

18. Receipts
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1883, No. 2596 :—

Read—the following letter from H. St. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th August 1883, No. 2720 :—

I have the honor, with reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 1974, dated 24th December 1880, to forward, herewith, Statements Nos. I and II showing the progress made during the half-year ending 30th June 1883 in the disposal of applications for lands and of claims to compensation for same.

No. I Statement.—There were no cases pending disposal at the end of the previous half-year. A. 32 C. 64½ were applied for during the half-year under report for railway and other purposes; of this extent A. 30 C 2½ are shown in column 6 as having been transferred within the half-year. They have been taken up by the Marmagoa Railway Company before payment of compensation. The irregularity of this procedure has been pointed out to the Head Assistant Collector, and the executive engineer in charge has been asked to explain his action.

No. II Statement.—Three hundred and thirty-five cases with A. 542 C. 27 are shown as pending disposal at the end of the previous half-year, while according to the last half-year's return they should be C. 326 A. 521 C. 72½. The difference is owing to certain revised figures furnished by the Head Assistant Collector, which are shown as such in the statement. Out of 386 cases with A. 580 C. 99⅞ arrived at by adding to the last half-year's pending cases, A. 38 C. 72⅞ belonging to 51 persons taken up during the half-year under reference, 220 cases with A. 259 C. 61 were disposed of, 166 cases with A. 321 C. 38⅞ being left undisposed of at the end of the half-year.

Of these pending cases, bills, statements, &c., have been since sent in 134 cases with A. 284 C. 89⅞.

All the remaining cases, viz., C. 32 A. 36 C. 49 ⅞, are pending disposal with the Head Assistant Collector, who has been asked to make all possible efforts to dispose of them at an early date. He has been also called upon to state the circumstances under which remuneration once sanctioned as proposed by him is, as shown in the statement, refused by certain parties.

* ENCLOSURES Nos. 1. and 2.—Compensation Statements.

Resolution—dated 3rd September 1883, No. 2596.

The progress made during the half-year under report is satisfactory, 220 cases having been disposed of out of a total of 386 pending, and compensation settled and bills, &c., sent in 134 of the remaining cases.

2. The explanation called for from the executive engineer of the Southern Mahratta Railway Company regarding his taking possession of lands before actual payment of compensation, and that of the Head Assistant Collector regarding the

refusal of certain parties to accept the compensation proposed by him and sanctioned, should be submitted to the Board when received.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) J. A. DAVIES,
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary.

Copy to the Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department, with two compensation statements in original.

ORDER—dated 24th September 1883, No. 1171, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

* G.O., dated 24th August 1880, No. 1007.

Besides the railway compensation claims, two for land taken up for a road in the Alūr taluk in 1882-83 are shown to be pending. It does not appear why the orders* of 1880, strictly prohibiting the taking up of land before the payment of compensation except in cases of extreme urgency, were transgressed in these cases also.

2. It is unsatisfactory that errors in areas returned should retard the adjustment of fifty claims for compensation in the Hospet taluk, now four years old.

3. Statement No. II is wrongly headed as one showing disposal of applications for land instead of claims for compensation.

(True Extract.)

for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures returned.
,, the Public Works Department, Railway Branch.

Exd. W. H. French.

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20 of which follow