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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th March 1871.*

No. 387. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division :—

(Here enter No. 157, dated 14th February 1871.)

No. 388. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1871, No. 779.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

IN Proceedings No. 263, dated 30th January 1871, the Government called upon the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division to submit such explanations as he might have to offer on his proceedings, as brought to notice by the Collector, in connection with the leasing out the right of fishing in tanks and tide waters. The letter at the head of these Proceedings is Colonel Moberly's reply.

2. As it appears that the Superintending Engineer has not asserted any right, in opposition to the Revenue Authorities, either to lease out fisheries or to collect their rents, but has simply followed a practice introduced by his predecessors seemingly with the concurrence of the Collector, and was ready to discontinue it as soon as he found Mr. Boswell objected to it, the Government accept Colonel Moberly's explanations and exonerate him from blame.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, however, to point out both to Colonel Moberly and to Mr. Boswell that it is their duty by a constantly courteous correspondence and friendly personal co-operation to adjust all matters in which they have, as the heads of their respective departments in the district, a common interest; that their own time and that of Government ought not to be wasted by controversies about trifles, and that the Government confidently expect that a good understanding will prevail between them, as without that the public service cannot fail to suffer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Translated

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From Cunchi Annaji Row Punthata
Tahsildar of Varasatowpet Taluq
To Mr. Joaquim Saluq Amerson
attached to 4th Range Krishna
District

I received your postcard (memo)
No. 81 dated 3rd Instant

You stated in it that B. Ramona
dug out & made pits in the tank
called Peddala cheruvu of Attatoor
attached to the Taluq for the pur-
pose of fishing

Regarding the commission
of such unlawful acts if you
give your deposition in the
Magisterial line measures
will be adopted according to

rules

Dated 2
20th April
1870

Signed / Tahsildar
M. M. Mungachary
Deputy

To: Cunchi Amaji Row Runtaloo
Sahibdar of Narasarnpet Taluk

We & our pious proceeded & saw many
people crowded in the tank called
Padola Chieroo of Attaloo attached
to the Taluk - For the purpose of fishing,
one Bundaroo, Damoodoo dug under
the bank inside at a short distance
from the sluice & formed a pit. In the
same manner we saw him digging
& forming a pit in another place. We
inquired. Misetty Damoodoo & Chacala
Sobbudoo who were standing at the
sluice as to who opened the sluice which
was shut. They replied that the people
of the Zamindar opened the sluice for
the purpose of taking water to the fields.
& No water is required for the fields now.
It is for the purpose of fishing only the
sluice was opened. They are letting out
water of the tank & thereby making people
destitute of water even for drinking -
By digging & forming pits under the
bank inside, the stones & earth of the
wall fall down & thereby the bank
will be injured - Unless the persons
who committed such mischief are
once punished, others cannot be
kept in awe. We therefore request

you will take steps to punish the
said B Ramoodoo who committed
the mischief & not to open the sluice
where people are fishing in the
tank now.

Dated
22nd December
1870

Signed / C Joaquin
Selling Amudoo

M. Sreenivachary
Translator

Enclosures

27th March / 70
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No 157

Superintending Engineer

2nd Dr. Camp Station

14th February 1871

From Colonel F. J. Roberts R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd Dr.
Colonel C. M. O. R.E.
Secretary to Government D.F.W.
Madras.

Sir I am acknowledging G.O. No 263. 30th
January, I have the honor to solicit the attention
of Government to the spirit in which Mr.
Boswell has reported on my actions to the
Board of Revenue.

2 He forwarded to me on the 20th March 1870
document No 905 on a letter from his Head
Assistant; on the 27th September he called on me
for a reply. This reminder reached me on the 11th
October, and was answered the same day referring
him to my No 79. 2nd June, without waiting for
the issue of his reference, he on the 16th October
informed the Board that I had not favoured
him with any reply.

3 On the 22nd of the same month he quoted
this reply to the Board in his No 4690, acknowledging
how he had discovered it, the letter which
led him to it is a short one, the first para-
graph simply points out date and number of my reply.

the second is as follows. I have no knowledge of the Saltwater fisheries but will enquire.

4 I would respectfully submit that this should have prevented Mr. Boswell from writing the final para of his letter, and inducing the Board of Revenue to pass their remarks as to my personal action, and unprecedented proceedings.

No 6689-16. Worew
R.O. 263. 30 Jan 71

5 The Asst. Assistant's letter and Mr. Boswell's docket point generally, as I think, to fisheries under the Amrit and in the Canals. Mr. Boswell in reporting to the Board says he "enquired as to my leasing fresh and salt water fisheries". I beg to refer to the docket. I understood Mr. Graham to be disengaging which Department should look after certain fisheries, and I argued that as the P. W. Officers were in charge of the Delta works, it would be most convenient that they should manage the fisheries. I would distinctly point out that so far as I know, no P. W. Officer has interfered with tanks out of the Delta.

6 I did not understand what Mr. Graham's difficulty was as regarded the information about Revenue; for the Tasil-dars had either collected the rent themselves, or received them from the P. W. Officers. I knew of no precedent as to the matter. I claimed no right. In fact I knew nothing about the subject till I received this letter.

the reply was delayed till 2nd June, because I was obliged to enquire.

7 I could not discover how the system had originated. It was believed that as the Canals had been prolonged and led into the tanks which thus dropped into our charge - fishing had increased that the Range Officers, observing how uncontrolled it was, and following the system pursued as to leasing the lands for grazing, had started licensing. The Superintending Engineer may have been as ignorant of it as I was, but I am told that both Colonel Anderson, and Wincom knew of it. One instance of a publication

Kistna Gazette in the District Gazette has been brought to my notice. 11th Nov 1868. I noticed that any rate no secret was made of it.

and the Tasil-dars took the money. 8 If I understand aright the first part of the B. of the Board's remarks, our procedure is really in accordance with the Board's opinion.

9 I would further point out that in my No 79. I was really answering a statement made by the Tasil-dar, that the fish were being taken under the Amrit since the fishing in the pool below the Amrit could not hurt that work, & the P. W. Officers on the spot would certainly have prevented any thing likely to injure it.

10 However on receiving Mr. Boswell's docket I stopped any further action and I believe

that since May last no person has held any
license from this Department.

11 While however the subject was under
consideration, I was informed that the Tasildar of
Rapunly had fined a man Rs 40 for fishing
in the Rapunly tank, and that this man had
in consequence refused to pay the rent which
he had agreed to pay. I brought the matter
to the notice of the collector as a discourteous act
on the Tasildar's part. I enclose copy of this
para of a longer letter.

12 Before entering on this subject, I would
observe here that paras 9. 10. 11 of this letter
reported the inattention of the Sub Magistrate
and Police Officer of Tinally to a complaint
made by the Delta Superintendent. Para 12 went
on to say that the Sub Magistrate had taken
no notice of a letter which I had consequently
written. The Tasildar of Rapunly was not
mentioned till I wrote para 13 and not a word
was said as to his not answering my letters.

13 Mr Roswell transferred my letter to the
Magistral side. he remarked that it was
too late to appeal, but denied that the Tasildar
had fined any person. I lay attention to
the words used for in his No 62 he has denied them.
In support of his Tasildar's statement
he sent certain documents.

No 199. 21 Sept/70

see Collrs letter
No 536. 14 Oct/70
(orig. enclosed)

No 19. Jan/71
original enclosed

No 258. 20 Dec/70
Copy enclosed

No 693. 31 Oct/70
orig. enclosed

my letter No 299
12 Jan/71
Copy enclosed

see his No 62

No 12. 14. 4 Feb/71

14 In my reply I enclosed copies of two
occurrence reports from the local police; and
other documents from some of the same persons
as the Tasildar had cited. From these it
appeared that he had questioned them only as to
the wants of one particular day, on which nothing
had happened; and that their denials as to any
body having been punished applied only to
that day. They knew of persons having been
punished on another day.

15 The collector in his reply took no notice
of this extraordinary procedure, but so far
modified his former statement as to allow that
some persons had been warned and others fined
for fouling a drinking water reservoir by fishing;
he however denied the identity of these parties
with the renters.

16 I requested that he would hear all parties
together, and offered to send Mr Davis and others
to support my allegations. This the Govt
will see. Mr Roswell has declined to do, ap-
parently overlooking the fact that in his support
of his Sub Magistrate, he is impugning an
Act of his superior's voracity.

17 The Rapunly tank is 3/4 mile long and
is filled up that in his No 773 of 23rd February 1870
to the Revenue Board, Mr Roswell has proposed
to call it off its cultivation. The village touches

its bank for a short distance at one point, but the people secured their principal supply of water for drinking from wells. Nobody that I could discover, knew of the prohibition. It is true, at any rate, the order had been long disobeyed.

18. The Mr. Wood. 4629, it appears to have been
found in April 1844; from his remark it would seem as if
Mr. Wood himself had omitted its validity.

19 Mr. Boswell can I think scarcely have remembered the admission made in his docket No 905 when he wrote his first letter to the Board. Mr Davis informs me that he introduced the Complainant who held his license, to Mr Boswell when on Jamabundya that when the man began his tale, the Tasildar rose and interrupted him. that finding Mr Boswell did not check what appeared to him intimation, he left the room, and denies that any word passed as to the irregularity of his giving any license. See

20 I submit that the omission of any mention
of this in his letter of 2nd March goes against
Dr. Merrill's view of what occurred as stated
in his No 693 of 13th October 1879.

21 I have taxed my memory as well as to discover on what the points I have complained through misinformation. Mr. D. well has more than once mentioned as proved statements, which the members of the D. H. S. have denied. Has com.

Remember any instance in which Mr. Boswell
 has had occasion to ask for a copy of any
 particular order. I utterly deny that I dis-
 continued the practice of sending up as copies
 of Govt. orders. on the omission being brought
 to my notice I called the attention of the
 Manager of my Office to it and I am informed
 that they have been regularly sent -
 I have however called on the Manager to
 report more fully. the Government can
 scarcely expect me to look into these details;
 as I am constantly moving about on duty.
 In Conclusion I would observe that I am
 180 miles from Masulipatam and therefore
 have not obeyed the order to call on Mr. Boswell;
 though I trust I have satisfied Government
 that I have neither done any act, nor claimed
 any power which requires discussion.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours most Obedt^{ly} Servant
A. J. Lee Col^l R.E.
Capt Engineer 2^d Divⁿ

No. 77 Public Works Department
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As it appears that
 the Superintending Engineer has not ascertained

No. 30 January 1871 - No. 525-526
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The Superintending Engineer
 is advised

To Mr. Seery & Co.

27th February 1871
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Public Works Department

Letter from the Superintending Engineer
 of the 2nd Division dated 11th
 February 1871 No. 157

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I would enclose Mr.
 Moberley for any Home
 in the matter of leasing
 fisheries in the Delta of
 the Pitt River
 was once he seems to
 have simply followed the
 example of his predecessor
 according to established
 custom. I would
 at the same time

However ill judged
 Colonel Moberley's pro-
 ceedings may be, and
 however indiscreet his
 correspondence it is
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 not asserted authority
 to lease out Fisheries
 either in tanks or in
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to lead to discord
and to foster bad
feelings.

Wm. C. Allen
Secy to Govt. P. O. D.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Superintending Eng.
2nd Division

Dated

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G. O. 15th March, No. 979

Further Pro. to 1082 D/18-471

Nos. 787-388

Fisheries in the Krishna St.

Referring to the letter
from the Sd. Div. dated 22nd
the 18th March explaining
the order of reference to
the Sd. Div. complaint
regarding the loss of
fisheries in the Krishna
St.

G. O. 15th March 1871 Q. 7th
to 28 Feb 71 Q. 2nd March