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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th January 1873.

No. 115. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 3rd December 1872, No. 62:—

From the Acting Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 23rd November 1872, No. 281.

I HAVE the honour to hand you copy of a letter which I have received from the Chief Engineer with reference to the filling of the Gundipapal, Kampamulla, and Ramadoor Guntas (or tanks), and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the approval of the Government of the arrangement proposed by the Chief Engineer.

2. I enclose a copy of Mr. Chase's letter referred to by the Chief Engineer; but, as regards the agency of collection, I have no hesitation in saying that I fully agree with the Chief Engineer, and I shall feel obliged by your arranging for the rate being collected, like the other dues for water, by the Government officials.

From the Chief Engineer, to the Acting Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 18th November 1872, No. 636.

THE guntas of Kampamulla, Gundipapal and Ramadoor have at the villagers' request been supplied with water. These are small tanks not used for irrigation.

* Sent you with my letter of 8th instant.

I enclose* Mr Chase's letter, No. 1,048 of 14th ultimo, regarding the first of these guntas.

I propose to have a stone fixed inside each of the guntas at a convenient height for the water when the tank is full, and that the area of the water-spread at that level be taken and called the gunta's area. I propose that for filling the guntas Rupees 6 an acre on its area be charged, and that for keeping it full it be charged at a rate of Rupees 1½ an acre a month.

2. This would be strictly 400 cubic yards a rupee for filling if the gunta averaged half a yard deep when full, and it would be strictly 400 cubic yards a rupee for keeping full if the evaporation were four or five inches a month.

3. This rate would, I think, closely agree with the facts, and would be intelligible to the villagers, and would meet the double character of their requirements.

4. I have the honour to ask you to bring the matter before Government to ask their approval, and to suggest that the rate proposed be collected with the water rate for irrigation.

From the Collector of Kurnool, to the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 14th October 1872, No. 1,018.

IN reply to your letter dated 28th September 1872, No. 20, I have the honour to inform you that as you propose to supply water to the tank in the village noted in the margin, for purposes other than irrigation, that Act No. XXX. of 1865 would apply, and I would suggest before any further steps are taken that Government be applied to particularly as regard to the agency by which such water rates will have to be collected.

Kampamulla in the Koilkuntla Taluq.

2. The Kurnool Municipality pays directly to Government on account of the Company without any intermediate agency, but I fail to see how so simple a course could apply to villages distantly situated.

No. 115-A. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

THE extent of water involved in this reference is but small, but the convenience and benefit to the villagers from the filling of these small ponds from the Company's Canal may be considerable. As long as the provisions of Act XXX. of

1865 of the Governor-General in Council are not transgressed, the arrangements which may seem most convenient may be sanctioned. The Chief Engineer proposes that the area of the ponds, when full, be ascertained, and that Rupees 6 per acre of such area be charged for filling them, and Rupees 1½ per month for keeping them full; and he calculates, on what appear to be reasonable data, that the actual rate chargeable will then be the maximum allowed under the Act above noticed. It does not seem necessary to object to the maximum rate being charged in such cases, for the quantities of water will be small, and probably the charge will but seldom exceed four or five rupees, and will often be less.

2. As regards the agency by which collections of water charges should be made, I would suggest that the heads of villages requiring ponds to be filled should make written application to the officer in charge of the section of the canal whence the supply is to be drawn, and that this officer, after the pond has been filled, should endorse the application to that effect, and send it to the Chief Engineer for transmission to the Collector, when the latter officer would probably be able, without much trouble, to collect the amounts at the same time as other dues. Should however there be any practical difficulty in adopting this arrangement, as is hinted in the second paragraph of Mr. Chase's letter, No. 1,048 of the 14th October last, the alternative plan would be for the Canal Officer on the spot to receive payment at the time of application for the supply.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1873, No. 60.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.

THE Government approve of the arrangements and terms proposed by the Chief Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, for the supply of guntas or ponds, which are not used for irrigation, but only for village purposes, from the Company's canal.

2. The Government would wish the collection for these exceptional and non-irrigational supplies to be made by the Collector, and it is thought that by adopting the suggestion made in the early part of paragraph 2 of the Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, or some similar plan, no difficulty will be experienced in levying the small sums which will from time to time fall due. On this point the Government desire to be favoured with the opinion of the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Agent, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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I would add on this point the Govt desire to be favored with the opinion of the Board of Revenue.

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Will probably save future objection if we ask this question.

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To The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Dated

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G. O., 8th Sept 1873 No. 69.

Nos. 115 & 116

Water Supply. Papers relative to proposed arrangements for the supply of Junkas or boats with water from the Madras S. N. Co's Canal.