Order—No. 589 I., dated 29th June 1897.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Joint Secy. to Government,
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,, Superintending Engineers.
,, the Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
,, the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 590 I

DATED 29 June 97

[Despatch Abstract.]

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Ref. on Regr. No. 5910/Ver. of 1895.

True copy forwarded to Executive Engineer, South Arcot.

30th May 1896.
(Signed) V. PARTHASARATHY IYENGAR,
for Acting Collector.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 2933, dated 1st July 1896.

Read letter from G. W. DANCE, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, dated 30th May 1896, Ref. on Regr. No. 5910/Ver.

Resolution—Mis. No. 2933, dated 1st July 1896.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. C. C. CARR,
Acting Secretary.

Ref. on Regr. No. 5910/Ver. of 1896.

True copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer in continuation of this office Ref. on No. 5910/Ver. of 1895, dated 30th May 1896, with the request that he will be good enough to report at an early date what notice was taken of the conduct of the Sub-divisional officer referred to in paragraph 2 of the proceedings.

16th July 1896.
(Signed) A. B. WILLIMOTT,
for Collector.

From A. E. CASTLESTUART STUART, Esq., I.C.S., F.G.S., F.L.S., F.R.G.S., Collector of South Arcot, to the Executive Engineer, South Arcot Division, dated 28th April 1897, No. 5910/V. of 1895.

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No. 393 S.E.

Copy forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, for orders, together with copy of Acting Collector's letter to Board of Revenue, dated 30th May 1896, which contains a full account of all the circumstances of the case.

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10th May 1897.
(Signed) A. H. [GARRETT,
Executive Engineer.

Office-note to the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated Ootacamund, 24th May 1897, No. 156.

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(Signed) F. J. WILSON,
Under Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

Office-note from the Examiner, Public Works Accounts, dated 2nd June 1897, No. 1758 D./A.

No objection under the somewhat special circumstances of the case and on the assumption that the payment in question is for the land submerged by the Nagarapadi tank improvements.

No. 130 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

ORDER—No. 590 I., dated 29th June 1897.

The payment of the compensation of Rs. 912 is sanctioned, the outlay being charged to the current year's grant for extensions and improvements to the Pelandorai anicut system.

2. This sanction is registered as No. 49 I. of 1897–98.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Govt.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

A.E.

Acquisition of land in the bed of the Kora Tank
Pelandorai Anicut System - South Arcot Dt.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

No. 590 I. dated 29-6-97

UNDER date the 29th June 97

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Order thereon
No. 590 dd 29.6.97

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E. I. Form No. 1—500—3-12-96.

Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 6205

Order 5909

From The Chief Engr for Irrn

No. 130 I

Dated 10 - 6 - 97

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CURRENT No. 255A

EXAMINER,
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CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
3 - JUN. 1897
No. 122

~~Order~~ No. 156

To C

Please say if there is any objection to the Estimate for the payment of the compensation of Rs 912 being sanctioned by the Supy Engr himself under Code II, IX, 12(a), the amount being met from the current year's grant for extensions & Improvements to the Pelandorai anicut system.

P.W. E.2 / 6205/97

Ootacamund
24 May 1897

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No. 638 E/c

Dated 19th May 1897

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From,

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EXAMINER,
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To,

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No. 5910/V of 95.

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|Sd| H. Subraya Iyer
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$\frac{10^{th} \text{ May } 1897}{10}$

Executive Engineer

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5th Circle P.W.D.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
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12 MAY 1897
5th CIRCLE, P.W.D., MADRAS.

CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION
20 MAY 1897
No. N255A

From
The Executive Engineer
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To
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(Land Revenue)

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for Collector

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Register No. 1041
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No. 1/431 S.A.
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EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
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EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
28 MAY. 1897
No. ......

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To the Collector No 888/96

From,

G. W. Dance
Ag Collector of S Arcot

To

The Secretary to the Commrs
of Land Revenue
Madras

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(P.W.D.) in submitting misleading report.

(True extract)

(Signed) R. C. C. Carr.

Ag. Secretary.

5910/[illegible] of 1896

True copy forwarded to the Executive Engineer in continuation of this office Rep. on 5910/U.S. of 95 dated 30th May 1896 with the request that he will be good enough to report at an early date what notice was taken of the conduct of the Subdivisional officer referred to in para 2 of the proceedings.

16.7.96

A. B. Willmott

for Collector

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To R. Collector No 5880/95

From,

G. W. Dance Esq.

Ag. Collector of S. Arcot

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* Village Officers.

8. The statement that a canal from the Pelandorai Channel passes through the tank & irrigates the lands is misleading. The tank is supplied by a jungle stream, & the water collected in the tank is let out to the fields through two cuts in the bund. I subjoin an extract from the Dy Tahsildars' report for easy reference:—

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Tahsildar to the D.P.W. for opinion & the reply of the Sub divisional officer completed the misunderstanding. He reported as follows:— "The tank has not been made use of since the excavation of the Pelandorai main channel, nor has it been repaired as the lands under it are irrigated by water direct from the channel & consequently no area is required for the storage of water. The waterspread viz 12 acres can be given in compensation or exchange for the submerged land in Nagarapadi tank."

10. From the wording of his letter it would appear that the Sub Divisional officer merely accepted as correct the Rev: Inspector's report. But that can hardly be considered a sufficient excuse. He was asked for his professional opinion & he ought to have given it instead of the Rev: Inspector's.

11. The threat of the owners of land under the Kora Eri to file a suit against Govt. is of course futile. But it would be most inequitable to forcibly convert their wet lands into dry without giving any compensation. I would suggest that the lands granted to the brothers Chari in the Kora tank be re-acquired from them under the Land Acquisition Act. Narasimhachari is reported to have

have spent ~~Rs~~ about Rs 70 in trying to reclaim his portion. The other 2 brothers have recently presented a petition to me asking to be given other lands in exchange. If the Board approves of my proposal to acquire the Kora tank from the 3 brothers I would recommend that the compensation this time should take the form of hard cash. From a financial point of view it will be more advantageous for Govt to re-acquire the tank than to lose the difference between ~~[illegible]~~ ~~as~~ the wet & dry assessment on the lands included in its ayacut.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most Obt. Servant

30.5.96. (Sgd.) J. W. Dance
Ag. Collector.

Ref. on Regr. No. 5910/Beg. of 1896.

True Copy forwarded to Executive Engineer North Arcot

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SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

V CIRCLE, MADRAS,

No. 63 E.3
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Kumbakonam
~~Chepák~~, 19 May 1897.

From

Lieut Colonel C.C. Rawson R.E.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, V CIRCLE,

To

THE Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

EXAMINER,
P. W. ACCOUNTS.
28 MAY. 1897
No.

SIR,

I have the honour to forward, in original, endorsement No. 393 S.E. dated 10 May 1897 by the Executive Engineer South Arcot Division submitting for orders copy of letter (with enclosures) from the Collector South Arcot District regarding the reacquiring of the Kora Tank and to request that you will be so good as to obtain the orders of Government on the subject, which I request may be sent by telegraph.

Enclosures. 3

1 Ex. Engrs No. 393 S.E. / 10.5.97 on copy of Collec's No. 5910 / V of 95 dy 28.4.97.

1 Collectors No. 5910 / iv of 96 of 16.7.96 on copy of Bd. Proy: (Land Revenue) No 2933 Mis of 1.7.96

1 Collr No. 5910 / iii of 95 dy 30.5.96 on copy of his letter of 30.5.96 to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Land Revenue

2. As the sub Divisional Officer who made the misleading report is dead nothing

nothing further can be done.

3. The return of the papers now sent is requested.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant

19.5.97
Lt Coll R.E.
Supdg Engineer 5 Circle.

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From

The Superintending Engineer,

V Circle,

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To

The

CHIEF ENGINEER
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