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Government of Madras.
DEPARTMENT.

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No. 528. Read the following Enjoinement of the Revenue Department, dated Fort St. George, 6th June 1871.—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th May 1871, No. 2093.

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of North Arcot, dated Wandewash, 3rd April 1871, No. 230.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, and Government Letter from the Collector, to Sub-Collector, No. Order No. 2,374, dated 1st October 1,221, dated 29th October 1870, Public Works Department, I have

Do	do.	No 17, dated 9th January 1871	"	the honour to inform you that on the
Do	do.	No 139, dated 31st	"	occasion of my recent visit to Arnee, I
Do	do.	No 320, dated 1st March	"	inspected the site of the old river chan-
Do	do.	No 426, dated 29th	"	

nel leading from the Seear through the Jaghire to the tank of Seeshamangalum in the talook of Wandewash. The traces of the channel are well marked and distinct, except through the wet lands under the Moyanampoondy tank; that the former channel *did* pass through these lands is not denied by the Jaghi-redar, whose contention is that the channel was years ago abandoned; that Seeshaman-galum had already a superabundant supply from the "Oothang Calava" in connec-tion with the Padavandoo anicut, that there is now no occasion whatever for re-opening it so far as the wants of Seeshamangalum are concerned, and that if it is necessary to open another channel for the supply of Seeshamangalum, the object of Government will be attained without extensive damage to himself and his ryots by leading it by way of the tank bed through dry lands of but little value.

2. It is extremely difficult to determine the exact course of the old channel through the Magany, not a trace of it exists. I was taken in a straight line from the break on one side to the break on the other: this was said to be the former course, and it is certainly the most natural; the channel entered the Magany, according to one set of informants, at a point now blocked by the northern horn of the tank bund, others denied that it had such a course.

3. Whatever the cause of its abandonment, it seems certain that the channel has never for the last thirty years been used as a source of supply to Seeshamanga-lum. The rights of the Jaghi-redar reverted when the channel was abandoned, and should the scheme be finally determined upon the question of compensation alone remains for settlement. The Jaghi-redar is so extremely opposed to the scheme, that though on several occasions, dating from the 7th November 1870, he has been requested to value his loss and submit his claim for compensation, he has not yet complied. This it is that has led to the delay in submitting the report called for by Government.

4. The alternative scheme which the Jaghi-redar proposes would involve a considerable amount of digging and cost more perhaps than the channel would be worth; the proposed channel runs through the very heart of the Nunjah of Moya-nampoondy, of which it will take up nearly 11 Acres. The market value of wet lands in the village is reported by the Local Subordinate Magistrate to be 300 Rupees a cawny, or about 230 Rupees an acre; wet lands in the neighbouring

village of Peyyoor sell at 350 Rupees a cawny, or about Rupees 285 an acre; dry lands in these villages sell respectively Rupees 50 and Rupees 85 a cawny, or Rupees 38-7-5 and 65-6-2 an acre. These, I think, are fancy prices; no actual sales are quoted, while from a list obtained from the Subordinate Magistrate, it appears that the average of wet assessment in Moyanampoondy is rather less than 9 Rupees an acre. Taking 8½ Rupees as the assessment, and twenty years purchase as the compensation to be given, he should have for the 11 Acres of wet to pay Rupees 1,870. Taking only ten years purchase as the value of the loss, the amount of compensation for wet would be Rupees 935. There are besides the two items of a couple of acres of dry and two and a quarter acres of Poramboke to be accounted for to the Jaghiredar. The total amount on account of compensation entered in the Department Public Works estimate is Rupees 600 for both Jaghire and Government lands, or 335 Rupees less than the above not very extravagant estimate of the value of the Jaghire Magistrate only would come to. The Jaghiredar staves off the question by submitting no claim for compensation; his loss he would thus have us believe to be irreparable, and not to be valued in money. In talking the question over with him, I could see very plainly how much opposed he was to the scheme. As he submits no claim for compensation, it is impossible to come to an amicable arrangement, and as compensation for lands acquired for public purposes can in a case like this be valued

Assessed Dry	ACS	YDS
Do Wet	1	4,641
Poramboke or Waste land	10	3,774
	2	1,026
	14	4,600

and awarded only under Act X of 1870, I have the honour to suggest that should it be determined to carry out the project, its provisions may, with respect to these lands, the particulars of which are entered in the margin, be put in force.

5. The tank of Seeshamangalum is already supplied from the Padavai doo anicut scheme; that the supply it receives from that source is insufficient, may be inferred, I presume, from the proposal to re-open this old channel

6 The enclosures of your letter No. 1,221, of 1870, are returned.

No. 242.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Order, dated 26th October 1870, Miscellaneous No. 1,279, passed upon the Proceedings of Government, Department Public Works, dated 1st October 1870. It is quite impossible to induce the Jaghiredar to come to any terms. Several letters were addressed to him on the subject both from this and the Sub-Collector's office without evoking any reply from the Jaghiredar, and, under the circumstances of the case, the only course left is to take possession of the lands required for the excavation of the channel under Act X. of 1870.

NORTH ARCOT,
26th April 1871.

(Signed) W. S. WHITESIDE,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Government Order dated 1st October 1870, No. 2,374, Public Works Department.

2. It appears that the Jaghiredar of Arni refuses to give up the land required for the proposed channel on any terms, and that if the land belongs to the Jaghiredar and is to be taken from him it must be taken under Act X. of 1870

3. It is said that the new channel is merely a restoration of an old channel closed not less than 30 years ago which belonged to Government, but the exact line of the channel cannot be traced where it passes through rice land.

4. It is difficult to judge from Mr Wilson's report what will have to be paid for compensation, but it will be at least four or five times as much as the Superintending Engineer estimated, namely, Rupees 600.

5. The Board presume that the fact that the channel will not injure the water-supply of any of the Jaghiredar's tanks, or of any portion of the rice land through which it passes, can be proved in Court.

REFERRED to the Department of Public Works with reference to paragraph 5 of the Order in that Department, dated 1st October 1870, No. 2,374

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

No. 529

ORDER THEREON, 30th June 1871, No. 1,749.

IRRIGATION, No. 26.

ORDERED that the papers received with his letter dated 26th August 1870 be returned to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, with a view to the revision of the estimate for the improvement of the supply to the Seeshamangalum tank, and re-consideration of the question of the proper line for the channel with reference to paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 20th ultimo, copy of which will be furnished to the Superintending Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. G. RYVES, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
Revenue Department.

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No. 1749. P. N. D. 5
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following
Endorsement.
From the Rev. Deputy - (H. E. L. — 9 June 1871)

Ordered that the
papers received with his
letter dated 26 August 70
be returned to the
Superintendent & Co.
with a view to the revision
of the estimate for the
improvement of the supply
to the Seehamangalam
tank and reconsideration
of the question of the proper
line for the channel
with reference to paras
& 4 and 5 of the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue
dated

dated 20 ultimo, copy of
which will be furnished
to the Supr Engineer.

Done

To
The Supr Engr & Co. D. C. into
the Rev. Department

Recd 23/7/71

Cost of 1871 Shaves.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Superintendent Engr
4th Division

Dated

Rev. J.

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