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2. This is the chief dispute between the two villagers. Muddoor people further say that a Punchayet has been held some years ago between them and Toodoor people, and it was decided that the channel water should not be left to Sagilair when the tank water reaches the bund No. 2, and that the Toodoor people are now doing against the said Punchayet's decision. The Toodoor people do not admit that any Punchayet to that effect has ever taken place.

3. The matter was referred once in the year 1868 for the orders of Mr. Hardinge, who issued an order to the late Tahsildar that both parties should agree to a fresh Punchayet, and that if they do not do so refer them to the Civil Courts. But they did neither the one nor the other. The Toodoor tank has been in bad order for a long time, and it has no proper calingulahs at all.

4. The Public Works Department appears to have sent in an estimate for its repairs some time ago. If they (Public Works Department) were to construct proper calingulahs for Toodoor tank, taking into consideration the depth of water required for it, sufficient to its ayacut, the dispute which is going on for years together will be easily settled.

17th December 1872.

(Signed) B. VENKATA ROW,
Tahsildar.

From G. S. SAGE, Esq., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to the Head Assistant Collector, Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, 25th February 1873, No. 473.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to your No. 10 of 24th ultimo, to inform you that I inspected the Toodoor tank, etc., etc., therein alluded to on 20th instant; the whole affair appears to me to be a private quarrel between the two villages, and, as far as I can make out, the Tahsildar's statements are not exactly correct.

2. The channel marked No. 1 in Tahsildar's sketch I believe to be, as stated, a channel for supplying Toodoor tank by surplus water from Woricoonta tank, and picks up any surplus there may be from Muddoor lands on route, even supposing it to be, as stated by Muddoor people, a channel dug by themselves to irrigate their fields, which I doubt, as it can only be so used when Muddoor tank is very full, or by baling water into it from wells the Muddoor people have; and in latter case they would only bale as much as was absolutely necessary on account of the expense, and there would be no water going to Toodoor tank, which was the case when I saw the channel; there was also no cultivation going on under Woricoonta tank. At such time as there is water in the channel of any use to Toodoor tank, the cultivation under Woricoonta tank must be in full progress.

3. At the place I have marked * on Tahsildar's sketch with a * in red pencil, there was formerly an Indigo Factory of Messrs. Arbuthnot and Company, and the 4 vent culvert at that place was built to enable their carts to get to the factory, showing the place was used as a supply channel to Toodoor tank at that time; and the bund marked No. II. on Tahsildar's sketch I believe to have been a road made for the same purpose, and not to define limits of Toodoor tank as stated; the boundary shown between the two villages run alongside the road or bund and to the north of it.

4. The dispute made before me was that the Muddoor ryots had made a breach at the place marked No. III. on Tahsildar's sketch, which sent all surplus water into Sagilair instead of allowing it to flow into Toodoor tank, which, to say the least, was an unnecessary waste of water, a valuable commodity in this country. I have directed the breach to be closed.

5. If a small calingulah crest on level with Muddoor fields is built here it will turn all water into Toodoor tank and prevent Muddoor land flooding, and if another calingulah at proper level is built at a spot marked on Tahsildar's sketch ring bund between Toodoor Circar and Dasavandam tanks, the water can be kept at such a level as will permit of flooding of Muddoor lands; the road or bund marked II. in Tahsildar's sketch might also be repaired.

6. Regarding the Toodoor tank itself, I would not recommend any heavy repair being done to it at present, but merely the tank Varava being cleared out to allow a free flow of water from north to south and bank repaired with earth obtained from the same.

7. I have ordered necessary survey and levels to be taken for the above purpose as soon as possible. The Tahsildar's sketch is herewith returned.

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5th May 1873.*

No. 56.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1873, No. 1,268.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10.

THE Government consider that, as the dispute between the villagers of Toodoor and Muddoor had confessedly

been in existence for many years, and as the Revenue Officers had been unable to settle it, the District Engineer would have acted more wisely in leaving the breach open. The levels which he has directed to be taken will show whether means can be devised to secure the supply of water to the Toodoor tank, without occasioning inconvenience to the Muddoor lands. If this can be done the Muddoor villagers will no doubt be satisfied; but, if not, it must be decided in the Civil Courts, whether the Toodoor villagers are entitled to utilize the supply carried by the channel referred to without interference.

2. The suit, if persevered with, may be defended in the first instance at the public expense, leaving it to be hereafter decided whether the expense will be borne by Government.

3. The Government Pleader will be requested to instruct the Government Vakeel at Cuddapah to defend the suit, and in due course the District Engineer will, in communication with the Vakeel, submit a copy of the answer to the suit which it may be proposed to make.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,

Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ District Engineer, Cuddapah.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Government Pleader.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Revenue „

Lxd. E. C. Shunker.

No 473

Unddabak District Engineer's Office

Dated 25 February 1870

From

The District Engineer
Unddabak

To

The Head Assistant Collector
Unddabak

Sir

I have the honor with reference to your No 10 of 21st ultimo to inform you that I inspected the Foodoor tanks & as therein alluded to on 20th Inst, the whole affair appears to me to be a private quarrel between the two Villagers and as far as I can make out, the Tahsildar's statements are not exactly correct.

2. The Channel marked No 1 in Tahsildar's sketch I believe to be, as stated, a Channel for supplying Foodoor Tanks by surplus water from Wosicunta tanks and picking up any surplus there may be from Adoddoo tanks en route, even supposing it to be created by Adoddoo people, or Channel dug by themselves, to irrigate their fields which I doubt as it can only be so used when Adoddoo Tanks is very full, or by baling water into it from wells, the Adoddoo people have; and in latter case they would only bale so much as was absolutely necessary on account of the expense and there would be no water going to Foodoor Tanks, which was the case when I saw the Channel; there was also no Cultivation going on under Wosicunta Tanks, at such time as there is water in the Channel of any use to Foodoor Tanks the Cultivation under Wosicunta Tanks must be in full progress.

3. At the place I have marked on Tahsildar's Sketch with a * in red pencil, there was formerly an Indigo Factory of Messrs. R. & L. & Co. and for and of the 14th Cent. Culvert at that place was built

to enable their Carts to get to the Factory (showing the place was used as a Supply Channel to Foodoor Tanks at that time and the bunds marked No II on Tahsildar's Sketch) I believe to have been a road grade for the same purpose and not to define limits of Foodoor Tanks as stated, the boundary shown between the 2 Villages run along side of the road or bund and to the North of it.

As the dispute made before me was that the Headdoor ryots had made a breach at the place marked No 3 on Tahsildar's Sketch, which sent all surplus water into Sagilair instead of following or to flow into Foodoor Tanks, which today the least was an unnecessary waste of water, or an inability to irrigate in this country, I have directed the breach to be closed.

5. If a small Calingulak Crest or level with Headdoor fields is built here it will turn all water into Foodoor Tanks and prevent a head door land flooding, and if another Calingulak at proper level is built at a spot marked on Tahsildar's sketching bund between Foodoor Aicar and Darbandur Tanks the water can be kept at such a level as will permit of flooding of Headdoor lands, the road or bund marked II in Tahsildar's sketch might also be repaired.

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(True Copy)
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I have to
Signed G. S. Sage
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Cuddapah Head Assistant Collector
Office 24 January 1873.

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of Cuddapah

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from the District
Engineer of Madras
dated 3rd April 1893
p. 23.

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(Signed) D. J. S. Sahildar
17.12.72
(True Copy)

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District Engineer

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from the District Engineer of Bangalore
12.5.1873
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1. No 10 of 24 January 1873 from Mr. J. H. J. Collector to District Engineer
2. Memo from the Sahildar
3. No 14 of 25 February 1873 from District Engineer to Mr. J. H. J. Collector

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Cuddapah District Engineer's Office
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Your most obedient servant
D. J. S.
District Engineer
Cuddapah

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Revenue Officers had
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would have acted more
wisely

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20th May 1873
From Mr. G. H. M. 12/2/73

The District Engineer

of St. Lawrence

the Secretary to

Government

D. G. H.

20th May 1873
Dear Sir,

I have for several of
certain papers connected
with the dispute between
the Villagers of Todoor
and Maddoor, the former
have paid a quit rent
the latter have not.
The Revenue Officers and
the Government have been
unable to settle it.
The District Engineer
has been unable to settle
it.

16th April 173

2. The suit wife
persevered

The Government Pleader will be requested to instruct the Government Vakil at Budda-pah to defend the suit, and in due course the District Engineer will, in communication with the Vakil, submit a copy of the answer to the suit which

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To the Chief Cong. for Immigration and
 " D. Higgins for Baddeley's it inc
 " Comptroller of P. & C. 68
 " Government Printer
 " Judicial Dept.
 " Revenue Dept. Dec. 10-5-90

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To The Chief Eng for
Irrigation

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Sub. Paper orders in
letter from the S. S. Eng.
Cuddalore, forwarding
correspondence relating
to a dispute between
the villagers of Tadav &
Madav regarding the
water supply and ~~irrigation~~
~~the~~ intimating that a
suit has been filed against
the S. S. in connection with the