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25th July 1872.

No 359 Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 27th June 1872, No 1,126 —

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 8th June 1872, No. 1,624.

WITH reference to the Board's Miscellaneous No 3,699, dated 22nd May 1872, I have the honour to submit the following detailed report regarding the tank-beds sold —

2 The extent of this tank-bed advertised for sale was Acres 200 5 The soil is loose and friable, and the drainage bad; and the Tahsildar fixed the upset price at Rupee 1 per acre, and carefully divided the land into thirty convenient blocks, only Acres 30 5 were sold for Rupees 34. The remaining land is still unsold for want of purchasers

Repalli Taluq
Evani Tank

3 It is not at all clear to me why the poverty of soil should not account for the lowness of price, especially as so much was left unsold. The soil which the Superintending Engineer and Range Officer designated as fertile, is described by the Tahsildar to be "Pulludu," a soil which will only produce a crop every now and then, as for the Superintending Engineer's remarks that there were numerous applications for surrender of the tank that I think proves nothing. If the land were open to durkhast, as the applicants probably hoped it would be, I have no doubt it would all be taken up to-morrow, but it is quite another thing to ask the ryot to pay a premium for permission to cultivate bad land. I believe the waste land in the village is much of it better than this tank-bed.

4. The extent of the tank-bed of the Talla Cheruvu Tank, Kytapilly, is Acres 195 62 of which Acres 39 54 were sold on 5th July 1870 for Rupees 167, at the rate of Rupees 4-3 8, per acre. In July 1871, the remaining land, Acres 156 8, was sold for Rupees 841, at Rupees 5-6-0 per acre. These lands are described as poor and unprofitable, and it is said the ryots would not give more. The sale was advertised and the land divided into blocks.

Repalli Taluq
Talla Cheruvu
Kytapilly

5. In this village there are three more tanks sanctioned to be sold, which are not named in the Order of Government, their extent is Acres 869 88 as detailed in the margin, with the exception of Acres 5 in the first tank, which were sold for Rupees 34, at Rupees 6-13 0 per acre; the rest was not sold for want of bidders. This land is not suited for dry cultivation. No means of irrigation have yet been provided either for the lands outside or inside the tanks, and I do not intend to allow any further sale till the promised irrigation is actually provided, as, during the settlement of the current Fusly, the ryots of the villages informed me that the tanks were still necessary for agricultural purposes.

	A	C
1 Jamala Tank	71	67
2 Dudalatippa Tank	119	45
3 Cotta Cheruvu	678	76
	869	88

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6 This bed of this tank is over-grown with a grass called "Avuradubbu" which is, I believe, very difficult to eradicate, as it has its roots very deep in the ground, and great pains and expense are required to clear the land, which is also said to be poor. On the other hand, the tank-beds of Kamarazugudda and Butti-prole are very rich, and contain a deep deposit of Kistna alluvium. People from all round about flocked to bid.

7. For my own part I believe that there is as much difference in the value of tank-bed land as there is in any other land in the country; and as plenty of cultivated land will not find a purchaser at a rupee an acre, I do not see why poor tank-bed land should be expected to sell any better. In all these cases the sales were public, and the land to be sold properly put up in convenient lots after demarcation, and for the reasons above I do not see any cause to suppose combination among bidders, the facts that two have not sold at all and one with some difficulty, after being twice advertised, to me show there was nothing of the kind.

8 If the land is good it will always fetch a fair price.

The Collector's explanation, which the Board considers satisfactory, will be submitted to Government.

2. The Board approve of the Collector's determination, as given at the close of paragraph 5, not to advertise any more tank bed land in Kytapilly for sale until the water for its irrigation is actually available, and until it is beyond all doubt that the tank will not be again required as a reservoir for water.

No 330.

ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1872, No 1,765

IRRIGATION, No 20

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division

(True Extract)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R E,

Secretary to Government

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division

"Chief Eng^r for Dist.

Exd S T Austin.

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MADRAS.

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No 1,126

Tank-bed land—in Kistna District—Explanation of Collector in regard to small sums realized by sale of certain, submitted to Government. Collector's determination not to advertise any more tank-bed land in Kytapilly for sale until water for its irrigation is actually available and it is beyond doubt that tank will not be again required as a reservoir, approved

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, D P. W.

Copy to the Chief Secretary to Government, R D.

" to the Acting Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Comm^d to the Secy 28/72

Recd 31/7/72

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Wm. H. S. S. S.

Requested for reference a spare copy of Standard
Chronometer 389 dated 22nd Aug 1892.

W. H. S. S.
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23rd July
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Revenue Board Office

Miscellaneous No 3699
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Read Proceedings of Govt. P. W. Bd.
27th May 1872 - 11-1272 -
Communicated to the
Collector of the Fistic District who will report
fully with reference to
para 4 and state how
the tank beds in the
three first cases were
sold.

Revenue Board Office (By order)
Madras,
22nd May 1872 - {Signed} J. G. S.
Secretary
(True Copy)

M. A. N.
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Explanation of the Col^{rs}
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Kistna Dist, Comd to the Sup^y
of the 2^d Div.