

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 6949

DATED 27 July 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Visapuram - Vanga nar Irrigation Channel, Pros.
Revenue Dept. Comtg. with Remarks to the Board
of Revenue P.W. Pros. Sanctioning as a famine
relief work an estimate of Rs. 20,000 for excavation
the same in Anantapur Dist. Comtd. to S.E. III Cuck

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Read Proceedings of Government in

the Public Works Department, dated 19th June 1897, No.

571 I.

Order thereon, No. 3064 Dis. d/16th July 1897.

(True Extract)

Wm. M. L. L.
For Ag. Secy. to Govt.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &)
Copy to the Public Works Department. (2222)

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following letter from F. L. O'CALLAGHAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Civil Works—Irrigation), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, the 11th August 1892, No. 191-I :—

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 252 I., of the 14th March 1892, forwarding a copy of Proceedings of the Government of Madras, No. 153, Revenue, dated the 15th February 1892, furnishing the information on the several points in connection with the Periyár project referred to in paragraphs 12 to 15 of the inspection note by the Honorable Sir Charles Elliott.

2. In paragraph 8 of the Madras Government order, the proposal of the Collector of Madura and the Board of Revenue to sell the tank-bed lands by auction is approved as being in accordance with precedents. The sale-proceeds in the present case are estimated by the Collector to amount to Rs. 6,41,133.

As regards the treatment of sale-proceeds in the accounts, I am to point out—

(1) That under Public Works Department Resolution No. 53 A.I., dated 20th June 1889, in cases when tank-bed land not belonging to the canal but directly benefited by its construction is sold outright, the sale-proceeds of such land should be credited to Land Revenue in the Finance and Revenue accounts quite outside the Public Works Department accounts: the irrigation project concerned should, however, be credited annually in the administrative accounts, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. on the amount realized as "Indirect revenue."

(2) Where occupancy rights only are sold, credit should similarly be given to the irrigation project as "Indirect revenue" at the rate of 4 per cent. on such portion of the enhanced price realized as is due to the construction of the canal. This proportion should be calculated in the same manner as the portion of Land Revenue due to Irrigation is calculated.

3. In neither case can the realizations be treated as a direct set-off against the capital outlay, nor can the realizations be utilized to meet outlay of any kind: they must be credited to "Land Revenue."

4. Respecting the proposals of the Madras Government for the disposal of the waste lands commanded by the project, I am to communicate the following remarks:—

It is understood that whatever may be the opinion of the Local Government respecting the communal rights of the residential ryots to the first refusal of available waste land in certain *mirasi* tracts, that Government is not prepared to controvert the contention that in such an exceptional case as the present the State is "equitably entitled to recoup its expenditure out of the sale-proceeds," but is disposed to believe that it would not be economically expedient to act upon this view. The Madras Government considers that if the villagers take up all the waste and sell some of it, the purchase-money will go to improve their condition, will be invested in agriculture, and by accelerating the expansion of irrigation, will assist the early realization of the anticipated return. On the other hand free auctions will, it is urged, lead to land jobbing and the introduction of impoverished ryots who will have no more capital to expend on the land.

5. There appears, however, to be no reason to doubt that the Madras Board of Revenue is correct in the observation that the ryots of the tract in question are neither numerous nor well-to-do. If this be the case, there would seem to be small probability that a free gift of the greater part of the value or profits of the land to the

ryots would ensure their conversion into substantial farmers and the investment of any money which they may realize in improved agriculture, or would lead to the result, which is desired, of a very rapid extension of the use of the water.

6. I am therefore to communicate the opinion of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council that in villages where there is any large area of waste land which derives its present or prospective value solely from the project, the sale of such waste might, without impropriety, be allowed, provided that a moderate but sufficient percentage of the area be reserved for free distribution among the resident ryots. In villages, on the other hand, where the extent of such waste is trifling, there would be no objection to the distribution of the entire area among the ryots as proposed by the Government of Madras.

No. 248-D.

Transferred to the Revenue Department with reference to the orders in that department, No. 153, dated 15th February 1892.

25th August 1892.

(Signed) J. PENNYCUICK, Colonel, R.E.,
Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

ORDER—dated 7th October 1892, No. 1026, Revenue.

Irrigation, No. 8.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

2. To enable the Government to decide what portion of the waste land in each village should be reserved for distribution among the ryots of the village and what portion may be sold, agreeably to the opinion of the Government of India communicated in paragraph 6 of its letter read above, the Board will submit a report furnishing the necessary information for each of the villages commanded by the Periyár project. The information should include details regarding waste, present occupation, wet and dry, population and number of pattadars in each village.

3. The Board will observe from paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Government of India letter that the realizations from sale of lands should be credited to "Land Revenue," and that no portion thereof can be utilized in providing drainage and distributary channels, or in the improvement of the village communications as recommended by the Board in paragraph 20 of its Proceedings, dated 30th September 1891, No. 594A.

4. The attention of the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture will be drawn to the procedure pointed out in paragraph 2 of the Government of India letter as to the credit to be given to the project in the annual administrative accounts. As all land, whether tank-bed land or waste, will, when sold, be subject to payment of assessment, the project will be entitled to the 4 per cent. interest only on the difference between the value of the land as irrigated and unirrigated, and these values should be taken in the ratio of the assessment on the land as wet and dry, respectively.

(True Extract.)

Chaitan
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
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Periyar project.

Letter from the Government of India regarding the disposal of the tank-bed lands and of the waste lands commanded by the — and the treatment of sale-proceeds in the accounts, communicated to the Board of Revenue with the request to submit a report furnishing information as to what portion of the waste land in each village should be reserved for distribution among the ryots of the village and what portion may be sold.

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