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14th May 1872.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 333. From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Vinjamoor, 2nd February 1871, No. 151.

I HAVE the honour to bring to your notice that the undermentioned statement shows prices realized by the sale of tank beds which have been thrown out of use as such by the construction of the Kistna anicut and its subsidiary works :—

Taluqs.	Name of Villages.	Name of Tanks.	TANK BED LANDS.				Amount realized by sale.	
			Extent.		Assessment.			
			A.	C.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.
Rapalli ...	Evani ...	Ruined tank ...	30	5		34	0	0
	Kaitapully ...	Tallachervoo ...	39	45		167	0	0
	Kamarazugudda.	Tank ...	68	50		3,095	8	6
	Bhuttirole ...	Tank ...	154	11		7,475	14	11
Gudevada ...	Payaru ...	Vadda Chervoo tank ...	20	70	* 124 4 0	35	10	0

2. I shall be obliged by your obtaining the permission of Government to my entering these sums against the amount expended on the anicut, etc.

No. 334. From the same Officer, dated Camp at Ongole, 25th March 1871, No. 181.

In reply to your memorandum No. 37, 11th February, I have the honour to enclose copy of the Collector's reply to my inquiry regarding the amounts realized by the sale of the land in the Evani and Kaitapully tank beds.

2. The Range Officer reports that the drainage of the former is not good, but he is surprised at the small sums obtained at Kaitapully. I fully concur in his opinion that the land is fertile and ought to have sold well; we cannot understand why there was no competition, for there were many applications made to this department to procure its surrender for cultivation; but, judging from his action in the matter of a grant of a piece of land, I believe the proposition was opposed by the Tahsildar.

3. In all cases of conversion of tank beds the opinion of the Superintending Engineer is called for under ruling No. 8,218, dated 6th November 1869, of the Board of Revenue. If he is of opinion that the channels command the tank which is useless as a reservoir, and the Collector approves, the Board sanctions the sale.

From the Officiating Collector, Kistna District, to the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 16th March 1871, No. 859.

With reference to your letter No. 351, dated 7th March 1871, I have the honour to inform you that the prices at which tank beds were sold at Evani and Kaitapully villages were very low compared with those at which the lands in the tank beds of Kamarazugudda and Bhuttirole were

* Dry Sist	...	RS.	A.	P.
Water-tax	...	41	7	0
	...	£3	13	0
		121	4	0

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sold. The increase or decrease in the prices of lands is always dependent on the fertility of the soil. The lands of Evani and Kaitapully tank beds are said to be inferior in quality to those of Kamarazugudda and Bhuttirole villages. All the lands were duly advertised and sold by auction. There was competition in these cases and none almost in the others.

No. 335. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No. 1,272.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.

In the first of these letters the Superintending Engineer requests permission to bring to the credit of the Kistna

anicut a sum of Rupees 10,803-1-5, being the amount realized by the sale of the beds of certain tanks which are no longer required as reservoirs, the lands formerly dependent upon them being now supplied by the delta works. It appears but fair that the sum realized by the sale of the tanks should be credited to the anicut works; the amount should therefore be brought to the credit of the anicut in the Remunerative Statement of 1871-72, it being noted in the column of remarks that the amount has been realized by the sale of the beds of tanks which are no longer required.

2. The second letter gives cover to a letter from the Collector stating that the lands in the beds of the tanks were duly advertised for sale, and accounting for the very small sums realized by the lands in the beds of the Evani and Kaitapully tanks owing to the inferiority of the quality of the soil in the beds of those tanks and to the small competition for them.

3. The amounts realized per acre are noted in the margin. The sums realized by the sale of the three first tanks are too small to be attributed to poverty of soil. It is possible that other causes may have operated to keep

down the price, such as combination among the bidders, ignorance of the fact that the lands would continue to be irrigated, etc.

4. The papers will be referred to the Revenue Department, in view to such measures as may be necessary to guard the interests of the State, such, for instance, as fixing an upset price, dividing the land into convenient blocks, etc., being adopted in future.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
,, Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 151 /
Supt Engineer Office
Camp Dindimoor
20 February 1872

From Colonel J. J. Moherly R.E.
Supt Engineer 2d Div
To The Chief Engineer of
Irrigation

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the undermentioned statement shows prices realized by the sale of tank beds which have been thrown out of use as such by the construction of the Kistna Anicut and its subsidiary works.

Tahsil	Name of Village	Name of Tank	Tank Lands		Amount realized
			Extent	Area	
1. 232	Evani	Ruined tank	20 5	100 1	15 0
4. 3. 2	Kayatapally	Tallackeroo	39 45		34 "
45 1. 14. 4	Rafalli	Kamarazugudda Tank	68 30		167 "
4 35. 2. 1	Bhuttirole	Tank	154 11		3605 8 6
7. 11. 2	Payaru	Nadda Sheroo 2. Tank	20 76	126 4	7475 14 11
					35 10 "
					124 4 "

I shall be obliged by your obtaining the permission of Government to my entering these sums against the amount expended on the Anicut &c

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedt Servt
J. Moherly
Colonel R.E.
Supt Engineer 2d Div

1857.

Kistna Dist. Collector
Kachari Mamapaluru
16 March 1871

From J. A. C. Rosmells Esq.
Officiating Collector R. S.
To Col. F. J. Moholy R. S.
Super. Engineer 2000

Sir
With reference to your letter No 351
of 7th March 1871. I have the honor to inform you
that the prices at which Tank lands were
sold at Iruvi and Kaitapully villages were
very low compared with those at which the lands
in the Tank beds of Kaniyagutta and
Whittipole were sold. The increase or
decrease in the prices of lands is always
dependent on the fertility of the soil. The lands
of Iruvi and Kaitapully Tank beds are said
to be inferior in quality to those of Kaniyagutta
and Whittipole villages. All the lands are
only advertised and sold by Auction. There was
competition in these cases and none almost
in the others.

I have &c
Signed / J. A. C. Rosmells
Offs Collector

True copy

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Super 2000

20th 1871. 10037 11/11

10th 1872 10121
10th 1873 10223

10th 1874 10325

10th 1875 10427

10th 1876 10529

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10th 1878 10733

10th 1879 10835

10th 1880 10937

10th 1881 11039

10th 1882 11141

10th 1883 11243

From
Col. A. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer and
The Chief Engineer for
Irrigation.

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3 In all cases of Commission of Tanks
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is called for underlining No 218 of 6 Nov 1869
of the Board of Revenue If he is of opinion
that the Channels command the Tank

Dear Madam in a letter
 from the lady Ensign
 2295 5th St
 Cincinnati Pa I beg to
 inform you that
 2018 2/25 in with 1/11
 P. M. 2024 1/2
 Same with 1/10 & 1/11

P. W. Dist. Mch. 21.
 2nd. 2024.
 From the Chief Engineer
 for Irrigation
 Madras

3/25 March 1871
 Recd. 23 April
 Enclosed copy of the
 Collector's reply to the
 Enquiry regarding the
 amount realized by the
 sale of the land in the
 Erum and Karlaipally
 tank beds and makes
 certain observations
 on the subject.

12/2-14 May 72

334.
 A.C. B. May 72
 626 Oct 72

P. W. D.
 No. 1272
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 Read the following
 From
 The Chief Engineer } (H. E. No. 1519 2nd. 2nd. 11)
 " " " } (H. E. No. 181 2nd. 2nd. 11)
 " " " } (H. E. No. 181 2nd. 2nd. 11)

I should like to
 see the order di-
 recting the sale
 of these tanks -
 have they been
 sold per bid or
 subject to assess-
 ment? Were they
 sold in a block or
 in lots.

In the first of
 these letters the Superin-
 tending Engineer requests
 permission to bring to
 the credit of the Kistna
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 are no longer required
 as

order sent. 4.3.72

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 -sion relative to the possi-
 -bility of supplying
 the beds of the tanks
 with water or of drain-
 -ing the beds, or that the
 competition was limited
 owing to the villagers
 clubbing together to pur-
 -chase the tanks with a
 view of retaining them
 as Reservoirs for the
 supply

Army ————— Rs 1-1-10
 Kaitipally ————— " 4-3-8
 Payaru ————— " 1-11-6
 Ramorayagudda — 45-3-"
 Bhuttiprol — 48-8-2
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 such, for instance,
 as fixing an upper
 price - dividing the

land in to com-
 -municate blocks &c
 being admitted in
 future.
 J. G.

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supply of cattle &c
 4. The Govern-
 -ment are of opinion
 that an upset price
 should be placed upon
 all tank beds to be
 disposed of, the amount
 being fixed relative to
 the actual market
 value of similar
 land in the neighbour-
 -hood. The attention
 of the Revenue Board
 will be called to the
 matter and they will
 call upon the Collector
 to report what use
 was made of the
 beds of the tanks during
 the past year and if
 they