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6th April 1875.*

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2. I agree with the Chief Engineer in thinking that Canal Officers should have nothing to do with the distribution of the supply of single villages, but I fail to see any danger in allowing the villagers to distribute the water, while the Department of Public Works repair the channels. We may fix certain rules and restrictions regulating the distribution of water by villagers so as to prevent rapid silting up of channels or any danger to the works themselves, and we may punish any breaches of those rules. I cannot see that there would be any practical danger in having the regulation of the water distribution in different hands to those who have to repair and maintain the channels. I do not think the villagers would do wilful damage to these channels any more than they would to the roads which they do not have to repair.

3. If, however, Government still wish to transfer the repairs of the channels in question to the villagers, I would propose that the Department of Public Works should be called upon to prepare a list of the channels to be handed over with their length, breadth, and depth mentioned, and hand the channel over personally to the responsible heads of the village with a set of instructions describing the nature and mode of repairs to be executed; that the channels should be handed over in good order; and that the transfer should be made gradually within a certain period (say three years) beginning with channels irrigating 250 acres or under. If a channel passes through one village, and is so low that it cannot irrigate it but a village below it, I would not allow the villagers of the village irrigated to repair the channel within the limits of the other village, but I would leave it to be repaired by Government.

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4. I think that the villagers should have power to enforce the labor of all the members of the village to execute the repairs, and this can be done only by a special enactment.

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No. 123. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th January 1875, No. 81.

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3. It now appears that, though this is true with regard to field channels, it does not correctly represent the state of the case with regard to the village channels. These are often large and important works. The Collector doubts whether they can be safely relinquished by the Department of Public Works unless a law is passed enabling a cess for repairs to be collected, and empowering the Village Officers to enforce labor.

4. The methods and traditions of "kudimaramut" which are still of some efficacy in the southern districts seem to be altogether wanting with regard to the village channels of the Godavery Delta, and the Board do not see how to get over the difficulties pointed out by the Collector. It seems to them that no uniform rule can be insisted on. Some village channels may be safely left to the

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5. The Board think that legislation for levying a cess and enforcing labor would introduce evils immeasurably greater than the inconvenience now suffered.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

No. 124. Minute by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, C.S.I.

(Here enter 11th March 1875).

No. 125. ORDER THEREON, 6th April 1875, No. 912.

IRRIGATION, No. 14.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor in Council resolves, upon consideration of the opinions expressed by the Collector of the Godavery and the Board of Revenue, to direct that no alteration be made in the management of the distributaries of the Godavery Delta Canals.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Godavery Delta Canals.

G. O., No. , dated April 1875.

Minute by the Hon. W. ROBINSON, c.s.i., dated 11th March 1875.

an I REGRET that I am unable to join my Honorable Colleagues in this proposal to recede from intended policy which I think the interest of the State and of the people alike recommended, that of restoring to the villagers generally the duty of helping themselves in the matter of clearing out and maintaining the minor irrigation channels and works of the country, whether old channels or the subsidiary works of new schemes of irrigation executed at the public cost.

pretends It is obvious that under the ancient customary law of the country, these duties devolved under native rule exclusively on those who were interested in the work, viz., the villagers whose cultivation was subserved by the stream, and that although the full wet revenue was exacted. There was then no Department of Public Works to do the ordinary ditching of the country for those who were far more able to do it economically for themselves. For half a century of British rule this duty was performed under the management of the Revenue Establishment by

the customary labor of the country with great benefit to its agriculture.

(Kudimara - mat or te - kant re - haite) in vain The constitution of the Department of Public Works led to a most costly change of policy which has practically transferred this ordinary local obligation to the public purse and State Establishment. The change has interfered most injuriously with the reasonable condition of things that had obtained under the customary law and usage of the country, and for years we have been endeavouring to do the people's work and carry out what is beyond the power or obligation of the State. It seems to me that, unless a reversion to ancient condition takes place, we are saddling the public with a cost and burden which it ought not to bear, even if it could.

The matter has long been under consideration. In his report on the irrigation of the Kistna District, Mr. Master raised the question of the transfer of village channels to village management, and the expediency of this transfer was directed to be considered in the Public Works Department. The Order of Government, dated 5th March 1873, No. 713, paragraph 1, is very decided as to the propriety of the arrangement, and both Revenue and Public Works Officers appear to have been agreed as to its being desirable, the only question being how the transfer in detail should be managed.

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In G. O., Revenue Department, dated 19th August 1874, No. 1,046, a similar order was passed with regard to the Kistna channels, but here the wording of the order on the Godavery channels was indicated to mean that the transfer was to be deemed experimental.

The object of Government should, I submit, clearly be to restrict the interference of Department of Public Works with the regulation and control of water supply to what the villagers cannot do, and leave the villagers to keep clear and

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manage their own channels and the distribution of water for themselves to the largest extent that may be possible without danger to the revenue.

I am clear that the distribution and maintenance should go together, and that all village channels may and should be transferred.

G. O., dated 29th May, has led to further correspondence in which the District Engineer of Godavery and Collector have taken part. The District Engineer is in favor of transfer, and indicates matters which would require the attention of which they are quite susceptible, ^{where} an effect is given to the details of the policy indicated by the Government Order in question. The Collector would leave the people to help themselves to water, but would require the Department of Public Works to clear out and maintain the channels, ^{A/} and he holds, I gather, that a law would be necessary to enable the ryots to distribute and enforce their labor obligation in respect to clearance, &c., ^{1/4/} but he would prefer a general cess for the purpose in question.

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The Board think that some channels may be left to the ryots, but apparently hold that the Department of Public Works should perform the bulk of the work. They deprecate legislation for levying a cess or enforcing labor.

I regret that I am unable to agree with the Board, and think that legislation should be resorted to. The Department of Public Works Commission of 1870 recommended that the old common law of the country should be maintained in respect to communal labor, and it would be easy to provide that, if the obligation be not fulfilled, the Department of Public Works should do the work at the cost of the obligees. The option of commuting their labor obligation ^{for} cess, when preferred by the people, should be provided.

In the meantime I would maintain and extend the policy of the two Government Orders above noticed, and transfer as far as possible channel after channel to the people with injunction to the village heads to carry out with the aid and under the supervision of Revenue Officers the repair, &c., of such minor channels as may be given over. This has been done in Tinnevely where the settlement of each village has comprised specific arrangements for the maintenance of the village channels by communal labor. This course will bring experience and secure a basis for future legislative action.

(Signed) W. ROBINSON.

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Collector's Office
Cannada 20th November

From Mr. S. Foster Esquire
Reflected on

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G.O. Revenue Department No 3112
dated 6 December 1869

Para 290 of Mr. Master's report.

"I am strongly of opinion that the plan of leaving the village and field channels to the ryots themselves to repair and look after, as contemplated by Colonel Prince and Mr. Thornhill would be most advisable."

Vide para 355 and 338

The Order on this paper is "lie over"

Revenue Board review on Mr. Master's Report. G.O. 1239 dated 21 August 1872.

Para 316 - "The only other point to be noticed is the difficulty of keeping the village and field channels in repair" xxx "they think the time has come when the villagers should be compelled by law to do the work themselves."

Government Order as follows

para

20th 1875

1875. No 424

Board of Revenue
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 15th JANUARY 1875, No. 81.

Days 21 Jan 1875

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Received 22 January 1875.

JANUARY.
No. 81.

Village and Field Channels - of Godavery District. - Views of Board on subject of transfer of - to the management of villagers, submitted to Government. - Proposal of Collector in favor of a legislation to levy a cess and to enforce labor for the repair of the channels by the Village authorities considered inexpedient.

G.O. No 912. 6-4-75

G.O. 6th Dec 1869 & 15 3112 RD.

5th Dec 1873 & 118-120

M.O. 17th Dec 1874 & 12-190

G.O. 5th Sept 1874 & 123-124 -

18th Nov 1874 - 305-308

para 23.

"It will be considered in the Dept. of Public Works whether the transfer in the matters of the charge of village and field channels to the ryots themselves, and the distribution of the water among the ryots to the Revenue Department is expedient."

G.O. Revenue Department No. 651 dated 29 May 1874.

Sanctions transfer of the village and field channels in Godavery District to the charge of the Village Officers the result to be reported after a year's trial.

G.O. P. & Dept. 3260 dated 18 Nov 1874.

"Superintending Engineer District with the measures for placing the village channels in order with a view to their early transfer to the Village Officers."

all under review and with all doubts will be sent for consideration and be a responsibility and should have been done."

P.W. Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following

From
The Asst. Collector of Godavery (H.E. No. 3 of 20 to Govt. 1874).

M.H.
16/12
I would not be an-
- for the main channel.
of the channel. The
as it is in
sufficient - There are
no means available
to the village officers
of repairing it
lovers.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is of opinion that if the ryots can be entrusted with the distribution of water from single village channels, they must be quite capable of maintaining the channels in an effective condition. The latter work is far the easier of the two, and it is necessary that both duties should be imposed on the same persons, because otherwise it would be difficult to determine whether

whether want of water in particular localities was caused by the inefficiency of the channel or of the distribution.

2. The Government consider that it would be impracticable for the Canal officers to undertake the management of single village channels without the aid of a special subordinate establishment, which moreover it would be by no means easy to control - when the Canal officers have supplied the village with its proper quantity of water, they have done all that can be reasonably expected of them, and their time is far too much occupied with their professional work to admit of village work, which can and should be managed by those immediately

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I understand that when proposed to them the villagers duty - the repair & maintenance of channels - from which they have heretofore been free. Either then they will fulfil the duty - that is they will be free to repair what they do not now repair - or they will neglect it, in which case either they or the Revenue must suffer.

directly interested, being left in their hands. The village officers under the Taluk Revenue officers, and the general supervision and direction of the Collector, are the proper persons to look after village interests and village works, and it is believed that they may readily be made capable of performing those duties in a manner more acceptable to the ryots generally than could be secured by any special agency. All that the Collector has advanced against the transfer to the villagers of the channel maintenance is of equal if not greater weight against the detailed distribution by the villagers themselves, while in addition to this it is manifest that

that Government cannot do every thing for the people, and as a matter of policy it is desirable that the people should manage their own affairs. If they be as helpless as the Collector's remarks would seem to indicate, it is time that they should be taught greater self-reliance.

3. His Excellency sees no reason for making any difference between channels which pass through the lands of other villages, and those which are within the boundary of the village irrigated. There will be no objection to the transfer of village channels being extended over a period of 3 years, and all channels prior

to the transfer
attention being given
to the matter
serious report.

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prior to being handed over, should be placed in an efficient state; the transfer should be formally made in the presence of a Revenue Officer. It will but seldom happen that any special instructions as to the manner of repairing such channels will be needed. The work is of the simplest description, and will usually consist in maintaining the banks at a proper level above the water, and in clearing out a little mud from time to time - it is work indeed which in many Districts has always been performed by ryots.

4. Para 4 of the Collector's letter will be considered in the Revenue Department.

2/1/25

AMM

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 424-454
 Mr. J. H. ...
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 ...

I entirely agree with
 the principle of this order
 and will enforce the
 measure.

Legislation will
 eventually be required but
 this measure may safely
 be allowed to anticipate
 it on a new & sound
 experience.

The matter ought to
 be distinctly committed
 to the Board of Revenue &
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 in this direction. In
 -revels were practically
 this arrangement is a
 & Right Affairs has found
 part of the Settlement &
 been settled & registered
 with perfect success 18/2

On 13-12-74 R. 5-1-75
 On 16-12-74 R. 17-12-74

Memorandum 14

In connection with the opinions expressed
 by His Excellency the Governor and by
 the other members of the Government upon
 the draft order on the subject of the
 transfer of village channels of irrigation
 to the charge and custody of the villagers,
 it appears to be desirable that previous
 orders on this question should be con-
 sidered.

2 Mr. Masters report on irrigation
 in the Kistna District raised the
 question of the transfer of village channels
 to village management, and the expedi-
 -ency of this transfer was directed to be
 considered in the Public Works Depart-
 -ment. The order in this Department of
 the 5th March 1873 No. 713 para 1 is very
 decided as to the propriety of the arrange-
 -ment and both Revenue and Public
 Works Officers appear to have been
 agreed as to its being desirable, the only
 question

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G. A. Rev. Dept.
 21 August 1872
 No. 1239

question being how the transfer in detail should be managed.

3 In G. O. Rev. Dept. 29th May 1874
No. 651 the transfer of the village and
field channels of the Godavery Delta
was sanctioned the result to be reported
after a year's trial.

In G. O. Rev. Dept. 19th August 1874
No. 1046 a similar order was passed with
regard to the Krishna channels but here
the wording of the order on the Godavery
channels was indicated to mean that
the transfer was to be deemed experi-
mental.

It may be noticed that there is
practically a considerable difference
between a report of results and an ex-
periment. It was I think understood
when the Public Works order of March
1873 was passed that it was a matter
of policy to restrict regulation and con-
trol of water supply by Public Works
Officers to that portion of these which
could be managed by no one else, but
that

Pub. Works. Dep.
No. 3260-11
Nov. 2 1876.

that villagers should manage their own
channels for themselves. That this can be
done is evident, seeing that it is done in
many Districts already, but it is quite
possible that the circumstances of some
large single Village channels in the
Deltas may be such as to make it
difficult for the villagers to manage
either any part or some part of them.
This is a matter of detail, which need not
affect the principle affirmed in the order
of the 3rd March 1873. It will never do,
it is thought, to transfer channels
experimentally with a possibility of the
reversal of the arrangement, but a trans-
fer with a report on the working of
the system with a view to the modi-
fication of details and the ensuring
of their efficiency would, if it be under-
stood that the principle of the system
is to be upheld, answer very well. A year's
experimental trial of a plan which would
throw some responsibility on village
Officers could not be expected to be a
success

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succeeds, for all those village Officers who disliked the arrangement would if they thought they could get rid of it make it a failure. Pros. Madras Government of the 18th November 1874 No. 3261 (Rev. Dep. parts No. 1016-13 August 1874) show what the present circumstances with regard to the management of distribution channels in different Districts are.

The papers printed in Pros. Madras Govt. of the 5th September 1874 No. 2526 show the opinion of the District Engineer Godavery, on the subject, and thereon are remarks by this office.

Then comes the letter from the Collector of the Godavery on which the draft order was written, and subsequently the Pros. Board of Revenue No. 81 of the 15th January have been received, and these have not as yet been considered by Government.

Fort St. George

6 February

1875

by 6/2/75

424-454

Draft Order on transfer
of charge of Irrigation Chan-
nels to Ryots.

Resubmitted with
Memo by Joint Secretary.

Joint Secretary
The Joint Secretary
to the Government
of the Punjab
Lahore

Perhaps this
had better be
kept for Council
L.D.S.

This is the substance
of the letter from
the Joint Secretary
into a minute of the
message is expected
14/2/75

6/12-2-75

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I regret that I am
unable to join my Honble.
Colleagues in this proposal
to recede from intended
policy which I think the
interest of the State and
of the people alike recommends
that of restoring to the
Villagers generally the
duty of helping themselves
in the matter of clearing
-out and maintaining
the minor irrigation channels
and works of the Country
whether old channels or
the subsidiary works of
new schemes of irrigation
executed at the public cost.

It is obvious that under
the ancient Customary
law of the Country, these

duties devolved under
native rule exclusively
on those who were interested
in the work - viz the
Villagers whose cultivation
was subserved by the
stream and that although
the full wet revenue
was exacted. There was
then no D.P.W. to do the
ordinary ditching of the
Country for those who
were far more able to do
it economically for themselves.
For half a century of British
rule this duty was performed
under the management
of the Revenue Establishment
by the customary
labours of the Country
with great benefit to its
agriculture.

The Constitution of
the D.P.W. led to a most
costly change of policy
which

which has practically
transferred this ordinary
local obligation to the
public purse and State
Establishment. The
change has interfered
most injuriously with the
reasonable condition of
things that had obtained
under the Customary law
and usage of the Country
and for years we have
been endeavouring futilely
to do the people's work and
carry out what is beyond
the power or obligation
of the State. It seems to
me that unless a reversion
to ancient conditions takes
place, we are saddling
the Public with a cost
and burden which it
ought not to bear, even
if it could. The matter has
long

long been under consideration.
In his Report on the
irrigation of the Krishna
District Mr. Master
raised the question of the
transfer of Village channels
to Village management
and the expediency of the
transfer was directed
to be considered in the
Public Works Department.
The order of Government
dated 5 March 1873 No. 713
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as to the propriety of the
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Revenue and Public Works
Officers appear to have
been agreed as to it
being desirable, the
only question being how
the transfer in detail
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August 1874 No. 1046 a similar
order was passed with regard
to the Krishna channels, but
here the wording of the
order on the Godavari
channels was indicated
to mean that the transfer
was to be deemed experimental.

The object of Govt.
should, I submit, chiefly
be to restrict the
interference of D. P. W.
with the regulation and
contract of water supply
to what the villagers cannot
do, and leave the villagers
to keep clear and manage
their own channels and
the

to the distribution of water
for themselves to the
in largest extent that may
be possible without danger
to the revenue.

I am clear that the
distribution & maintenance
should go together and
that all Village Channels
may & should be transferred

G.O. dated 29 May
has led to further corres-
pondence in which the
District Engineer of
Godavery & Collector
have taken part. The
District Engineer is in
favor of transfers and
indicate matters which
would require the attention
of which they are quite
susceptible as effects
is given to the details
of

of the policy indicated
by the G.O. in question. The
Collector would leave the
people to help themselves
to water but would require
the D.P.W. to clear out and
maintain the channels.
And he holds, I gather,
that a law would be
necessary to enable the
Ryots to distribute and
enforce their labor
obligation in respect to
clearance &c, but he would
prefer a general Cess
for the purpose in question.

The Board think
that some channels may
be left to the Ryots but
apparently hold that
the D.P.W. should perform
the bulk of the work. They
deprecate legislation for
levying a cess or enforcing
labor.

I regret that I am
unable

unable to agree with
the Board and think
that legislation should
be resorted to. The
D.P.W. Commission of
1870 recommended
that the old common
Law of the Country should
be maintained in respect
to Communal labor, and
it would be easy to
provide that if the
obligation is not fulfilled,
the D.P.W. should do the
work at the cost of the
obligees. The option of
commuting their labor
obligation to cash, when
preferred by the people,
should be provided.

In the meantime
I would maintain and
intend the policy of
the two G.O.s above
mentioned.

noticed and transfer
as far as possible in
channel after channel
to the people with
injunction to the
Village Heads to carry
out with the aid of
and under the Super-
vision of Revenue
Officers the repair &
of such minor channels
as may be given over.
This has been done
in Trimmelly where the
Settlement of each Village
has comprised specific
arrangements for the
maintenance of the
Village channels by
Communal labor. This
course will bring experience
and secure a basis for
future legislative action.
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*From the Agri collector of Godavary } (M.O. No 3 dt 20th November 1874)
 Pro: of the Board of Revenue (-"-" 81 dt 15th Jan'y 1875)*

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His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves, upon consideration of the opinions expressed by the Collector of the Godavary and the Board of Revenue, to direct that no alteration be made in the management of the distributaries of the Godavary Beltar Canals.-

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*To the Distt. Engineer Godavary ✓
 To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation ✓
 To the Board of Revenue. ✓
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