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12th April 1875.*

No. 219. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Nellore, 12th March 1875, No. 286 :—

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna, to Lieut.-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Bellamconda, 24th February 1875, No. 148.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your consideration, copy of correspondence as per margin, between Collector of this district and myself, on the subject of the enjoyment by the Abkari renter of palmyrah and date trees on canal lunkas or bunds.

1. My letter to Collector, No. 179 of 13th January 1875.
1. His letter to the Revenue Board, No. 211 of 15th February 1875.

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, Kistna, to G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 13th January 1875, No. 179.

I HAVE the honor to call your attention to a subject which we have already discussed, viz., the enjoyment by the Abkari renter of palmyra and date trees on canal lunkas or bunds.

2. With the exception of a few trees which were planted before the canals were excavated and were included in the land taken up for them, all the trees were planted by officers of this department, and I believe the cost was charged to the works. I am aware that latterly the plantations on canal lunkas were kept up from Jungle Conservancy Funds, but I do not think that any portion of those funds was expended in planting palm trees. I therefore look upon these trees as canal plantations.

3. If the plantations on canal lunkas are to be properly kept up, it is essential, I think, that no one should be allowed to interfere with the trees, and I should therefore wish that no toddy should be drawn from the palm trees at all, but that the fruit should be gathered as in the case of other trees. Should, however, it appear that any serious diminution of the Abkari rent is likely to occur from the palm trees on canal lunkas being reserved (which I cannot think will be the case), I would consent that the Abkari renter should tap the trees under certain conditions, such as that no liquor shop or other building should be erected within the canal limits, and that toddy drawers should be allowed entrance only for the purpose of collecting the toddy, &c.

4. In the latter case, the rent of the trees should be credited, I think, to the Canal revenue, and this department should retain its right to cut down such trees as the officers may think desirable.

5. If it is decided, as I think it should be, that the Abkari renter should have nothing to do with the trees, I would undertake that no toddy should be drawn from them, and that they should be retained for the sake of the fruit and leaves alone.

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 15th February 1875, No. 211.

I HAVE the honor to forward a letter from Major Hasted, the Superintending Engineer of the District, on the subject of palmyra trees inside the limits of the lands which are included under the canals.

2. We have talked the matter over, but cannot agree about it. Major Hasted claims the produce of the trees for his department as Canal revenue. I wish it credited with the Abkari revenue.

3. Whether he or I be right in our estimate of the effect it might produce with the Abkari revenue to forbid the use of them for toddy matters little. The changes that are to be made in the next sales are so radical that I do not think that it is possible to make a guess at what is likely

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to be that the real effect is of comparatively small matter, but there is no doubt that it is likely to influence the bidders.

4. I do not think the question, by what funds were the trees planted, has much to do with the matter; most of the trees are self-sown, and it would be quite impossible to speak for certain of the rest.

5. I object mainly on the ground that Major Hasted's proposal would limit an imperial source of revenue, and give the proceeds to credit to a local one. If it is to be commenced on a main canal, why should it stop there? and why should not a new source of revenue to irrigation be introduced by the extension of the plantation of liquor producing trees?

6. The damage likely to occur by drawers of toddy entering on the banks cannot, I think, be great; it is not as if the bank was a plantation into which no one but the forester could enter; it is really the tow-path of the canal, and is frequently used as a road by the people of adjacent villages.

7. Neither liquor shops nor buildings would of course be allowed in canal limits (I am not aware that any exist now); and if Major Hasted so desired it, I would not object to his cutting down trees without reference to me, though it would be well he should send me a yearly report for my information.

No. 212.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer for his information.

MASULIPATAM,
15th February 1875.

(Signed) G. D. LEMAN,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

The undersigned is of opinion that palmyra and date trees growing on lands appertaining to the canals should for the future be excluded from the Abkari rental. It is the general, and it should be the universal, rule that nothing under the control of the canal officers should be at the disposal of any other authority. The trees of whatever kind must be subordinated to the primary uses of the canals, and their retention or removal should be at the discretion of the officers responsible for the efficiency of the canals.

2. With regard to the disposal of revenue derived from canal produce, it has already been ruled that all such is to be credited to Irrigation Revenue Miscellaneous, and as no distinction could conveniently be made between the different trees, which the Abkari renter might be allowed to make use of, and no determination of the proceeds of particular trees made, this is an additional reason why the canal palms should not be drawn for toddy.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieutenant-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 220.

ORDER THEREON, 12th April 1875, No. 961.

IRRIGATION, No. 26A.

The recommendations of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation are in accordance with the intentions of Government.

There should be no division of authority within the canal boundaries, and, while

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existing arrangements as regards the use of palmyras and date trees by the Abkari contractor will remain in force until the expiration of his contract, thereafter such trees should be excluded from the rental, and should not be drawn. Care will be taken in the Department Public Works that a revenue is derived from such trees when under their charge.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Kistna.
To all other Superintending and District Engineers.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 148.

Supp Engrs Office 1st Dist
Camp Bellamunda
24th February 1875.

From,

Major J. O. Hasted R.E.
Supp Engineer Krishna.

To,

Lieut-Col John Mullins R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Sir

Letter to
Director No 477 of
January 1875.
Letter to the
Irrig Board.
211 of 15 February
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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt Servant

Yr obedt Major R.E.
Supp Engineer Krishna.

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 No 179
 Superintending Engineer's Office
 1st Division, Krishna
 Mandali, Tanjore
 13th January 1875
 To Mr. J. O. Hasted Esq.
 Superintending Engineer, 1st Div., Krishna

To Mr. D. Leman Esquire
 Collector of the Krishna Dist.

I have the honor to call your attention to a subject which we have already discussed, viz. the enjoyment by the Abkany Renters of *phengra* and date trees on canal banks or bunds.

2. With the exception of a few trees which were planted before the canals were excavated and were included in the land taken up for them, all the trees were planted by Officers of this Department, and while the cost was charged to the works, I am aware that latterly the plantations on canal banks were kept up from *Juncea* Conservancy funds but I do not think that any portion of these funds was expended in planting *phengra* trees. I therefore look upon these trees as canal plantations.

3. If the plantations on canal banks are to be properly kept up, it is essential I think

To Govt No 2867/12
 No 179

From C. S. No 428
 The Joint Engineer
 for Irrigation

To the Chief Engineer
 for Irrigation

Dated 24th February 1875
 Received 4 March 1875
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Enclosure
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and leaves alone.

I have the honor to be
Your most obedt servant
Signed J. O. Havsted
Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division
Rishra

"True Copy"

J. O. Havsted
Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division
Rishra.

N^o 211. Kistna District, Nellore
Katchery, Nellore
15th February 1875

From
C. D. Roman Esq.
Collector of Kistna District.
To
J. Green Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Mysore.
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No 148 dated 24th
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Your most obedt. Servant
/ Signed / L. D. Leman
Collector.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer for his information.

Collector's Office
Masulipatam
15th February
1875

"Signed" L. D. Leman
Collector.

"True Copy"

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation in continuation of his order

Respectfully
Superintending Engineer, 1st Bd.
Pitha.

Miscellaneous

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

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G.O. No. 3278 has already been ruled that all such dated 19th Nov/14 is to be credited to Irrigation revenue

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Enclosure in letter
No 143 dated 24 Feb.
- May 1935. from the
Asst. Engineer
to the Chief Engineer
for being action.

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From
The Chief Engineer for
Irrigation
To the Secretary to Govt.
of Madras

Dated 12th
March 1875

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Submits for consideration
from papers from the
Chief Engineer on the
subject of the enjoyment by
the Abkarry Contractor of
palmyras and date trees
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• Chief Supt. for Irrigation

• Revenue Dept.

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