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19TH JANUARY 1888, No. 219 W., PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

READ—the following paper :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 6th December 1887,
No. 828.

H. S. THOMAS, Esq., F.L.S., F.Z.S.

Read—the following letter from L. R. BURROWS, Esq., Collector of Nilgiris, to
the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated Ootacamund,
14th November 1887, No. 398 :—

In a letter, dated 22nd February 1887, the Executive Engineer forwarded to
this office statement for the land required to be taken up by Government for the
purpose of constructing the masonry duct from Marlimund reservoir to Snowdon.

2. Amongst other items contained in the statement was the following :—5,859
square feet or 0.136 acre out of C-128, the property of Esuf Sait and others. Notice
was thereupon sent to Esuf Sait to attend the office for the purpose of settling the
compensation. He attended accordingly on the 16th of March, and I extract the
following from the note made by me regarding the interview :—

“The shape of C-128 is roughly an oblong with length to breadth in the proportion of
5 to 1 and the area is 5.30 acres. The area actually required for the duct is 136 of an acre,
and it will divide C-128 into two long strips of land each containing about $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres with the
length about ten times the breadth. It is also further required by the Executive Engineer
that an engagement should be entered into by the proprietor not to plant trees within 15 feet
on either side of the duct. This requirement still further tends to exaggerate the disproportion
of the shape of the two remaining pieces and to diminish their usefulness for planting cultivation,
building or any purpose. The plot C-128 is registered in the name of Mr. Frend, but Esuf
Sait states that the land actually belongs at present to himself and V. Tiruvengatasawmy Mudaliar.
He says that he is not competent to ask a piece authoritatively binding on his partner, but his
own idea is that the land is worth Rs. 1,000 per acre. He is informed that the piece asked
seems excessive, and is requested to confer with his partner and communicate the result as
early as possible.”

3. On the 21st of March I inspected this and the other lands with the Executive
Engineer and made the following note at the time :—

“The Executive Engineer agreed to take all that portion of C-128 which is covered by the
duct and is above the duct as far as the road reserve. He also agreed that the land now taken
up for the supply channel C-127 measuring 76 cents should be surrendered to the owners of
C-129 as a set-off against an equal area of the land taken up. Esuf Sait appeared at the
Collector's office afterwards and stated that he would write to his partner and ask him to accept
the terms proposed above, the balance of the land not covered by C-127 being paid for at the
rate of Rs. 500 per acre.”

4. To enable the Board to understand the above, I enclose a tracing showing
C-128 with the line of the duct marked thereon: the present supply channel C-127
which it is proposed to give up in exchange, C-126 which is land belonging to the
same proprietors as C-128 and the road.

The analyses submitted

appear to point to the ne-
cessity for filtering
beds in connection with
the water supply scheme
for Ootacamund.

Proposed to send
the papers to W for
orders.

The water supply
scheme at present
does not provide for
filtering the Marlimund
water in any way.
The idea was I think
that the sources of
contamination should
be cut off.

Send the papers to W
7.4.88

5. Esuf Sait having failed to communicate with this office in accordance with the understanding arrived at with him on the 21st of March, a letter was addressed to him on the 17th of June on the subject and a copy of the same was also sent to his partner, but up to date they have taken no notice of the communication.

6. I was under the impression from the personal interview which I have had with Esuf Sait that the matter of compensation was virtually settled, and I can only regard his present conduct and that of his partner as amounting to a breach of faith. No doubt their object is to obtain exorbitant compensation by taking the matter into the District Court of Coimbatore.

7. As there appears no prospect of my being able to come to an amicable settlement with Esuf Sait, I have the honor to request that I may be authorised to proceed under the Act for acquiring the land which the Executive Engineer agrees to take up, viz., the portion of C-128 which is covered by the duct and all that above the duct and below the road in the same number: I do not consider that it would be reasonable to attempt to take a narrow strip through the middle of the number, thus cutting it into two useless portions.

8. I annex a draft notification for submission to Government if the Board see fit.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Draft notification.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Sketch.

Resolution—dated 6th December 1887, No. 828.

Submitted to Government with the request that the draft notification may be approved and ordered to be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. BENSON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 110, Revenue.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

(By Order.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th January 1888.

(Signed) H. A. STUART,
Under Secretary.

ORDER—dated 19th January 1888, No. 219 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the notification be published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Revenue Department, with tracing.
„ Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Exd. J. Moses.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.]
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1888) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following paper

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Madras
13th March 1888 No. 507

Order of 31st March 1888 No. 303.

Transferred to The Public Works

Department.

[True Extract]

W. B. B. B.

*Under Secretary to Govt. M. D.
for Chief Secretary*

Dated January, 19th.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 19th Jan. 1888, No. 219 W.

JANUARY.

Acquisition of Land

Directing the publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the notification for the — required for the construction of the masonry duct from Marlimund reservoir to Snowden in the Nilgiri district.

To

The Public Works Dept (with papers in original)

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No 1150 W. d/16 April 88

Communicated to the
Suptg. Engineer IV Circle. It
is understood that the Engineer
has under consideration
the question of cutting off from
the gathering ground of the
Marthand lake, the cultivated
land likely to contaminate
the water supply. The
present state of the matter
should be reported.

See
9/4/88

To.
S. E. IV Circle, with 2 Encls
for perusal & return
The Public Dept.
7/4/88 sent 17/4
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P.W.D. No. 31
Govt. of (188) Madras.

To

The P.W.D.

Proceedings, dated 31 March 1888.
No. 303

No 1150 W. d/16-4-1888
Subject.

Transferring papers
from the Collector of
Nilgiris Re. Analysis
of the Marthand
Reservoir Water

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