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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

No. 54.

READ—the following letter from J. C. LAEMINIE, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of First Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Dowlaisweram, 7th July 1882, No. 195 G.N.:—

I have the honor to forward, herewith, for your information and orders, the correspondence noted in the margin regarding clearance of certain channels in the Chicacole Sub-Division, Ganjam District.

- 1 Letter, No. 78, of 19th October 1881, from Chicacole Sub-Divisional Officer, to Divisional Officer, Vizagapatam.
- 1 Do. No. 81, of 11th November 1881, from Chicacole Sub-Divisional Officer, to Divisional Officer, Vizagapatam.
- 1 Do. No. 62, of 10th November 1881, from Chicacole Sub-Divisional Officer, to Principal Assistant Collector.
- 1 Do. No. 2364, of 28th November 1881, from Divisional Officer, Vizagapatam Division, to the Collector of Ganjam.
- 1 Do. No. 1348, of 11th April 1882, from Ganjam Collector, to Executive Engineer, Ganjam.
- 1 Do. No. 114, of 3rd April 1882, from Principal Assistant Collector, to the Collector of Ganjam.
- 1 Do. No. 43, of 17th June 1882, from Sub-Divisional Officer, Chicacole, to Superintending Engineer.
- 1 Sketch Map.

* Digging a channel in the river-bed to supply water to Wadada Main Channel, Estimate Rs. ... 866
Do. do. in do. to supply water to Dusi Main Channel, Rs. ... 490

† Vide his letter, No. 78, of 19th October 1881.

tending Engineer for sanction, informing that the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chicacole, has been authorised to proceed with the works on emergency under the circumstances mentioned in the Sub-Divisional Officer's No. 78 of 19th October 1881. The estimates have been sanctioned in Superintending Engineer's No. 4 G.N., dated 23rd November 1881, and the Divisional Officer has been called upon to explain why after completion of the work the cost should be recovered from the villagers.

6. In reply to the above inquiry, the Divisional Officer has furnished this office with a copy of Sub-Divisional Officer's No. 81,† dated 11th November 1881,

from which it is gathered that it is proposed to recover from the villagers the cost of the work referred to, on the grounds that it has been usual for the villagers to do the required clearing in the river-bed themselves.

2. From the above papers it appears that the circumstances in connection with the subject are as follows.

3. In October 1881 the water in the Languliya River having fallen very low, and the river-bed in front of Wadada and Dusi Main Channels being blocked up with sand, it consequently became necessary to excavate channels in the river-beds to supply water to the above-named irrigation channels.

4. Owing to the great demand for water for the crops in October 1881, the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chicacole, commenced the works* on emergency, and submitted estimates to the Divisional Officer for sanction, stating† at the same time that after completion of the work the amounts will have to be recovered from the villagers.

5. The Divisional Officer submitted the above estimates with letter No. 2182, of 8th November 1881, to the Superintending Engineer for sanction, informing that the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chicacole,

7. The outlay incurred on the clearance of the channels amounted to

	RS.	A.	P.
* Wadada Channel	712	7	3
Dusi do.	328	12	6

† *Vide* Sub-Engineer's No. 62 of 10th November 1881.

‡ The outlay shown in the list furnished to the Principal Assistant Collector is probable and not actual.

Rs. 1,041-3-9,* and the Sub-Divisional Officer, Chicacole, has furnished the Principal Assistant Collector, Chicacole, with a list † of the villages under the Wadada and Dusi Channels, showing the distribution of the outlay ‡ amongst the different villages, and asked that officer to issue orders for the recovery of the amount from the villagers concerned. The Divisional Officer also addressed the Collector in letter No. 2364, of 28th November 1881, on the same subject, but the Collector of G. m is of opinion that works such as that now under reference ought to be paid for by Government—*vide* his letter, No. 1348, of 11th April 1882.

8. I submit for your information a sketch map of the Main Irrigation Channels in the Chicacole Sub-Division, together with Sub-Engineer's No. 43 of 17th June 1882.

9. The point to be decided is where shall the Public Works Department responsibility for the water-supply cease; the line must be drawn somewhere, and it appears to me, as far as I am able to judge, that the limit should be the head-sluiques of the channels, or, at the outside, the channel offtakes from the rivers; if this limit be exceeded, it will be hard to say what sums may not be required for shoal clearing—a most unsatisfactory kind of work admitting of but little check. So I am of opinion that the cost in this instance, as apparently has always been the custom, should be borne by the ryots; and with reference to the latter part of paragraph 7 of the Ganjam Collector's letter, the cost can easily be levied from all villagers far from or near the heads of the channels, at the by no means heavy rates of As. 1-5¼ and As. 1-6¼ per acre benefited by the shoal clearances, and in future such shoal clearances should not be undertaken by the Sub-Division Officer except at the request of the Revenue Department.

No. 55.

ORDER—dated 11th August 1882, No. 634 I., Public Works.

The circumstances under which the excavation of channels through shoals in the river-bed in front of the Wadada and Dusi Main Channels were undertaken appear to have been exceptional, and the expenditure which was incurred, though reasonable compared with the area of irrigation, was far in excess of what the ryots concerned would be ordinarily expected to bear; the Government therefore consider that the cost of the work should be borne by the State.

2. The custom of requiring the ryots concerned to maintain channels in the river-bed when necessary should in ordinary cases be upheld, but when there is danger of loss of crop and the ryots do not come forward to execute the customary work, the Revenue Officers should request the Executive Engineer to carry out the work, and recover the cost from the ryots concerned.

(True Extract.)

Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
„ other Superintending Engineers.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Revenue Department.

Exd. A. F. Goodall.

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IRRIGATION.

Gobt. of {1882} Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated August, 11th.

Recd.

Encl.

G.O., 11th Aug. 1882, No. 634 I.

AUGUST.

Nos. 54-55.

Excavation of Channels.

Passing orders regarding the payment for the — through shoals in the river-bed in front of the Wadada and Dusi Main Channels.

No. 195 G. N. 191

From.

The Executive Engineer
In charge of 1st Circle.

To,

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

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1 Letter No. 78 of 19th October 1881
from Chicacole Sub Div. Officer
to Divisional Officer Tirunelveli

1 Do No. 81 of 11th November 1881
from Chicacole Sub Div. Officer
to Divisional Officer Tirunelveli

1 Do No. 62 of 10th November 1881, from
Chicacole Sub Div. Officer to
Principal Asst. Collector.

1 Do No. 2964 of 29 November 1881
from Divisional Officer Tirunelveli
to the Collector of Ganjam.

1 Do No. 1348 of 11th April 1882,
from Ganjam Collector to
Executive Engineer Ganjam.

1 Do No. 114 of 3rd April 1882
from Principal Asst. Collector
to the Collector of Ganjam.

1 Do No. 43 of 17th June 1882 from
Sub Div. Officer Chicacole to
Chief Engineer -
Sketch Map.

Sir, Dowlaishwaram 7th July 1882
Dist. 10th Div.

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information and orders the
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5. The Divisional Officer
submitted the above Estimates
with letter No. 2182 of 3rd November
1881, to the Sup^r Engineer for sanc-
tion, informing that the sub

+ Digging a channel
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⊙ Vide his letter No. 78 of
19th October 1881.

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enquiry, the Divisional Officer
has furnished this ^{Office} with a copy
of Sub Divisional Officer's No. 81
dated 11th November 1881, from
which it is gathered that it
is proposed to recover from
the Villagers the cost of the
work referred to on the ground
that it has been usual for
the villagers to do the required
clearing in the river bed
themselves.

7. The outlay incurred
for the clearance of the channels
amounted to Rs. 1041-3-9 and the
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The Divisional Officer
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in letter No. 236 H. of 28 November
1881 on the same subject,
but the Collector of Bangalore
is of opinion that works
such as that now under
reference ought to be paid
for by Government.

See his letter No. 1348 of 11th
April

* Madada Channel Rs. 712-7-3
Dusi Channel 328-12-6

* Vide Sub Eng's No. 62 of
10th November 1881-

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or 1-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ per acre as in-
flicted by the shoal clearances and
in future such shoal clear-
ances should not be
undertaken by the Sub-D.
Officer except at the request
of the Revenue Department.

Yours

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Cheruvu
Executive Engineer in charge
4th Circle

P. M. C. No 5358



From
The Sup^r Engineer
12th Circle

To The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Moras

Date 5th July 1902
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Channels in the
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sion Ganyar District
Documents relative
to the clearance of
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Letter from the Secy. Eng^r in
charge of 1st Circle No 1959 G.
dated 7th July 1902.

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Order -

The circumstances under
which the excavation of channels
through shoals in the river bed
in front of the Madada and
Dini main channels, were
undertaken, appears to have
been exceptional, and the
expenditure which was incurred
though reasonable compared
with the area of irrigation
was far in excess of what
the Dept. concerned would be
ordinarily expected to bear.
The Secy. therefore considers that
the cost of the work should
be borne by the State.

2. The custom of requiring

the ryots concerned to maintain
channels in the river bed
When necessary, should be
upheld, but where there is
danger of loss of crops & the
ryots do not come forward
to execute the work, the
revenue officer should
request the Executive Engineer
to bring out the work, and
recover the cost from the
the ryots concerned.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 11th August
Read the following:—/82

Letter from the Ex: Eng: in charge of P. Circle
No. 195 G.N. of 7th July 1882

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the customary work,
the revenue officers
should request the Executive
Engineer to carry out
the work, and recover
the cost from the ryots
concerned.

John

3/8/82.

S. G. First Circle ✓
Other Public Works ✓
Ch. & for S. W. & S. ✓
Secy. P. W. ✓
Board of Rev. ✓
Rev. Dept. ✓

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PUBLIC WORKS.

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G. O. 11th Aug 1882, No. 634J.

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Excavation of channels

Passing orders regarding
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