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[Despatch Abstract.]

Water rates: Pro: Revenue Deptt
recording Board's Pro: regarding the
charge of — on certain lands under the
Kurnool - Cuddapah Canals, Contd to
to Supdtg: Engineer, III Circle.

FURTHER PAPERS.

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REVENUE.

P. W. Dept.
THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Encl.

Mis. G.O., 12th Decr. 1895, No. 5014.

SUBJECT.

Recording B. P. passing
orders re: the charge of water
rates on certain lands under
the Kurnool-Cuddapah
Canal.

Communicated to the
Supg Engineer III Circle for
information.

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To the Chief Engineer & Engineer
• Supg Engineer 3d Class
• Examiners of S. V. Act

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Copy attaches.

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett., L. R. & Agri.,
dated 25th Oct. 1895, No. 338.

Order thereon, 12th December 1895, No. 5014

Recorded.

(True Extract.)

Lionel Davidson

Ag: Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, Rev. Sett. to
" P. W. Dept. ✓

BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 25TH OCT. 1895, No. 338.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

Read—the following letter from J. H. MUNRO, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector in charge, Cuddapah, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated Kadiri, 25th September 1895, Ref. on Cur. No. 3166-Ver. :—

In the rules for levying water-rate on lands irrigated by the Kurnool-Cuddapah canal printed in the appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4, paragraph 2, it is stated that the lands granted under the cowle rules will be liable to full water-rate after ten years. These are lands which are already in the occupation of ryots, but which are proposed to be converted from dry to wet with the aid of canal water.

2. When the rules were framed in 1882, both classes of lands, viz., those granted under the "block" and "cowle" rules, were intended to be treated alike at the end of ten years, i.e., full water-rates were to be levied on the entire extent, whether irrigated or not. In 1886, on a reference from the Collector of Kurnool, the rule was relaxed in the case of lands falling under "block" rules, and it was ordered that water-rate on blocks of lands of 50 acres and above should be levied on the extent actually irrigated subject to a minimum of one rupee on the entire extent of the blocks—vide Government Order, No. 529, dated 28th July 1886. No such relaxation of the rules appears to have been made in the case of lands granted under the cowle rules.

3. In fasli 1304, the Special Deputy Collector on canal duty charged full water-rate at Rs. 4 on all cowle lands, including those which were left waste or cultivated with dry crops only; and the ryots of Midathur in Cuddapah taluk having protested against such charge, Mr. Hewetson held that the concession granted in the case of lands held under the "block" rules applied also to "cowle" lands and decided the appeal in favour of the ryots. The Special Deputy Collector adhered to his former opinion and represented again that the concession given in the case of lands held under "block" rules would not apply to lands held under "cowle" rules. Disagreeing again with the Deputy Collector, Mr. Hewetson has recorded that the matter should be referred to the Board for orders, adding that the Board made no objection to his note on the Deputy Collector's half-yearly report, printed in page 13 of Board's Proceedings, No. 68, dated 15th March 1895, in which he alluded to the fact that the ryots declined to take water at full rates where the period of cowles expired.

4. If the Deputy Collector's view is correct, Mr. Hewetson's order will have to be revised, and in doing so some consideration will have to be paid to the following representation of the ryots. They state that, according to the procedure followed by the Deputy Collector, their lands will be permanently liable to the full water-rate, whether cultivated or not, or irrigated or not, and they request that their lands be set free from such permanent liability, in return for which they consent to refund to Government the amount of water-rate remitted to them during the cowle period in pursuance of the concessions allowed.

I submit the matter for the orders of the Board.

RESOLUTION—dated 25th October 1895, No. 338.

The concession granted in the case of waste land taken up under the "block" rules is not applicable to occupied dry lands converted into "paddy lands" under the terms of paragraph 2 of the canal water-rate rules.

On the consideration that ryots taking up "blocks" are under no restriction as to the crops to be grown, the reduced rate chargeable for the irrigation of dry crops was fixed as the charge to be made on such portions of a "block" as are not cultivated with a wet crop.

But the very object of rule 2 is to meet the expense of converting dry land into paddy land. Ryots seeking to take advantage of the rule obtain a remission of one-half of the full water-rate for the first five years, and of one-quarter for the second five. No claim to any further reduction can arise; but there is, however, nothing to prevent the ryots from relinquishing the water in any year by giving written notice in the prescribed manner.

It was doubtless thought that there was no likelihood of such relinquishment when once the land had been fitted for wet cultivation.

2. The ryots referred to in paragraph 4 of the Collector's letter should be informed that their liability to pay water-rate only continues until they have put in a relinquishment giving the prescribed notice of their intention to discontinue the use of the canal water.

3. Unless the Collector sees cause to the contrary, it will probably be unnecessary to give this ruling any retrospective effect.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) P. RAJARATNA MUDALIAR,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Cuddapah.

Copy to the Collector of Kurnool.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following paper :—

From the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 19th November 1895, No. 43-W.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting Budget estimate of Provincial Irrigation Works in charge of the Public Works Department for 1896-97.

ORDER—No. 1050, Financial, dated 31st December 1895.

The estimates are accepted as shown in the appendix to these proceedings.

(True Extract.)

J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch).

„ Accountant-General.

Editors' table.

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* G.O., No. 957, Financial, dated 4th December 1895, accepting an estimate of Rs. 4,20,000 for minor works in charge of civil officers and Rs. 20,000 for expenditure by the Public Works Department on works in charge of the Revenue Department.

The increase for 1996-97 is due to provision for a larger number of works than in the current year.

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G.O., No. 1050, 31st Dec. 1895.

DECEMBER.

Budget Estimate.

Accepting the — of Provincial Irrigation Works
in charge of the Public Works Department for
1896-97.

order N^o 32. D of 14 Jan

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Chief Engr. for Irrgn:

By R.R.H. D.B.

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