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No. 139. Read the following letter from Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Wulloor, 5th September 1876, No. 1,231:—

WITH reference to your letter, No. 6 C.D., of 24th April 1876, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter with sketch from the Cuddapah Range Officer. I am at a loss to understand why any compensation should have been recommended as the surplus weir has not been raised, and consequently the waterspread of the Camasamudrum Katchamma tank has not been increased.

2. From the records I find that, in August 1871, Mr. Hunter, then Assistant Engineer in charge of the Cuddapah Range, submitted an emergent estimate of Rupees 440 for repairing this tank, with the following remark:—

“It is reported by the Overseer in charge of Pulivendla taluq that this tank has received its full supply of water in May last, and that the whole length of the stone revetment, except a few yards at the extremities of the bund, has fallen down. Also states that it is in a dangerous state, and that he has therefore prepared this emergent estimate for immediate repair. The Overseer has been directed to frame an estimate for thorough repairs; it will be submitted when received.”

3. In August 1872, the Collector wrote and requested that this tank should be repaired, as it was said to be in a very dangerous state, and in November 1872 an estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,940, was sanctioned for earthwork and stone revetment; there is nothing about raising the surplus weir. I cannot learn anything of any survey or levels having been taken.

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From the Officer in charge of Cuddapah Range, to the District Engineer, Cuddapah, dated 28th August 1876, No. 233.

In compliance with instructions contained in your endorsement, dated 1st May 1876, communicating a copy of letter, No. 6 C.D., dated 24th April 1876, from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, I have the honor to submit the following information and report on the Camasamudrum Katchamma tank, and the circumstances under which the sum of Rupees 1,013-9-7 has been awarded to Inamdars Bussamah and Naropantla Rama Row as sanctioned in G.O., No. 444, dated the 30th March 1876.

2. An estimate, amounting to Rupees 2,940, was sanctioned for this tank on the 25th November 1872, and appears to have been stopped in July 1874 after Rupees 2,224-0-9 had been expended.

3. In addition to this a sum of Rupees 440 appears to have been expended on emergency, but the estimate for this cannot be found in this office, and there is no one now in the range that can afford any information about the work.

4. Apparently out of this estimate the bund of the tank was raised between 4 and 5 feet and brought to a uniform height of 11 feet above the escape level.

5. I cannot find that any survey was made or levels taken before the estimate was prepared, and no provision was made for altering the escape or increasing the capacity of the tank by raising a masonry body-wall. The escape or surplus weir is a natural opening between two hills and falls by an artificial channel into the Balapanoor Vunkah.

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6. It should also be noticed that a sum of Rupees 130 is provided in the estimate as compensation for land, but why this small sum was provided cannot now be ascertained, and it does not appear to have been expended.
7. As the escape of the tank has been neither raised nor lowered, the capacity of the tank has not been increased, and consequently any land that is now submerged when the tank is full must necessarily have been in the same condition before the bank of the tank was raised by this department.
8. The demand for compensation therefore appears inadmissible, on the grounds stated in Government Order now under report.
9. I beg to enclose a sketch of the fields for which compensation is required, taken from the village map. The fields in question are shaded red, and it is evident that they are outside the line demarcated as the boundary of the Camasamudrum tank-bed. The enclosed sketch is a very small portion of Bonalla fields bordering on the tank-bed, and the question naturally arises why these two fields only should be selected for compensation, and all the adjoining land which must be equally affected by the water when tank is full allowed to remain under cultivation, for there is very little difference of level in any of the fields outside the demarcation boundary. The answer I have received from the taluk officials is a surprising one, and I would not feel myself justified in recording it, if I could discern any good reason for the action that has been taken; it is this.
10. That they would be equally entitled to compensation, only the holders (Inamdars and Ryots) have made no claims, as they feel they have no right to compensation, and Bussamah, the recipient of the present payment, and Naropantla Rama Row may be considered one, the latter being the adopted son of the former, and is employed as a clerk in the Collector's Cutcherry.
11. I am further informed that originally the application submitted to the Collector for compensation amounted to Rupees 3,600 and upwards, and in favor of the same party that this statement was based on a calculation of the land being worth Rupees 100 an acre, although it is now said in the Government Order under notice to be worth only Rupees 80, and this price is considered still high by the Board.
12. I respectfully submit that these statements should be investigated, and the money, if already paid, should be recovered by the department on their being substantiated, and I believe the price charged per acre is just about double of what it ought to be.
13. The real reason why compensation should be paid if any, is this, I find on inquiry that it has been the practice of the Camasamudrum ryots to cultivate the greater portion of the tank-bed; but in 1874 Razeenamahs were taken from them prohibiting this practice in future. They have not therefore wasted the water by draining it off through the sluices. This practice most probably has caused the tank-water to stand on the lands around the margin longer than heretofore, and has in some measure interfered probably with the cultivation, but this could be easily remedied by the erection of a small bank, and if compensation is required for this it would appear to be a revenue matter and one which does not call for funds from this department.
14. From a line of levels taken across the tank-bed it is ascertained that fields Nos. 167 and 169 are from 1 to 2 feet below the crest of escape, and must of necessity be flooded when the tank is full and must always have been in the same condition, and that the lands adjacent are quite as low.

No. 140.

ORDER THEREON, 11th October 1876, No. 2,718.

IRRIGATION, No. 18.

ORDERED that the foregoing reports showing that the water-level of the Camasamudrum Katchamma tank has not been

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altered be communicated to the Revenue Department for consideration, with reference to the Order, No. 444, of the 30th March 1876, in that department, sanctioning the payment of compensation for lands supposed to have been submerged in consequence of the carrying out of certain repairs.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" District Engineer, Cuddapah.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

Copy of letter from the Officer in charge
Juddapah Range to the District Engineer
Juddapah No. 233 of 1876-77 of 28 August 1876.

In compliance with instructions contained
in your endorsement dated 1st May 1876 com-
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the following information and report on the
Kamasamudram Kamasamudra tank and
the circumstances under which the sum of
Rs 1013-9-7 has been awarded to Gnanadas
Bhaskaranna and Narayantha Gnanadas
as sanctioned in G. O. No. 444 dated the
30th March 1876.

2 An Estimate amounting to Rs 2940
was sanctioned for this tank on the 26th
November 1872 and appears to have been stopped
in July 1874 after Rs 2224-0-9 had been expended.

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6. It should also be noticed that a sum of Rs 130 is provided in the Estimate as compensation for land, but why this small sum was provided cannot now be ascertained, and it does not appear to have been expended.

7. As the escape of the tank has been

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9. I beg to enclose a sketch of the fields for which compensation is required, taken from the Village Map. The fields in question are shaded red and it is evident that they are outside the line demarcated as the boundary of the Ramavaram tank bed. The enclosed sketch is a very small portion of Bonatta field, bordering on the tank bed and the question naturally arises why these two fields only should be selected for compensation, and all the adjoining land which must be equally affected by the water when tank is full allowed to remain under cultivation for there is very little difference of level in any of

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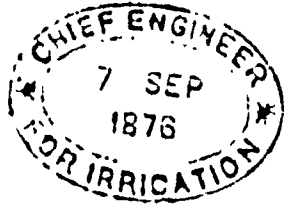
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W. M. G. Esq
District Engineer



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No 7364

Enclosure in a letter
from the District
Engineer of Irrigation
to the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
dated 5th September
1876 at 12/12/1.

1231 of 1877
Fuddapah District Engineer's Office
Camp. Walcott (13)
5th September 1876

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The District Engineer

to the Chief Engineer

for Irrigation
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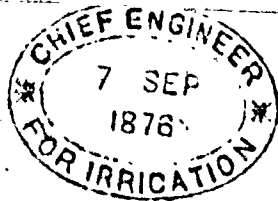
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It is reported by the Overseer in charge of
Pulivandla Taluq that this Tank has received
its full supply of water in May last and
that the whole length of the stone revetment,
except a few yards at the extremities of the
bund, has fallen down. He states that
it is in a dangerous state and that he has
therefore prepared this urgent Estimate
for immediate repair. The Overseer has
been directed to frame an Estimate for
thorough repairs - it will be submitted when
received.

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I have the honor to be
Very truly
Your obedient servant
W. H. J. C. R. S.
District Engineer



P.W.D.
15 OCT 76
No 7364

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Forwards copy of a letter with a sketch from the Kadappah & Gungeloffin with full particulars concerning the — and states that as the water spread of the tank has not been increased. My explanation has been recommended is not from

Thos. J. Wickham
Chief Engineer
of Kadappah
to the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Madras
Dated 5th
Sept 6th { September
1876
Receipt
No 1231
Dated 11th
Channam Tank.
Channam Tank.

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H. Shute & Co.

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No 2718

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 11th Octr 1876.

Read the following:—

Chief Engineer
Kadappah { No. 1231 of 5th Sept: 1876.

Ordered that the foregoing reports showing that the water level of the Channam Tank has not been altered be communicated to the Revenue Department for consideration, with reference to the order No 444 of the 30th March 1876 in that department sanctioning the payment of compensation for lands supposed to have been submerged in

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C. E. J. with one sketch
Brokd 26-10-78

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The Revenue Department

Date

From

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Encl

G. O. N^o 10600. 27/8

Nos. 10600

For P. W. Dept.
27-10-70

Camdram drain

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