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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1884, Mis. No. 1198 :—

Read—the following letter from H. W. BLISS, Esq., Commissioner of Salt Revenue, on special duty, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, February 4, 1884, No. 4 :—

Referring to the Board's Proceedings, No. 139, dated January 16, 1884, I have the honor to forward return of lands, &c., held by me, in the prescribed form received on the 31st ultimo.

2. In doing so, I beg respectfully to state that I can find nothing in the rules laid down by the Government of India and the Secretary of State, with respect to the holding of lands and of shares in Public Companies by Covenanted Civilians, to lead Government to inquire even as to the fact (much less as to the amount) of an officer's investments in Companies not holding land for agricultural, mining or trading purposes. I respectfully venture to think, for instance, that Government are not justified, in the absence of any suspicion or rumour that an officer is addicted to speculation to such an extent as to interfere with the discharge of his public duties, in requiring him to disclose his private affairs by stating what shares he holds in the Bank of Madras or in the South Indian Railway or even in the Bank of England. I am not fortunate enough to have large investments, nor do I object to disclose what I have. It is therefore with no personal object that I venture to draw attention to what seems to me an unnecessary and undue inquiry into the private means of officers. If these returns were for the sole information of the Members of Government it would be a different matter. But as they are, they constitute in my humble opinion an unnecessary publication of the private circumstances of gentlemen in the service, especially when, as was the case last year, the returns are printed and circulated to all the officers subordinate to the Board, in such a way that all the office establishments have access to them.

3. I trust that in making these remarks and in requesting that they may be laid before Government (I hope with the support of the Board) I shall not be considered to be wanting in respect for the orders of Government.

Resolution—dated 9th February 1884, Mis. No. 1198.

The Board resolve to submit Mr. Bliss' letter and return to Government in anticipation of their general return, for the compilation of which the information required is not yet complete, owing to the statements of some officers having been sent back for revision.

2. In the views expressed by Mr. Bliss the Board entirely concur, and venture to seek a reconsideration by Government of the orders recently promulgated. It is submitted that the requirements of Government in this matter which necessitate the exhibition by each member of the Civil Service of all investments in joint-stock Companies, go beyond the restrictions imposed by Government in regard to their officers' connection with such Companies; and that the inquiry is of a nature to cause an amount of dissatisfaction on the part of the officers affected by it, which is out of proportion to the advantage gained to Government by the information afforded.

3. For these reasons the Board commend Mr. Bliss' letter to the favorable consideration of Government, and trust that the recent orders upon this subject may be modified in such manner as to require the submission only of such a return as may be needed to enable Government to ascertain that their orders are being observed.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) E. GIBSON,
Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department, with original letter and enclosure to be returned.

Copy to the Commissioner of Salt Revenue, on special duty.

ORDER—dated 22nd February 1884, No. 255, Revenue.

Miscellaneous.

There is much force in the objections urged by Mr. Bliss and the Board of Revenue.

2. The following form, intended to elicit information essential with reference to the despatch of the Secretary of State, No. 46, dated 31st May 1862 (printed in G.O., 1st December 1882, No. 1357), will accordingly be substituted for that issued with G.O., 25th April 1883, No. 511 :—

No.	Name of the Officer.	Official Designation and Station.	PARTICULARS OF LAND HELD.					REGISTERED COMPANIES IN WHICH SHARES ARE HELD.			Whether the right so conferred has been availed of and, if so, to what extent.	Remarks.
			Where situated, *i.e.*, District and Taluk.	Description of the land.	Extent in Acres.	Assessment or Quit-rent payable, if any.	Purpose for which the land was acquired and how actually utilized.	Names of Companies.	Where they carry on operation.	Whether the shares convey any right to acquire landed property and, if so, to what extent.		

(True Extract.)

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with two enclosures.
„ the Public Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
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Exd. W. H. French.

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25TH JUNE 1883, No. 501 I., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

Office Note from the Examiner of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 9th May 1883, No. 148.

Please see the accompanying abstract estimate for "Renewing a portion of the roof of Workshop buildings, Bezváda," and state whether the classification of it as Irrigation and Navigation is correct.

2. The transactions of the Bezváda Shop are now accounted for under Provincial; the institution does not directly benefit either the Irrigation or the Navigation of the Kistna Delta System, and neither the current sanctions nor the completion estimate of the system provide for any of the Workshop buildings; it does not therefore seem in my opinion justifiable to classify the present estimate as Irrigation.

3. The Superintending Engineer is apparently guided by your list of component works of the system in which the Workshop and other buildings have been treated as part of the delta. I request, therefore, to know whether they can still be considered as appertaining to the system.

From J. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Masulipatam, 22nd May 1883, No. 559 K.S.

In returning, herewith, the Examiner's Office Note received with your No. 51 K.S. of the 14th instant, I have the honor to state that I should be very glad if it is authoritatively settled how expenditure connected with the buildings at Bezváda is to be charged.

One Examiner's Note, No. 148, dated 9th May 1883, with its enclosure.

2. I have treated them as belonging to the Head Works under K. Buildings, on the ground of their being shown as belonging to this head in the list of component parts.

3. This list, however, is not absolutely accurate, as the Division Office building constructed within the last few years from Provincial Funds is erroneously included.

4. There is no means of ascertaining how the Workshop buildings and Sergeant Hambley's house were originally charged. In discussing the matter once with Colonel Mullins, he stated that there could be no doubt that the buildings were originally all charged to the anicut, and that they belonged to the Head Works.

5. The lock bungalow was purchased in 1861, and was, I believe, charged to Irrigation; this, however, can be seen from Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 1347, of 20th July 1861, of which I have no copy.

6. The estimates which I am about to submit for extending and improving the Workshop would, I conclude, be sanctioned from the allotment for Head Works of the Kistna System.

7. The point raised by the Examiner requires an authoritative decision.

ORDER—dated 25th June 1883, No. 501 I., Public Works.

As there appears to be no doubt that the cost of the Workshop buildings at Bezváda was originally charged to the anicut, they will in future be considered as belonging to the Kistna Delta System, and their future improvements and repairs will be met from Irrigation Funds.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts, with one Estimate.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated June, 25th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 25th June 1883, No. 501 I.

JUNE.

Workshop Buildings at Bezvada

The cost of future improvements and repairs to the — to be met from Irrigation Funds, and the buildings considered as belonging to the Kistna Delta System.