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Government of Madras.

*Public Works* DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,  
4th April 1877. No. 1,129.*

No. 62. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated St. Thomas' Mount, 9th March 1877, No. 4,265 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit the following remarks with reference to G.O., No. 418, of 27th ultimo, and Revenue

1 Original letter from the Executive Engineer, Mount Range, No. 2,697, of 18th December 1876; and one copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer, No. 3,273, 20th December 1876 (to be returned).

G.O., No. 577, of 9th ultimo.

2. I received No. 2,697 of 18th December 1876 (enclosed) from Captain A. C. Smith just as I was starting for the Collector's Office. Fully approving

of the proposal I carried it with me to ask Mr. Barlow if he would support me in asking for a relaxation of the rule prohibiting cultivation in beds of tanks, which I thought would be better considered through his intervention.

3. He anticipated my arguments by saying that he had already suggested the proceeding to the Board of Revenue. I am under the impression that he finished his sentence by saying that "he would let me know the issue;" under this impression I wrote to the Range Officer, copy enclosed. I beg to point out that I did not even "refuse permission pending reference," though I have used those words I simply refrained from any action. Mr. Barlow has reported that I prohibited cultivation, whereas I should have been only too glad to have felt myself at liberty to allow it.

4. The Government in Revenue Department have remarked that I "did not dispute the Collector's order." You will observe that on the contrary I sought for an order, or the Collector's support in procuring a relaxation of the order which is in force under ordinary circumstances.

5. I was not informed of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd December 1876. They do not appear to have been published in the District Gazette; but on the 19th January I heard that the villagers had, under permission of the Revenue Inspector, begun to cultivate in the Red Hills tank bed. I cited the fact in my No. 3,619 of 19th January not with any idea of complaining that it was done, but to know if I might permit at Chembrambakum what was being done at Red Hills, where there was at least some ground for prohibition.

6. I have no means of knowing how widely Board's Proceedings No. 3,252 of 22nd December were made known. I received no copy; if the Kavanur, &c., villagers did hear of them directly, I am quite certain that no member of the Public Works Department hindered or would complain of their acting on it.

7. I received G.O. No. 300 of 24th January on the 30th; Captain Smith received a copy in due course, but I do not know whether he thought it necessary to take any action.

8. I have pointed out to the Collector that to my own knowledge the Land Improvement Act, and the larger concession made during this season are not so largely known as they might be, and proposed that notifications should be printed in Tamil, which might be freely distributed among the people. I should be glad to do the same for any other exceptional orders of Government.

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9. I submit that no action of mine has justified the Collector's statement, and trust that the Government will exonerate me even more fully than the Revenue Order No. 577 has done.

From Captain A. C. SMITH, R.E., Executive Engineer, No. 2 or Mount Range, Chingleput District, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, dated 18th December 1876, No. 2,697.

THE villagers of Kavanur, Coonnattur, and Sirukallattoor are desirous of putting down cholera seed in the bed of Chembrambakum tank.

2. They declare that they would amongst them cultivate the whole of the black soil in the tank on chance of getting some rain within the next ten days or so, in which case they will sow the ground and realize some outturn as the soil is so good.

3. As this would do no harm to the tank and might do at any rate some good, the Collector might make arrangements for handing over the land as a temporary measure.

From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Captain A. C. SMITH, R.E., Executive Engineer, Mount Range, dated Camp at Manaly, 20th December 1876, No. 3,273.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that the Collector has forwarded for orders to the Board of Revenue a petition received direct from villagers of Kavanur, &c., to the same effect as your No. 2,697 of 18th instant.

No. 63.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1877, No. 1,129.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue through the Revenue Department. There has been a misunderstanding between the Collector and Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, which should have been cleared up between themselves. Colonel F. J. Moberly's explanations are satisfactory.

2. Permission to cultivate the beds of tanks should be given by Collectors in communication with District Engineers, and it is particularly necessary that the latter should be made acquainted with the wishes of Collectors, when it is proposed to cultivate the beds of tanks which are in charge of Conservancy Establishments under the orders of Public Works Officers, otherwise unnecessary correspondence and references to Government will result. Independent action of either Revenue or Public Works Officers in such and similar matters is opposed to the often expressed wishes of Government.

(True Extract.)

Licut.-Col., R.E.,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.  
" Revenue Department.  
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.  
To all District Engineers.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.  
Spare Copies

*From the Lt. Chingleput. N. 4265 of 9th March 1877.*

FOR ORDERS.

*Colonel Moberly's Lieut. Col. R.E.*

*Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.*

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## THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

**No. 2 or Mount Range**

## Chingleput District

**THE** *Superintending Engineer*

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SIR.

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handing over the land as a temporary measure.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedient Servant,

*H. Smith* CAPTAIN R. E.

CAPTAIN R. E

*Executive Engineer*

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20 MAR 77  
NO 3014

*Received in No 3273*  
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To Col Mr. No. 3649 of 19/11/77

From,  
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
No. 2 of Mount Range,  
Chingleput District.

To,  
THE  
*Sup Engineer*  
Chingleput.  
Dated 18<sup>th</sup>  
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No. 3273

Chingleput Superintending Engineer's Office,  
*Camp Maury*  
Saint Thomas Mount, 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1876

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

*The Executive Engineer  
Mount Range.*

Sir,

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that the Collector has forwarded  
for orders to the Board of Revenue  
a petition received direct from  
villagers of Kanamar &c. to the same  
effect as your No 2697 of 18<sup>th</sup> instant.*

*I have &c*

*/Signed/ J. I. Moherty Esq. R.E.  
Super Engineer Chingleput*

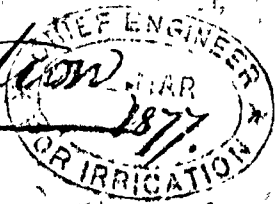
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*J. Moherty Colonel R.E.  
Super Engineer Chingleput*



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From Sup. Eng. Chingleput  
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Under date the 4 April 77

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To Mr. S. C. Chingput

Dated 6/4

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