtedly the most difficult and laborious. He has to keep and submit several registers of applications for water, besides aiding the Reddy in the collection of revenue, and to prepare and countersign receipts, etc. This higher proportion is maintained in the existing distribution of salaries among the village servants.

5. In paragraph 5 of my letter of 27th January 1870, No. 33, I raised the question whether the Company should not be charged for the aid which the other servants of Government (namely, the Taluq and the Huzoor officials) afford to the Company. I think, however, this question may be dropped, as the Company consent to pay only such special charges as are actually incurred by Government for collecting the revenue for them.

6. I send a statement showing the amount of demand for Fasli 1279 (1869-70), the actual collections and the villages in which the operations took place. From it the average amount to be paid to each village is Rupees 11-9-4.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT showing Demand and Collection of Water-rate on account of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for Fasli 1279.

Taluqs.	Villages.	Amount assessed. RS. A. P.	Amount collected. RS. A. P.	Five per cent. on collections. RS. A. P.	Remarks.
Rumakota.	1. Sunkesula	30 0 8	30 0 8	1 8 0	Average rate per village of Rs. 11-9-4.
	2. Nidjur... ...	743 13 9	743 13 9	37 3 0	
	3. Edurur ...	285 4 9	285 4 9	14 4 0	
	4. Mamidelapadu...	150 3 10	150 3 9	7 8 0	
	5. Manugulapadu	277 8 4	277 8 4	13 14 0	
	6. Joharapuram ...	247 13 9	246 8 3	12 6 0	
	7. Rajah	22 8 0	22 8 0	1 2 0	
	8. Kurnool ...	23 3 6	23 3 5	1 2 0	
	9. Gopalasingavaram	343 3 6	343 3 6	17 2 0	
	10. Kallur... ...	1,876 10 0	1,873 9 11	93 11 0	
	Total...	4,000 6 1	3,996 0 4	199 12 0	
Nandikatkur.	1. Rudravaram ...	188 3 8	166 11 8	8 6 0	
	2. Pudur	64 8 1	63 0 10	3 2 0	
	3. Maravakonda ...	1 4 11	1 4 11	0 1 0	
	4. Pratakota ...	66 9 10	66 9 10	3 6 0	
	5. Bijinivemula ...	10 0 11	2 9 8	0 2 0	
	6. Virapuram ...	3 5 9	3 5 9	0 3 0	
	7. Ellala	34 8 4	34 8 4	1 11 0	
	8. Satanikota ...	142 6 11	142 6 11	7 2 0	
	9. Allur	77 6 5	77 6 5	3 14 0	
	10. Nagatur ...	43 13 8	24 2 8	1 3 0	
	11. Muchmarri ...	123 9 4	123 5 7	6 2 0	
	12. Maddigatla ...	123 1 3	105 14 11	5 5 0	
	13. Mallela... ...	219 10 9	249 10 9	12 8 0	
	14. Pagidyala ...	493 12 9	493 12 9	24 11 0	
	Total...	1,622 6 7	1,554 15 0	77 12 0	
	Grand Total...	5,622 12 8	5,550 15 4	277 8 0	

KURNOOL,
18th July 1870.

(Signed) T. A. N. CHASE,
Collector.

THESE papers will be submitted to Government, with reference to G. O., dated 17th December 1869, No. 3,204.

2. The Madras Irrigation and Canal Company have assented to a deduction being made from the amounts which shall be payable by the Secretary of State to the Company, of all special or extra expenses incurred by the Government of Madras in relation to the supply of water and the collection of water-rate.

3. As far as can be ascertained at present, the duties of the Revenue Department, with regard to the water-supply and water-rates, will be discharged by the existing establishment, and though it would be just to pay the village servants and the Revenue Inspectors for the extra work which will be thrown upon them in collecting money for the Irrigation Company, the Board do not think the concession of the Company, announced in their letter of the 11th August 1869, No. 1, comprehends such a payment.

4. If it is found hereafter that any special establishment has to be entertained, or that any extra charges must be incurred, the subject can be re-opened.

No. 281. ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1870, No. 1,814.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur in opinion with the Board that until the necessity for incurring "*special* or *extra* expenses" by Government in relation to the supply of water, or the collection of water-rates under the Irrigation Company's works shall have arisen, (which is not yet the case,) the assent of the Company to the charge against them of such expenses cannot operate.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Memorandum Sheet

Memo: for Orders in No 2703

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The Contract with the Irrigation Company does not provide for the Govt making any charge for the Company for the cost of collection - the Govt of India brought this matter before the Home authorities, who communicated with the Company on the subject. The Company then consented to a deduction being made from the sums paid to them

of

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated November, 18th.

Read. Ans.

G. O., 18th November 1870, No. 1,814.

MOFFUSSIL.
Nos. 278—231.

Water-supply & collection of water-rates for Irrigation Canals.—Col. Cox's proposal to remove all [illegible] connection with it to be considered when [illegible] is taken.

"of all special or extra
"expenses incurred by
"the Govt of Madras in
"relation to the supply
"of water and the collection
"of water-rates."

2. It will doubtless hereafter be necessary to employ some special estabt for the distribution of water, and perhaps some additional estabt may be required to aid the Govt officers in the collection of the water-rate. At present, however, the Board considers that the additional labor thrown upon the Govt Revenue Estabt is so small that no charge need be made upon the Company.

Orders are requested.

I am Sir
Your most obedient
humble Servant
[illegible]

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Rev.ue Department

No 1814

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 19th November 1870.

Read the following

From the Board of Revenue.

Subj. Coll.rs proposals to remunerate village Servants for supply of water from Kurnool Canal & for collection of water rates for Irrigation Co.: with remark that question of deduction from amount payable by Govt. to Company on account of collection Rs. can be opened if it should arise hereafter that extra establt. should be entertained for purpose.

(R.C. 25th Augt. 1870 No. 5447)

The Government concur in opinion with the Board that until the necessity for incurring "special or extra expenses" by Govt. in relation to the supply of water or the collection of water rates under the Irrigation

Rent

Collection of water rates for Irrigation Purposes

Case

Recd 23rd Octr. per R16 Kar

Irrigation Company's
works shall have arisen,
(which is not yet the case),
the assent of the Company
to the charge against them
of such expenses cannot
operate.

14-/ To the Board of Revenue dec 21 Nov.
21 " The Public Works Dept N