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Communicated to the Supdg: Engineer II Circle, who will report how many clerks avail themselves of this sanction and the amount of land rented to each.

2. The clerks should clearly understand the conditions on which they are permitted to build on the land; and the plan of the houses should be approved by the Supdg Engineer

Sd/ JSS W.

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Exec E.W. A-
Ch. Engr for Irrign.

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Grant of Land.

Proposals regarding — for building houses to Public Works Department clerks in the Kistna district, sanctioned.

With order.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th June 1886, No. 1245 :—

Read—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Superintending Engineer, II Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Sangam, 19th February 1886, No. 2085 K.S :—

Duggirala is the headquarters of the Western division of the Kistna delta. A substantial office has been there built for the divisional officer, and it is in contemplation to erect permanent buildings for the Executive Engineer and for one of his assistants. The place may therefore be looked upon as the permanent headquarters of a division.

1 Plan.
1 Letter, No. 1933, dated 22nd January 1886, from the Executive Engineer, Kistna Western division.
1 Letter from the clerks.
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2. The clerks attached to the division have had considerable difficulty in obtaining hired dwellings in so small a place as Duggirala, and those they have rented have proved insalubrious and inconvenient as reported by the assistant of the hospital. The clerks are, moreover, not sure of being able to permanently secure the dwellings they have, from which some of them have been already turned out.

3. There is a piece of Government land near the Duggirala office, 1·39 acres in extent, which the Executive Engineer reports is never likely to be required by Government. Upon this the clerks desire permission to build for themselves and their successors suitable permanent dwellings. They undertake to pay for the land and for each one clerk to have only sufficient ground for his own house.

4. I see no objection to these proposals, provided that the land be not considered the clerks' private property ; that they allow Government to resume it at their pleasure without paying the clerks any compensation for their houses ; that the clerks only build on so much land as is required for each house ; and that the houses built be erected on an approved plan and in a fairly substantial manner so as to avoid the risks of fire, &c. On these terms, I consider the land might be handed over to the clerks without demanding from them any money compensation.

5. I venture to forward these proposals, with my recommendation, for your approval.

6. A plan and letters from the Executive Engineer and clerks are enclosed. *Please kindly return these.*

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

Letter from G. D. WYBROW, Esq., Executive Engineer, Western division, Kistna, to the Superintending Engineer, II Circle, dated Duggirala, 22nd January 1886, No. 1933.

I have the honor to forward, herewith, an application to your address presented by the members of this office, making proposals for the utilisation of land, belonging to this department, in Duggirala village, as sites for building their houses, and to recommend that their proposals be sanctioned, as it is very unlikely that this land will ever be required for building purposes by Government.

1 Application.
1 Sketch (return is solicited).

2. I am aware that some of the office members are put to considerable inconvenience for want of suitable accommodation in the village.

3 The office members who take up sites for houses have agreed to pay the usual compensation for the area taken up. No member will be allowed to take up more land than is sufficient for one house.

Enclosure No. 2.—Application of clerks of Executive Engineer's office.

Enclosure No. 3.—Sketch plan.

No. 9 W.

Referred to the Public Works Secretariat for favorable consideration. It will probably be necessary to charge a nominal rent as quit-rent for the Government land.

Chepâk, 26th February 1886. (Signed) A. W. SMART, Captain, R.E., *for* Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 891 C.

Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration whether the land in question may be allotted to the clerks as proposed; and, if so, on what terms.

Chepâk, 4th March 1886. (Signed) J. SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R.E., Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

Mis. G.O., No. 1639.

Referred for the opinion of the Collector, through the Board of Revenue.

Fort St. George, 11th March 1886. (Signed) J. F. PRICE, Ag. Secretary to Government.

Reference on the above, dated 16th March 1886.

Forwarded.

(Signed) C. F. MacCARTIE, Acting Secretary.

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Read—the following letter from M. R. WELD, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna district, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 20th May 1886, No. 1719:—

With reference to the Board's reference on Government Register No. 1080 of 1886, I have the honor to report that the Sub-Collector, to whom I referred the matter, reports as follows:—

"I think that the request made by the clerks in the office of the Executive Engineer, Duggirala, very reasonable. Till recently the town was a miserable hamlet, with a poverty-stricken and scanty population. Owing to the spread of irrigation the numbers and the wealth of the people have enormously increased. The village-site is fully occupied. The ryots are building good and substantial houses on their putta lands, and have no wish to let their houses nor to take lodgers. I am striving to acquire a small site for the post office. The owner demands at the rate of Rs. 1,200 an acre and is trying to avoid selling. Land freely changes hands at Rs. 600 an acre. So it is quite out of the question for the clerks, who, I presume, are a migratory class, to house themselves.

"2. There is not the slightest objection to houses being built on the spot proposed. I do not know if it would not be better if Government built the houses. The cost would not be great, and there would be no quarrelling nor heart-burnings about rent when the clerks were relieved by others. The cost of the huts would not be great and could be covered by a small rent.

"3. I would suggest, at the same time, the advisability of acquiring the land to the north between the Government land and the road. Owing to the lock and sluices, space for a large quantity of silt will have to be provided in course of time. The land now has only a few palmyras, a mango, and half-a-dozen neem (*Melia Indica*) trees on it, and could probably be acquired cheaply. In a few years it may be very valuable."

2. I agree with Mr. Underwood, except as to the latter part of paragraph 2. It will be enough to divide the land into house-sites and give a site to each clerk at a rent equal to the ordinary assessment of neighbouring lands, viz., Rs. 2 (average) an acre. As clerks change the outgoer can easily sell or let his house to the incomer.

Resolution—dated 5th June 1886, No. 1245.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 11th March 1886, Mis. No. 1639.

2. The Board recommend that sites for building houses may be granted to the clerks of the Public Works Department at an annual rent of Rs. 2 per acre as proposed by the Collector.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK, Acting Secretary.

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Copy to the Collector of the Kistna District.

Order—dated 7th July 1886, No. 567, Revenue.

Land Revenue, No. 44.

The Collector's proposal, supported by the Board, is approved and sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. F. PRICE, Ag. Secretary to Government.

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