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Nellore Collector's Office,

10th June 1889.

No. 885/Tour.

From

C. D. Macleane, Esqre.

Collector of Nellore.

To

The Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 18th May 1889, No. 2822.*

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2. This case has been under correspondence since 26th October 1882. Nearly 100 letters &c have passed in the course of correspondence. Of these 36 have been to and from the Public Works Dept. itself. Deducting 8 being Superintending Engineer's reminders, there have been 28 letters &c bona fide to and

from the Public Works Department.
I believe the following abstract information is sufficient in this case, without entering into the details given in this office letter No. 131 Camp dated 29th April 1889.

3. The case involves settlement of compensation for seven claims for 7.79 acres assessed at Rs. 11.9.0 the remaining extent to be transferred by the schedule being either ashalaninatha or unoccupied lands for which compensation was not required to be settled. In three of the seven claims the parties requested lands in exchange besides payment for the value of trees and the exchange is not yet effected. In four cases money compensation was settled for land in September 1884 but the matter is still unadjusted as the parties represent that only 50 cents of their land were taken up, while settlement of compensation is for 3-14 acres.

4. The causes of delay in disposing of the application be under four heads:-

(a) In complete nature of the applications made for the land by the Buckingham Canal Office. The present application was received in October 1882 with a schedule but not accompanied by any measurement sketch or statement showing the particulars of the trees on the extent required. These had to be called for in March 1883 and were received in June 1883. Later on in April 1884 the Public Works Dept. requested that a subordinate of the Revenue Dept. might be deputed to mark out the land required in company with a subordinate of the Public Works Dept. This was accordingly done.

(b) Necessity found for Survey Sketches. In January 1884 the Tahsildar of Gudiyatham requested that he might be furnished with regular Survey Sketches of the lands in question for the purpose of determining the particulars thereof.

Sketches

Sketches for Nos. 42 and 202 only were supplied to him from this Office with the remark that the sketches for the other numbers were not available and that the Tahsildar should submit his proposals of compensation without the aid of the Sketches. The Tahsildar and the temporary Dy: Collector both represented that the measurements could not be made without the Survey Sketches and they were accordingly called for on 29th Dec: 1884. They were received from the Survey Superintendent in April 1885. This circumstance was communicated to the Executive Engineer in June 1885 and the Superintending Engineer in January 1886.

(c) Schedule appears to have been incorrect. The first bill for the trees on a portion of the land taken up was forwarded in October 1886, and the Executive Engineer took objection to the bill on the ground that the line did not

runs through the lands shewn in the bill and requested that a Revenue Inspector might be deputed to point out to the Public Works Department the localities noted in the bill. The extents shewn in the bill subsequently turned out to be accurate and the bill was returned duly Countersigned in December 1887. A second bill for the remaining compensation was forwarded in September 1887 and returned Countersigned in January 1888. But payment could not be made on this as it was found that some of the lands for which compensation was settled and billed for were not taken up for the Canal owing to a new line marked off for it. The matter had therefore to be referred back to the Executive Engineer in April 1889 and is still pending reply from him.

(d) Slow work on the part of the Tahsildar of Gudur and the Deputy Tahsildar of Polur — The application for the land

heard was forwarded to the Sahsildar in October 1882 for the Settlement of Compensation, and a reminder was issued in October 1883. On this the Sahsildar threw the blame on the Deputy Sahsildar for the delay. The plea put forward by the Deputy Sahsildar in February 1884 was that without measurement sketches he could not proceed with the work. The measurement sketches were accordingly obtained and forwarded to the Sahsildar in May 1885. They did not reach the Deputy Sahsildar till October following. It was not till October 1886 that the first instalment of proposals was received and the remaining instalment was received nearly a year later. In the matter of payment of the first bill, nearly six months was occupied. No payment has been made on the second bill, but for this there is a good reason viz: that stated at the end of para 3 above. Proposals for the exchanges of land sought for by the parties are still due from the Sahsildar. The reasons alleged for the delay throughout this case have been the submersion of the land for a portion of the year, the difficulty of securing the attendance of the parties and their consent to the proposals, and the pressure of work in connection with the Jamabandy and other ordinary duties.

5. My opinion is that none of the Officers are free from blame in the matter of delay, but the Gudur Sahsildar and Polur Deputy Sahsildar have been the worst. On the other hand there has been no flagrant inattention to correspondence on the part of the Gudur Sahsildar such as was mentioned at para 14 of this Office letter No 131 Comp dated 29th April 1889. The plea about parties not appearing is valid. They are apathetic, and when it is a question of Exchange of land, they

they procrastinate purposely.

6. Figures such as those given in enclosure A. are employed by me to test the extent to which any department of this Office is working currently. These figures for Compensation are an index to Compensation work throughout the district, as all such Comes through this office. They show what I have once or twice represented to the Board, that we are working against very heavy arrears in this subject. A normal figure should be certainly not over 100 for this department but the figure though it has been up as high as 800 is not yet reduced below 362. There are no Clerks now specially sanctioned in the Collector's office for Compensation work, but I have had 3 Clerks employed on it for a considerable time. I have urged on the work as much as possible, but it will be seen that though from 23rd February to 6th April head was made against the arrears, yet from 6th April to date such was not the case. The late has been constantly

increasing but the incoming Correspondence has in this case equalled the outgoing. 565
What makes Compensation heavy in this district is that there have been so many works going on simultaneously, two rail-ways, a Canal and a larger irrigation project. What tends to make the operations slow is the Course which cannot be avoided, of giving lands in exchange instead of paying Cash. The bad state of the records kept by the native officers who laid the foundations of the work is a great impediment to the head-quarter operations. All the old arrears are affected by this Consideration and it is a very important one, being I may say quite prohibitive of rapid work where it occurs.

7. I can only assure the Board on the whole subject that the greatest attention has been paid to it, especially as to bring-ing up the old arrears; and that I expect owing to the nature of the details there will shortly be a sudden and rapid diminution of the figures specified in

in the last paragraph.

8. I believe the reason why the Superintending Engineer sent up the present Case to Government was because he received no answer to various letters. I enclose one office instruction (enclosure B.) lately issued by me to remedy this erroneous procedure. Two of the three cases mentioned were cases with the Superintending Engineer.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant.

(Sd) C.D. Macleane.
Collector.

/True Copy/

Secretary to Govt
Rev. Dept.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) dated 7th July 1887, No. 4239 Division

Letter from the Collector of Nellore dated 10 June 1887, No. 835 Tour.

Copy attached.

Sent Cond.

Order thereon, 22nd Sept. 1887, No. 5384.

His Excellency the Governor in Council views with grave displeasure the unjustifiable delay that has occurred in the settlement of compensation in the case brought to notice by the Superintending Engineer and considers that it is very discreditable to the officers concerned.

2. The Collector attributes the delay to the incomplete character of the information given by the Buckingham Canal Office as to the lands taken up and to

slow work on the part of the Tahsildar of Gudiir and the Deputy Tahsildar of Polúr. There appears however to have been considerable delay in the Office of the Collector himself. For instance the measurement sketches which the Deputy Tahsildar asked for in February 1884 were not obtained for him until May 1885.

3. The protracted delay on the part of the Tahsildar of Gudiir and the Deputy Tahsildar of Polúr since 1885 is inexcusable, and the excuse put forward by the former viz: the submersion of the lands for a portion of the year is altogether inadmissible. To mark His disapproval of the conduct of these officers His Excellency the Governor in Council directs that they be fined Rs. 10 (ten) each.

4. The Collector's letter shows

that there was some alteration by the Public Works' officers in the area of the lands taken up, and that as the exact area has not ascertained the settlement of compensation still remains in abeyance. The officers responsible for the delay will be called upon in the Public Works Department to explain why the area taken up still remains undetermined.

5. The Government is of opinion that the checks described in the Collector's letter are totally insufficient to ensure that pending cases of compensation are speedily disposed of and that it is only by systematically checking arrear lists considering the reasons for the delay given in each individual case and issuing the necessary orders that the object in view can be attained.

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OWC No 8225

6. The Board will with reference to G.O. dated 16th (2) November 1884, No. 1078 call for monthly lists of arrears of compensation cases from the Collector, scrutinize them carefully and see that they are disposed of without further delay.

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Fwd Extract

Secretary to Govt.

No. 2585 W 19 Sept 1889

To The Comsr of Lucknow Public Works Dept

Communicated to the Supdg. Engineer II Circle who will submit the Explanation called for in para 4 of these Proceedings.

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