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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

CHINDY, 11th Decem^r 1875.

Saint Thomas Mount

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput District.

To

THE Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

Sir,

Enc:
1 Plan
2 Statements

Referring to G. O. No. 5343 of 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to enclose copy of a plan prepared by Mr. Lowry in August 1870 and transmitted by him to the Revenue Department, who have used it as the basis of their measurement.

2 Under orders from Mr. Supervisor Watkins marked on the ground in January 1873 a line shewing the ground submerged by the tank, raised as Mr. Lowry's project had arranged - 6 ft.

3 Consequent on this the Collector applied to the Board of Revenue to have

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that we have not failed as had been
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the catchment basin, I am utterly at a loss therefore to understand how the assessment amounted to only Rupees 9720 for 1081 acres, or a fraction under Rupees 9 per acre.

9 I must confess that till I received the collector's bills for compensation I had not thought of examining the correctness of an item which I concluded had been duly settled before the project was begun. I could however have done nothing but call for these papers which the Deputy Collector has had in hand for a long period of time and in which the value of 605.95 acres in Poodoopair and Tharavoor is still not entered, nor has he yet been able to assess 221 acres of inam lands, nor the amount of compensation due for loss of milvaram.

10 When these amounts are added to the sum / Rupees 31,133 / of the present bill I doubt if even the estimate Rs 50,840

will

will be sufficient. I understand this to be in addition to the sum ³ Rupees 26,458 already paid as stated in column 9 of the collector's statement of 21st October 1875.

11 I had already addressed the Collector regarding the pressing importance of the matter. I believe that he has all the information he wants from me, and that any further must be deduced from his own records.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant

H. M. S. B. Colonel R. B.
Superintending Engineer
Chingleput

No 2 W

Encls 4.

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

From the Superintending Engineer's letter and the statements therewith forwarded it appears that, instead of compensation having to be paid for the additional land submerged by the enlarged Chembra Bankum Tank,

a great part of the bed of the old tank is being purchased. The difference of area at the old Calingulah crest and at the top of the dam stones was only, according to the records, 126 acres, these areas being 4,522 and 4,648 acres respectively; the area at the present P.T.L. is acres 5,729. The difference of areas between the present water spread and the old tank is

at old Calingulah crest level — 1,207 acres
— " — do. — top of dam stones — 1,081 —

* Mr. Fraser's report - para 27.

11/16 90 / 4 / 76

Trans No 18-2576

The Chief Engineer
Calingulah

The Chief Engineer
for irrigation

Dated 11th December
Received 14th 1895

No 3864
Enclosures 3

Forwards copy of a
plan prepared by
the Surveyor in August 1895
showing the land and
= merged by water spread
of the Chembra Bankum
Tank with a report.

No 13 March 16 B/1844

2 On the other hand one of the state-
ments shows that the whole area of the
present tank is (column 6) — acres 4,573.04
of which the "old submersion" is — " — 3,299.48
and the new submersion is — " — 1,273.56

There have also been taken up
for the bund and channels — " — 27.39.

Column 25 gives the area of Inam
lands at ————— acres 221.07
and the total area is ————— " — 4,821.50

Again column 19 shows that the area of
occupied lands other than Inam is as
follows.

Included in old submersion acres 908.88
— " — " — new — do. — " — 646.23
1,555.11.

and apparently this area, added probably
to that of Inam lands, or acres — 1,776.18
is the total to be purchased.

3 The second statement gives the
rates of compensation awarded to the
Mirafsidars of the several villages of or
different

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different descriptions of land, and what
would seem to need explanation is the
absence of any distinct rates of com-
-pensation for lands formerly sub-
-merged by the old tank, and for
those submerged in consequence of its
enlargement, respectively. It is proba-
-ble that below a certain contour the
lands in the old bed were not occupied
or cultivated. Between this contour
and one considerably higher the value
of the lands for cultivation must have
been very small, and it would seem
to follow that there must properly be
a gradation of value for the lands
lying between each ^{pair} of the contours, at
yard intervals, shown on the late Mr.
Fraser's map, sheet No. 2, from that at 3
yards below the old Calingulah crest up
to the top of the dam stones 1 yard above
that crest. The successive areas at these
contours

Contours are,		
lowest contour	acres 2737-	2. 1/2
1 yard higher do:	" - 3212	4.25
2 yards - do - do:	" - 3835	6.23
3 - do: - do: (old Calingulack crest)	" 4298	4.63
4 - do - do - (top of dam stones) -	" 4648	3.50
5 do: do: (6 feet project) -	" 5729	10.81

and there must be a material difference in the values for cultivation of the lands at the successive levels, while for the lands between the upper two contours only would full compensation appear to be claimable. The lowest contour is that at which the water stood when the survey was made, but the date does not appear to have been mentioned.

In the areas statement the lands for which compensation has been settled are shown to be (column 20)

old and new submersion for which rates are not distinguishable	
Old submersion acres	498.13
New - do -	134.62
New submersion -	632.75
For tank bund -	316.42
	18.48

Ruppes 19,511-9-11	30.83
" 10,127-2-6	32.00
" 303-10-9	16.43

If the rate for the undetailed new submersion be taken at Ruppes 32, that for the old submersion would be Ruppes 30.2, and this would seem to be very high when compared with the price of the lands not before submerged. The amount of compensation paid is settled is as above given Ruppes 29,942-7-2 add for trees, houses &c - 1191-2-6

31,133-9-8

and from the information given in Proceedings Madras Government of the 22 November 1875 it appeared that 2,605 acres of land had to be acquired by purchase of which

acres 817 had been paid for	Ruppes 26,458
" - 1788 remained to be paid for	" 50,840
	77,298

* it is not quite clear whether this amount would suffice to pay for the remainder in full.

There are also the Zemindars and Shrotranas claims for compensation for loss of Melwaram, about which nothing is known.

The

The amount provided for compensation
 in the project estimate is Rupees 9,720,
 but this was supposed to be the final
 charge after the lands taken up
 had been resold or let, and more-
 over it does not appear to have been
 contemplated that a large part of
 the old water spread as well as the
 new would have to be purchased.
 The Report on the project (para 17)
 shows that the late Mr. Fraser's
 estimate of land compensation for
 the 15 feet project was Rupees 58851,
 and that scheme involved the taking
 up of 1461 acres more than are re-
 quired for the new project, which
 area would, at 32 Rupees an acre,
 amount to Rupees 46752, leaving
 Rupees 12100 for the smaller project.
 The way in which the abovementioned
 sum of Rupees 9720 was

arrived

arrived at is given in detail in the
 Note No. 228 A in Pros. Madras Govt.
 of the 17th May 1873 No. 1377, and was
 as follows:

Mr. Lowry's estimate of land still required for 6 feet project	Rupees 11000
Mr. Lowry's statement of land already paid for	3579
	14579
Deduct one third of the above amount being the supposed subsequent recovery by re- sale or letting	4859
	9720

5 The revised estimate must make
 provision for an approximately
 correct amount for land compen-
 sation, and it appears to be pro-
 bable that until this estimate
 has been prepared and sanctioned
 funds will not be available for
 the settlement of more than a
 small

small portion of the claims. There are some discrepancies between Mr. Fraser's areas and those reported by the Revenue Officers at different times. These may with advantage be looked into, but in any case it appears to be necessary.

1st that the basis on which claims to compensation for the lands formerly submerged by the un-enlarged tank should be explained; and it may be noticed that taking the top of the dam stones as the limit of former submergence, the area between the two upper contours of the adopted project is circumstances just as that between the 2^d and 3^d from the top was formerly; similarly the area between the 2^d and 3^d contours takes the place of that between the 3^d and 4th contours and so on.

that an estimate for compensation showing clearly the amounts due for the area included in the old submergence in such detail as Government may consider necessary, and for the area newly submerged respectively as also for the loss of Melwarain, should be prepared as soon as possible.

Report at
Dudhgaon
3rd March 1876

W. S. Munthlin Lieut. Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

to be decided,
and for interpositions
of the field with and
not heard to the civil
authorities.

The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

4811 Sept 1876 No 2797 with
the same report -

P. W. 1876 Sept

No 1690.

9: March/71 No 705
17: May/73 - 1377
22: Nov/75 - 3363.

Survey of Chembrambun Lake
prepared by Gen. Thomas C. C.
in April 1867 -

From

The Chief Surg^{ns}
for Irigations

Dated 3 March 1876
Rec^d 7
b. 4. No. 2 H.

Submits for the
consideration of Govt. letter
from the Dist. Surg. Genl.
relative to the land submerged
by the Chembrambun Lake
Paul.

On 13 March 76 B/18408

Abstract Statement showing the rates & the amount of Compensation awarded to the Mirassidars of the undermentioned Villages on account of their lands submerged by the waterspread of the Chembraambakam tank according to 6 feet water project.

Villages	Description of land	Rate Rs Cawny	Area	Amount	Remarks
Chembraambakam Gemin	Ain Pungah or Dry	3	4	5	6
	Manavary Pungah	Rs 20	63 6 8	1268 2	
	Village site	25	21 8 2	537 11 2	
	Wet irrigated from tank	28 1/2	3 1 2	87 7 11	
	So irrigated by Pienttaho	60	133 10 12	8020 5	
	Compensation for the removal of houses	57	45 10 2	2601 1 1	
			26 1/2	4 10 12 5 14 11 2	Conversion into acres 352.82
			Total	12641 11 2	
Delanjior Gemin	Ain Pungah or Dry	15	31 4 4	468 15 9	
	Manavary	25	60 9 2	1514 4 1	
	Village site	28 1/2	4 8 6	128 14 8	
	Wet	40	129 11 1	5188 7	
	Compensation for the removal of houses	40	226 1 2	7309 6 1/2	do do 298.41
	Total		11 11 6	399 2 10	do do 15.46
Kattagaram Gemin	Pungah	15	7 4	6 12 9	
	Manavary	50	5 12 11	173 12 7	
	Wet	40	5 7 7	218 9 6	
	Pungah	15	7 4	6 12 9	
	Manavary	25	1 3 6	50 4 4	
	Wet	40	96 11 13	4595 1 1	
			99 6 3	4666 14 4	do do 131.19
			Total	142 14 1/2	
Kattariput Gemin	Pungah	15	7 15	7 7 1	
	Manavary	55	17 14 7	626 9 3	
	Wet	50	23 14 14	1196 7 8	
	Pungah	15	42 5 4	1830 8	do do 55.88
	Manavary	30	43 3 8	1296 9	
	Garden	30	2 1 3	12 3 7	
			12 5 14	494 11	do do 84.28
Kattarambakkam Pystamary	Pungah	15	63 13 9	1946 4 7	
	Manavary	50	3 6 10	65 4 6	
	Wet	65	19 4	1236 3	do do 29.61
	Pungah	20	3 6 10	65 4 6	
	Manavary	50	17 14 7	626 9 3	
	Wet	50	23 14 14	1196 7 8	
			Total	2687 1 1	
			Grand total	733 1 2 29942 7 2	do do 967.65
			Total	51133 9 8	

2-12-75

True Copy
 Signed by V. Venkatesiah
 Deputy Collector
 11.2.1875

Statement showing the area of land coming within the contour lines of the Chembrambakam

Tank according to 6 feet water Project in the undermentioned Villages.

Taluk	Whether pottas, shas, or Ryotwary Villages	Whether old or new Submersion.	Names of Villages.	Total area of land coming under the contour lines of the Submersion. 5 into 100 Acres	Unoccupied lands										Lands in occupation										Remarks.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
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The total amount of the several sums of Compensation shown in Col 20
 29942-7-2
 1191-2-6
 31133-9-8

The Zemindars and Shrotriamdars Claims for Compensation for the loss of their Melvaram have to be settled hereafter.

I signed B. Venkatesiah
 Deputy Collector.
 11 Dec 1875
 Superintending Engineer Chingleput
 11 Dec 1875
 1 True Copy

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No 654 P. W. Deane
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Dated 13th March 1876
Read the following -

From
The Chief Engineer (H. L. No 2 W & 3rd March 76)

His Grace the Governor
- nor in Council is glad
to find from the Su-
perintending Engineers
letter that land not
needed for the reduced
project for the Chem-
brambankum Tank is
not being acquired. -
It appears from the
papers now read that
the much larger area,
on which compensation
is being paid, than the
difference

difference between the
water spreads of the
old and enlarged tank,
is due to its having
been deemed equitable,

on what authority is not
yet apparent, that the
lands forming a large
part of the bed of the
old tank should be
purchased. These Pro-
ceedings will accordingly
be communicated to the
Board of Revenue with
a view to information
as to the circumstances,
and as to the principles
upon which the claims
have been or are being
dealt with, being made
available. A fairly re-
liable approximate esti-

mate

estimate of the total
amount of compensation
payable has already
been called for in para-
graph 4 of G. O. 22^d November
1875 No. 3343.

2 Colonel Moberly
reports that a plan
showing the contour of
the old tank water-
spread, and of that of
the 6 feet project was
prepared by Mr. Lowry
in 1870 and transmit-
ted by him to the
Revenue Department,
and the remarks con-
tained in G. O. of the 22^d
November 1875 No. 3343,
which were based on
the supposition that no
such information had
been supplied, and that
consequently

consequently lands not required were being purchased, will be deemed to be cancelled. Colonel Moberly further says that he has no copy of Pros: Madras Govt. W. 905 of the 9th March 1871, which contain information as to the amount provided for land compensation, but it is observed that those Pros: were communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, and copies should therefore have been available in Colonel Moberly's office. Moreover that officer should not have passed

passed any claim for compensation, or have forwarded any application for funds to meet such charges, without knowing what sum had been provided, what amount had been disbursed, and what the balance amounted to.

by 4/3

[Signature]

To The District Engineer
Chief Engineer for Irrigation
Controller of P.W. Accounts
Rev. Deptt.
~~Revenue~~
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To

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Chief Engineer

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Lands submerged by the Chennai
Branch Bank - Passing
orders in letter endorsement
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submitting letter from D. C. Ching
relative to the —.

L. D. M. 1876
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