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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th August 1879, No. 2,056 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper :—

No. 40. From Major L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, General Branch, dated Chepauk, 8th July 1879, No. 76 W.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for the information and orders of Government, a copy of a petition received in this office from one Laksmiana, an inhabitant of Masulipatam, stating that his garden on which his livelihood depended was taken from him for the formation of the Cowtaram road more than nine years ago, and that in spite of over one hundred petitions, no one has taken notice of his claims for compensation.

2. Of the facts stated in this petition I know absolutely nothing, but I regret to say that, judging from the records of this office, there is every probability of their being nothing more than the truth. To enable Government to form some opinion on this subject I enclose a list of the various bills for compensation for land which in the course of this year I have been called upon to audit.

3. From this list Government will observe that out of 112 bills

1	belongs to the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	1853-54
3	belong	...	...	...	...	...	...	1865-66
10	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1866-67
9	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1867-68
10	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1868-69
5	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1869-70
10	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1870-71
17	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1871-72
15	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1872-73
9	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1873-74
6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1874-75
6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1875-76
1	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1876-77
8	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1877-78
2	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	1878-79

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Out of the whole 112 bills there are but ten which belong to the last two years, the period for which alone one might reasonably expect to receive bills for the compensation for land.

4. On the state of things that may be inferred from the above list I shall say nothing. It is a subject which all those possessing the ordinary feelings of justice might be expected to find difficult to discuss in calm official language. Apart however from the obvious injustice of the State taking up land without compensating the owners, apart from the grave political dangers which such a course may give rise to by causing wide-spread agrarian disaffection, I may venture to point out the evil effects this dilatory system of adjusting land compensation has upon the Public Works Accounts.

5. This dilatory system renders it at once impossible to foresee the expenditure of the year correctly, or to properly audit charges for land even when at length they appear in the accounts. At present, any forecast of expenditure, however carefully made, is liable to be upset by the receipt of compensation bills for land taken up years ago, for works completed, and of which the accounts have been long since

closed. Not only does there exist no estimate against which the item can be booked, no appropriation from which the expenditure can be met, but even in many cases no information is available as to the situation of the land itself, or to the date on which the transfer was made. For bills of such long standing the interest charges at 6 per cent. amount to nearly if not quite as much as the compensation itself, and this is a charge which of course no Public Works estimate provides for.

6. As an instance in point I enclose a copy of a land compensation bill lately received in this office. Were not the subject so important, the entries therein would be simply ludicrous. Take for instance the following:—

Situation of land in respect to villages—"Different directions."
Date from which assessment ceases—"Cannot be ascertained."
Date of transfer of land—"Long ago."

7. Other compensation bills, all more or less faulty, might doubtless be brought forward if necessary. In such cases this office endeavours to obtain the necessary information at the cost of much time and labor to all concerned, but for all the results secured it might as well do nothing. Unless business is to be brought to a standstill the bills have eventually to be passed.

8. In thus bringing again before Government the supreme delay that now occurs in many cases in the adjustment of payments for land, I am well aware that no difficulty or complexity surrounds the subject; that the system as now prescribed for adjusting payments for land is quite simple, and, where ordinary attention is paid to it, perfectly effectual; and that every Revenue officer probably knows exactly what he ought to do in the matter. I am also aware of there being standing orders on the subject issued by the Board of Revenue, and of Government having on more than one occasion passed stringent orders to the effect that these claims are invariably to be adjusted as soon as possible.

The delay appears attributable solely to the fact that these orders are not properly attended to.

STATEMENT showing Land Compensation Bills received in this Office for last twelve months.

District.	Date of first receipt of Bill in this Office.	Date of transfer of Land.	District.	Date of first receipt of Bill in this Office.	Date of transfer of Land.
Chingleput...	1st April 1878.	1870-71 to 1874-75.	Godavari ...	1st June 1878.	1867-68.
Godavari ...	6th do.	1873-74.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1853-54,
Tinnevely...	18th do.	1st Dec. 1877.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68.
Godavari ...	22nd do.	1875-76.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1869-70.
Do. ...	26th Mar. 1877.	15th Apl. 1875	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
Tinnevely...	27th May 1878.	9th July 1874.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68, 69-
Godavari ...	1st June 1878.	1866-67.	Do. ...	Do. ...	70, and
Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1868-69.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1865-66.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1873-74.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1865-66.	Do. ...	27th May 1878...	1875-76.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1875-76.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1875-76.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68 and	Do. ...	Do. ...	1872-73.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1868-69.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1868-69.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
			Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.

STATEMENT showing Land Compensation Bills received in this Office for last, &c.—cont.

District.	Date of first receipt of Bill in this Office.	Date of transfer of Land.	District.	Date of first receipt of Bill in this Office.	Date of transfer of Land.
Godavari ...	6th May 1878...	1863.	Godavari ...	11th Aug. 1878.	July 1872.
Do. ...	22nd June 1878.	March 1878.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	19th Aug. 1878.	1869-70.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
		(1866-67,	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
		1867-68,	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
		and	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
		1869-70.	Do. ...	20th Dec. 1878.	1872-73.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1865-66.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1872-73.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1872-73.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1870-71.
Do. ...	14th Aug. 1878.	1873-79.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1877-78.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1869-70.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1866-67.
Do. ...	6th May 1878.	1868.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1868-69.
Do. ...	19th Aug. 1878.	1868-69.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	24th Sept. 1878.	1871-72.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1284(1874-5)
Do. ...	Do. ...	1873-74.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1867-68.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1284(1874-5)	Do. ...	Do. ...	1868-69.
Do. ...	Do. ...	1873-74.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	14th Aug. 1878.	1877-78.	Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.
Do. ...	8th July 1878.	1873-74.	Do. ...	Do. ...	1871-72.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Kistna ...	28th Nov. 1878.	1284(1874-5)
Do. ...	11th Aug. 1878.	July 1872.	Do. ...	10th Feb. 1879.	1287(1877-8)
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Do. ...	5th Mar. 1879.	Jan. 1875.
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	Godavari ...	25th Mar. 1879.	1288(1876-7)
Do. ...	Do. ...	Do.	North Arcot.	6th Dec. 1878.	1287(1877-8)

BILL for Compensation for Land, &c., taken up for Public Purposes in different Taluks in the Vizagapatam District.

Name of work for which taken up.	Authority Number and Date under which taken up.	Amount of Compensation as estimated.	Situation of Land in respect to Villages, &c.	Area of Land.	Assessment.	Date from which Assessment ceases.	Amount of Compensation to be paid.	Date of transfer of Land.	Remarks.
Gravel pits along the different roads.	Office of the Examiner of P. W. Accounts, Madras, 2nd Aug. 1878.	Ruppes 14,871-5-1	Different locations in Vizagapatam District.	Public Works, Sept. 1878.	435-0-6	Cannot be ascertained.	Ruppes 14,871-5-1	Long ago.	The amount of compensation in column 9 provides for the following items:— Land .. 8,700 10 0 Wells .. Trees .. Loss of Crops 9,170 11 1 Houses .. 14,871 5 1

VIZAGAPATAM,
17th July 1878.

(Signed) H. ST. A. GOODRICH,
Acting Collector.

(Signed) H. W. WOOD, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Vizagapatam.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, Chapsak, Madras.

The humble petition of AMBATI LAKSMANA
of Valundapalem in Masulipatam Town.

I most humbly beg to lay before your kind Honor my long-standing grievance, and trust that you will kindly take up into favorable consideration.

In 1869 the Cowlaram (Local Fund Road) road passed through my backyard and garden of fruit trees. I at once obeyed to the Department Public Works and given up my garden of fruits and backyard although I lost my livelihood.

I presented more than one hundred petitions since more than nine years and no one heard my cryings. According to Board's standing orders compensation must be settled within six months.

A bill was sent to your Honor 4th December 1878, but nothing has been done up to this moment.

I beg to append copy of the endorsement given by the Collector.

I most humbly beg your kind Honor to sanction the amount due to me, as I am suffering very much, and starving in these famine days.

For which act of kindness and generosity I as in duty bound shall ever pray.

(Signed) AMBATI LAKSMANA.

No. 41. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1879, No. 2,050 W.

THE Superintending Engineer will be requested to report, after communication with the Revenue Authorities, on the petition submitted by the Examiner, and, if the statements therein contained are correct, to explain the great delay that has been allowed to occur in the settlement of the petitioner's claim.

2. The Government notice with much dissatisfaction the great unpunctuality, and apparent want of system, that at present exist in regard to the adjustment of claims for compensation on account of land taken up for Public Works, and resolve to call upon the officers of both the Public Works and the Revenue Departments to take such steps as may be necessary for more prompt action in the matter. The orders issued from time to time on the subject are clear, and if acted up to would prevent delays such as those now brought to notice.

3. Attention is accordingly invited to the Proceedings noted below:—

G.O. No. 1,617,	dated 20th June	1873 P.W.
" " 2,808,	" " November	1873 "
" " 1,279,	" " 17th August	1874 "
" " 66,	" " 11th January	1875 "
" " 1,042,	" " 15th April	" "
" " 1,416,	" " 22nd May	" "
" " 2,039,	" " 17th July	" "
" " 1,192,	" " 9th August	" Rev.
" " 3,187,	" " 8th November	" P.W.
" " 525,	" " 21st April	1876 Rev.
" " 1,299,	" " 24th May	" P.W.
" " 572,	" " 11th August	1877 "

4. The Examiner will in future bring specially to the notice of Government all instances in which claims of compensation for land transferred are not settled during the year in which such have accrued, or during the subsequent year at the latest, with all available information as to the cause of delay in each case.

5. The attention of the Secretary, Public Works Code Committee, will be invited to Proceedings, No. 3,187, dated 8th November 1876, and he will be careful

to see that the instructions therein contained are embodied in the Revised Public Works Code now under preparation.

6. The necessary instructions on the subject to all Civil Officers will be issued in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Circles.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

Accountant General

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1879) *India*

PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH
AND FIFTH CIRCLES.

&c, &c, &c.

Dated August 5th

Recd.

Recd.

Recd.

G. O., 5th August 1879, No. 2,050 W.

AUGUST.

Nos. 40-41.

*Delay in the adjustment of claims for com-
pensation on account of lands taken up for
Public Works.*

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FROM THE SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

HADWORTH.

TO THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHITRAL, PUNJAB.

NO. 78, W.

CHITRAL, PUNJAB, 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE THE HONOR TO FORWARD FOR THE INFORMATION AND
ORDER OF GOVERNMENT A COPY OF A PETITION RECEIVED IN THIS
OFFICE FROM ONE LAKSHMAN AN INHABITANT OF CHITRAL, PUNJAB,
STATING THAT HIS GARDEN ON WHICH HIS LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS,
WAS TAKEN FROM HIM FOR THE FORMATION OF THE CHITRAL ROAD
ABOUT NINE YEARS AGO, AND THAT IN SPITE OF OVER 100
PETITIONS, NO ONE HAS TAKEN NOTICE OF HIS CLAIM FOR COM-
PENSATION.

2. OF THE FACTS STATED IN THIS PETITION, I KNOW AB-
SOLUTELY NOTHING, BUT I REPEAT TO DAY THAT INQUIRY FROM
THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE, THERE IS EVERY PROBABILITY OF
THEIR BEING NOTHING MORE THAN THE TRUTH. TO ENABLE GOVERN-
MENT TO FORM SOME OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT, I ENCLOSE A LIST
OF THE VARIOUS BILLS FOR COMPENSATION FOR LAND WHICH IN
THE COURSE OF THIS YEAR I HAVE BEEN CALLED UPON TO ADJUDICATE.

3. FROM THIS LIST, GOVERNMENT WILL OBSERVE THAT OUT OF

THE BILL.

1	BELONGS TO THE YEAR.....	1852-54.
2	BELONGS ..	1865-66.
3	..	1866-67.
4	..	1867-68.
5	..	1868-69.
6	..	1869-70.
7	..	1870-71.
8	..	1871-72.
9	..	1872-73.
10	..	1873-74.
11	..	1874-75.
12	..	1875-76.
13	..	1876-77.
14	..	1877-78.
15	..	1878-79.

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OUT OF THE WHOLE THE BILLS THERE ARE BUT TWO, WHICH BELONG TO THE LAST TWO YEARS, THE PERIOD FOR WHICH ALONE ONE MIGHT REASONABLY EXPECT TO RECEIVE BILLS FOR THE COMPENSATION FOR LAND.

4. ON THE STATE OF THINGS THAT MAY BE INFERRED FROM THE ABOVE LIST, I SHALL SAY NOTHING. IT IS A SUBJECT WHICH ALL THOSE POSSESSING THE ORDINARY FEELINGS OF JUSTICE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO FIND DIFFICULT TO DISCUSS IN CALM OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. APART HOWEVER FROM THE OBVIOUS INJUSTICE OF THE STATE TAKING UP LAND WITHOUT COMPENSATING THE OWNERS, APART FROM THE GRAVE POLITICAL DANGERS WHICH SUCH A COURSE MAY GIVE RISE TO BY CAUSING WIDE-SPREAD AGRIAN DISAFFECTION, I MAY VENTURE TO POINT OUT THE EVIL EFFECTS THIS DILATORY SYSTEM OF ADJUSTING LAND COMPENSATION HAS UPON THE P.W. ACCOUNTS.

5. THIS DILATORY SYSTEM RENDERED IT AT ONCE IMPOSSIBLE TO FORESEE THE EXPENDITURE OF THE YEAR CORRECTLY OR TO PROPERLY ADJUST CHARGES FOR LAND EVEN WHEN AT LENGTH THEY APPEAR IN THE ACCOUNTS. AT PRESENT, ANY FORECAST OF EX-

PERMITTING, HOWEVER CAREFULLY MADE, TO BE ONLY AN APPROXIMATION OF THE EXPENDITURE OF THE YEAR. I HAVE NOT A SINGLE YEAR'S FIGURE, FOR THE YEAR 1878-79, AND OF THE YEAR 1879-80, WHICH I HAVE LONG SINCE FORGOTTEN. NOT ONLY THIS, BUT THE PRESENT ACCOUNT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAVE PRESENTED, AS WELL AS THE PRESENT VIEW WHICH THE PARLIAMENT HAVE TAKEN OF THE MATTER, IS IN MANY RESPECTS, SO INADEQUATE AS TO BE A DISGRACE TO THE LAND ITSELF, AND TO THE LAWS BY WHICH THE THROUGH THE BILLS. FOR BILLS OF WHICH THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST CHARGED AT 4 PER CENT ANNUAL TO HAVE TO BE PAID, WHICH AS MUCH AS THE COMPENSATION AT FIRST, AND THIS IS A QUANTITY WHICH OF COURSE NO P.W. ESTIMATE COULD BE SET.

6. AS AN INSTANCE TO POINT, I ENCLOSE A COPY OF A LAND COMPENSATION BILL, LATELY PRESENTED IN THIS HOUSE. THAT NOT THE SUBJECT SO IMPORTANT, THE BILL IS THOUGH TO BE SIMPLY INADEQUATE. TAKE FOR INSTANCE THE FOLLOWING:-

RETRIBUTION OF LAND IN REMARK TO VILLAGES.	DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS
CASE FROM WHICH A RE- MENT CHANGE.	
CASE OF TRANSFER OF LAND.	CASE OF A RE- MENT CHANGE.
	CASE OF A RE- MENT CHANGE.

7. OTHER COMPENSATION BILLS, ALL MORE OR LESS FACULTY, MIGHT COULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD AS NECESSARY. IN SUCH CASES, THIS OFFICE EMPLOYED TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INFORMATION, AT THE COST OF WHICH THE LAND IS ALL COMPENSATED, BUT FOR ALL THE PUBLIC WORKS. IT DOES NOT SEEM TO BE NOTHING. UNLESS BUSINESS IS TO BE BROUGHT TO A STAND-
STILL, THE BILLS HAVE EVENTUALLY TO BE PASSED.

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GOVERNMENT THE COMPLAINT
IN MANY CASES IN THE ADJUSTMENT OF
I AM WELL AWARE THAT NO DISCREPANCY OF
THE SUBJECT, THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT
FOR ADDING PAYMENTS FOR LAND IS WELL KNOWN,
PRIMARY ATTENTION IS PAID TO IT, PRESENT
AND THAT EVERY REVENUE OFFICER PROBABLY KNOWS
WHAT HE OUGHT TO DO IN THE MATTER. I AM ALSO AWARE
OF THE BEING STANDING ORDERS ON THE SUBJECT TO THE
OF REVENUE, AND OF GOVERNMENT HAVING ON MORE
ON THE OCCASION PASSED STRINGENT ORDERS TO THE EFFECT
THAT THESE CLAIMS ARE INVARIABLY TO BE ADJUSTED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

THE DELAY APPEARS ATTRIBUTABLE SOLELY TO THE FACT
THAT THESE ORDERS ARE NOT PROPERLY ATTENDED TO.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO BE,

SIR,

YOUR MOST OBLIGED SERVANT,

Lowrey Gordon

COMPTROLLER, U.S. ACCOUNTS & MAJOR, U.S.

FROM THE EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS.

TO THE SECY. TO GOVT. P. W. D.

GENERAL BRANCH.

L. O. No. 20504 of July 1877

NO. 70. V.

DATED 27th JULY 1879.

RECD.

ENCLOSURE. 2.

REGARDING DELAY IN THE PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN LAND.

Statement showing Land
Compensation Bills received in this
Office for last twelve months.

District	Date of 1 st Receipt 2 nd Receipt 3 rd Receipt 4 th Receipt	Date of Transfer of Land
Chingleput	1 st April 1875	1875-1876
Gadavari	5 th - 10 th -	1873-1874
Tinnevely	18 th - 22 nd -	1 st Decr 1877
Gadavari	22 nd - 26 th -	1875-76
Do	26 th March 1875	1 st April 1875
Tinnevely	27 th May 1879	1 st July 1879
Gadavari	1 st June 1878	1866-67
Do	Do	1871-72
Do	Do	1860-1861
Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	1871-1872
Do	Do	1860-1861
Do	Do	1865-1866
Do	Do	1866-1867
Do	Do	1865-1866
Do	Do	1871-1872
Do	Do	1875-1876
Do	Do	1871-1872
Do	Do	Do
Do	Do	1867-1868
Do	Do	1868-1869
Do	Do	1866-1867
Do	Do	1867-1868
Do	Do	1868-1869
Do	Do	1869-1870
Do	Do	1870-1871
Do	Do	1871-1872
Do	Do	1872-1873
Do	Do	1873-1874
Do	27 th May 1879	1875-76
Do	Do	1870-71

	District	Date of 1st Receipt of Bill in this office	Date of Transfer of Land.	District	Date of 1st Receipt of Bill in this office	Date of Transfer of Land.
FROM	Godavari	27 May 1878	1871-72	Godavari	11 August 1875	July 1872
	do	do	1875-76	do	11 August 1875	do
	do	do	1875-76	do	20 December 1875	1872-73
TO	do	do	1872-73	do	do	1870-71
	do	do	1871-72	do	do	1872-73
	do	do	1871-72	do	do	1870-71
	do	do	1871-72	do	do	1870-71
	do	do	1870-71	do	do	1866-67
by	do	do	1870-71	do	do	1869-70
	do	6 May 1878	1868	do	do	1871-72
	do	22 June 1878	March 1878	do	do	1866-67
	do	19 August 1878	1869-70	do	do	1868-69
	do	do	1866-67 67-68	do	do	1871-72
NO.	do	do	1869-70	do	do	1284 (1871-72)
	do	do	1867-68	do	do	1867-68
	do	do	1868-66	do	do	1871-72
	do	do	1872-73	do	do	1871-72
	do	11 August 1878	1875-79	do	do	1868-69
	do	do	1876-79	do	do	1868-69
DATE	do	do	1877-78	do	do	1868-69
	do	do	1877-78	do	do	1868-69
RECI	do	do	1877-78	do	do	1871-72
	do	6 May 1878	1868	Thistree	28 November 1877	1284 (1871-72)
	do	19 August 1878	1868-69	do	10 Feb. 1877	1287 (1871-72)
	do	22 Sept 1878	1871-72	do	5 March 1877	Jan. 1875
	do	do	1873-74	Godavari	25 March 1877	1286 (1871-72)
	do	do	1873-74	North Street	6 December 1877	1287 (1871-72)
	do	do	1873-74			
	do	do	1284 (1871-72)			
	do	do	1873-74			
	do	11 August 1878	1877-78			
	do	5 July 1878	1873-74			
	do	do	1873-74			
CON	do	11 August 1878	July 1872			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			
	do	do	do			

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TO THE EASTERN P.W. ACCOUNTS,

7th Ave. N.Y.C. 10011.

MY DEAR FRIENDS OF THE EASTERN P.W. ACCOUNTS,
IN HAIL TO YOU.

MOST DEARLY,

I MOST HUMBLY BEG TO SAY TO YOU THAT I AM A
POOR MAN IN EVERY WAY AND I TRUST THAT YOU WILL
TAKE UP WITH ME FOR MY CONSIDERATION.

IN THE YEAR 1941 I WAS A POOR MAN IN EVERY WAY
BY BACKWARD AND GARDEN BY MYSELF. I WAS THEN
TO THE P.W. AND LIVED BY MY GARDEN OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
YARD ALTHOUGH I LOST MY LIVELIHOOD.

I PRESENTED MORE THAN 100 PETITIONS SINCE MORE THAN
THIRTY YEARS AND NO ONE HEARD BY ANYONE. I AM LIVING IN
POORER FINANCIAL POSITION SINCE I AM LIVING IN
A MONTH.

A BILL WAS SENT TO YOUR HOUSE WITH CHECKS IN 1941,
BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE UP TO THIS MOMENT.

I BEG TO APPEND COPY OF THE CHECK GIVEN BY THE
COLLECTOR.

I MOST HUMBLY BEG YOUR KIND NOTICE TO SANCTION
THE AMOUNT DUE TO ME AS I AM SUFFERING VERY MUCH AND
STARVING IN THESE FAMINE DAYS.

FOR WHICH ACT OF KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION I AM IN DEBT
BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

I BEG TO REMAIN, SIR,
YOUR MOST OBLIGED SERVANT.

(SIGNED) ANNA L. L. L. L. L.
(THE COPY)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 5th Aug. 79
Read the following:—

From
The Commissioner of W. & A. Accounts
Madras. { A. to A. 76 W & A's 1st July 1879 }

The Superintending Engineer
will be requested to ^{report} ~~submit~~
^{after} communication with the
Revenue authorities the great

on the petition submitted delay that has been allowed
of the Engineer, and to occur in the settlement of
if the statements therein the ~~claim~~ ^{petitioner's claim} ~~for~~
contained are correct, account of compensation
to explain for land taken up for the
Cottam (Local Fund) road
in the Kottam District.

2. The Govt. notice with
much dissatisfaction the
great impunctuality, and
apparent want of system,
that at present exist in

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regard to ^{the} adjustment of
claims ⁱⁿ for compensation
~~on account of~~ land taken up for
Public works, and resolve
to call upon the officers of
both the Public Works and
^{the} Revenue Departments, to
take the ~~necessary~~ ^{such} steps
as may be necessary
for more prompt action
in the matter. The orders
issued from time to time
on the subject are clear,
and if acted up to, would
prevent delay such as ~~has~~
~~been~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~to obviate~~ such
~~may~~ ^{may} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~tried~~ ^{tried} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~obviate~~ ^{obviate} ~~such~~ ^{such}
~~delays~~ ^{delays} ~~for the future.~~ ^{for the future.}

3. Attention is accordingly
invited to the Proceedings
noted below.

G.O. N^o 1617 dated 20th June 1873. P.W.
" " 2808 " 20th November 1873 " "
" " 1279 " 17th August 1874 " "
" " 66 " 11th January 1875 " "
" " 1042 " 15th April 1875 " "
" " 1416 " 22nd May 1875 " "
" " 2039 " 17th July 1875 " "
" " 1192 " 9th August 1875 Rev:

G.O. N^o 3187 dated 8th November 1875 P.W.
" " 529 " 21st April 1876 Rev.
" " 1299 " 24th May 1876 P.W.
" " 572 " 11th August 1877 " "

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4. The Examiner, will in
future bring specially to the
notice of Government all
instances in which claims
of compensation for land
transferred, are not settled
during the year in which
such have accrued, or during
the subsequent year at the
latest, with all available
information as to the cause
of delay in each case.

5. The attention of the
Secretary, Public Works Code
Committee, will be invited
to Proceedings N^o 3187 dated
8th November 1875, and he
will be careful to see that
the instructions therein
contained are embodied in

in the revised Public
Works Code now under
preparation.

6. The necessary instructions
on the subject to all
Civil officers will be issued
^{in the} Revenue Department.

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Delay in the adjustment of
Claims for compensation on
account of lands taken up
for Public Works.