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No. 177. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1873, No. 847 :—

From E. TURNER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of Kurnool, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1873, No. 95.

In continuation of Mr. Chase's letter No. 72, dated 3rd March 1873, I have the honour to forward the draft Notification called for by the Board in their Proceedings No. 580, dated 31st January 1873, regarding the charge for irrigation under the irrigation canal.

* Copy of letter No. 12, dated 8th March 1873, herewith sent.

2. Mr. Latham* generally approves of the draft rules proposed by Mr. Chase, but wishes to add a few explanatory notes.

3. In paragraph 1 he would add a list of wet and garden crops. This, I think, is unnecessary, and may possibly mislead. The ryots generally understand what are wet and what are garden crops, and it is proposed to charge both at the same rates and treat them as distinct from dry crops. Regarding "perennials" no "explanatory note" seems necessary, as they are usually charged as two crops. I would only add in the 3rd paragraph of the Notification that the charge for second crop cultivation is the same as that for the first crop.

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Notification, Mr. Latham says "the first wants a penalty, and the last a definition." The Board, in paragraph 6 of their Proceedings, dated 18th October 1869, No. 7739, state that mere omission to apply for water does not of itself constitute its use "surreptitious" in the proper sense of the term, and cannot render the ryots liable to a double charge. No penalty can therefore be attached to the first part, as proposed by Mr. Latham, and as regards the second, I think it sufficient if the word "surreptitious" is rendered in the translation to mean a dishonest or fraudulent taking of water. It does not appear to me advisable that the ryot should be told in so many words that he may take water without permission whenever he pleases and without fear of a penalty so long as there is no dishonest intention. It is very necessary that formal application should be made in each case, and this may be made either to the Reddi or the Curnam. Even in the cases supposed by Mr. Latham, which must be very rare, a verbal application to the Reddi would quite answer the purpose, as the application can be registered immediately on the return of the Curnam.

5. Regarding paragraph 3 of the Notification, Mr. Latham proposes to omit the words "as far as Kurnool," as "second crop can be irrigated below Mallyala, Pagadyal, and Tangedantsa." These tanks might be added after the word "Kurnool." I do not consider it necessary to allude to the case of "tank and kunta filling" in this notification. The question of remunerating the Company in these cases has not been finally disposed of by Government, and when it is settled it will be time enough to publish it in all the villages where there are tanks commanded by the canal.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th June 1873.*

Draft Notification.

LANDS irrigated from the canal are charged Rupees 6 the acre for wet and garden crops. For dry crops the charge is 1 Rupee an acre for each effective flooding. If the number of floodings exceeds five, the full 6 Rupees rate will be charged. In no case will flooding charges be allowed for wet and garden crops.

2. Water should not be taken without formal application to the Village Curnam or Reddi. Any ryot using water surreptitiously will be liable to be charged double the proper rate.

3. The Company do not undertake to supply irrigation for second crop. As a rule, water will be stopped in the canal after the 31st of December. In villages situated under the canal as far as Kurnool water will be allowed for second crop cultivation wherever there are reservoirs or tanks constructed by the Company. In these localities second crop cultivation may be carried on on due notice given by the Company (through the Collector), but not otherwise.

(Signed) E. TURNER,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

Draft Notification.

YOUR No. 210 of 27th ultimo.

2. In my opinion, the proposed draft Notification will do well, if explained enough to be intelligible and translated into the Vernacular.

Paragraph 1.—Wants a list of wet crops, garden crops, also an explanatory note about perennials, some of which have their "crop" before the irrigating season, or after it is over, i. e., mangoes.

Paragraph 2.—The first part wants a penalty; the last a definition. I fear the words "surreptitious irrigation" would convey no idea; also an explanation is needed how a ryot is to get a "formal application," even if the Curnam is in the village; and how if the Curnam is away and the Reddi cannot write, as in the case of the fields flooded at Pathakota on the 2nd of February, of which it is reported that there was no one in the village who could give even the numbers during the month.

Paragraph 3.—Omit "as far as Kurnool." Second crop can be irrigated below Mallyala, Pagadyal, and Tangedantsa tanks. This notice omits tank and kunta filling.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) E. TURNER,
Acting Head Assistant Collector.

THE draft must be made clearer.

2. The principal wet and garden crops and dry crops should be mentioned. The Company's Officers may not always know them so well as the ryots do.

3. The double charge for perennials should be mentioned, and so should that for sugarcane (paragraph 7 of the revised rules).

4. In Board's Proceedings, 18th October 1869, No. 7,739, paragraphs 9 and 10, it is approved that the penalty for taking water without applying for it without any dishonest intention should be the refusal of remission. In the same Proceedings the need of defining the word "surreptitious" is shown.

5. A draft Notification will be sent to the Collector and he will be requested to fill up the blanks and report whether it will answer the purpose after communicating with the Company's Chief Engineer.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

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13th June 1873.*

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ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1873, No. 1,554.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

.. Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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PROCEEDINGS, 21st MAY 1873, No. 847.

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No. 847.

Irrigation.—Draft Notification prepared by Collector of Kurnool regarding charge for water supplied from Irrigation Company's canal, objected to, and a revised draft forwarded, with request that the blanks in it may be filled up, and report submitted after communication with Company's Chief Engineer as to whether it will answer.

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Co's Canal, Com^d to
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