

Public Works (1897) Department.

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G.O., No. 2812 W

DATED 18 October 1897

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Arrangements for irrigation in the Tanjore Delta,
communicating to the Chief Engr. for M.F. and the
Engr. Enclavin on Special duty Pro in the Revenue
Dept. ^{on the subject of} ~~the~~ the preparation of a memorandum
of existing — and approving the proposal of
the Chief Enclavin to depute M.F. R. Vaidyanatha
Aiyar B.A. B.C.E. Sub Enclavin to work with the officers
nominated by the Revenue Dept.

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Communicating to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Superintending Engineer on special duty Proceedings in the Revenue Department on the subject of the preparation of a memorandum of existing —, and approving the proposal of the Chief Engineer to depute M.R.Ry. R. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, B.A., B.C.E., Sub-Engineer, to work with the officer nominated by the Revenue Department.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Establishment.

Read—the following papers:—

G.O., No. 512, Revenue, dated 30th June 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 1623, dated 5th May 1897.

Read—again the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 3rd September 1896, Mis. No. 4267.

From G. STOKES, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 30th July 1896, Ref. on C. No. 2694-Ver. :—

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of the Board, the marginally-noted correspondence received from Lieut.-Colonel Smart, Superintending Engineer on special duty, Tanjore. From it I understand that a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the delta is to be prepared. In the course of this inquiry it will be necessary practically to admit or reject numbers of dams

and madais and to record morais, &c.—matters which are of the very greatest importance and which appear neither in the settlement accounts nor survey maps. A slight change in any of these matters is worth much money to individuals. In regard to such questions of distribution therefore there is sure to be considerable amount of aggression and conflict, and if the results of the inquiry are to be authoritative, in which case alone is the inquiry expedient, they ought, I think, to be recorded by an officer of a higher grade than a Public Works Department supervisor. I do not think that the association with him of an officer of the tahsildar's rank as proposed by Colonel Smart is what is wanted, though no doubt a commission of two officers of high rank, if it could be appointed, would be very preferable. I think that an officer of the grade of Executive Engineer at least whose decisions and inquiry would be above all suspicion should be employed on the work. I would invite attention to the correspondence in G.O., Mis. No. 100, dated 19th January 1896 (Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 253, dated 18th January 1896), and would call attention to the very great importance of this inquiry, the results of which will practically be regarded as conclusive against Government hereafter. I would also ask that the results of this inquiry by whomsoever made should be recorded in a manner easily understood, definite and accessible. Some form of register should, I think, be prescribed after discussion in which the particulars of rights should be shown so as to be of use not only to Public Works Department officers but also to Revenue officers.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer on Special Duty, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 21st March 1896, No. 158.

I have the honour to send you two specimens (to be returned) of very valuable work which is being done under considerable difficulties by Mr. Ratnasabapathy Pillai, Executive Engineer, Negapatam,—the one is a map of irrigation under the Caduvayar and the other, a list of irrigation particulars of the Pamanar to accompany the map of that river; lists and maps for areas drained by each river are also under preparation. With a view that similar work should be done for the whole of Tanjore, I would suggest that Supervisor Mr. K. C. Viswanatha Aiyar, now Sub-divisional officer, Tirutturaippundi, and who has now had considerable experience as to how to prepare the maps, &c., should be put on special duty to complete such maps and lists for the whole of the delta. He may be placed under my orders. Of course the work has been only rendered possible since the completion of the revenue survey, and our maps are taken from the 8" village maps; the revenue particulars are obtained from the particulars given in the accounts under the re-settlement and from information directly obtained from the head of villages. At the same time that the maps are being prepared, I would propose to collect all documents or copies connected with morais, mud dams, drainage rights, &c., so that we shall obtain a complete record of irrigation and drainage rights in the district. With three surveyors under the supervisors we shall, I calculate, be able to complete the work for the delta in eighteen months.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer on Special Duty, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Nidamangalam, 16th July 1896, No. 459.

With reference to your No. 2694-Ver. of 1896, dated 11th July 1896, I have the honour to state that the order for the preparation of irrigation, &c., maps and register was issued by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on my request—vide copies of correspondence herewith. As far as the maps are concerned, I am of opinion that a supervisor is all that we require, but if the register can be made unquestionable and more authoritative by the appointment of a Revenue official, say of the grade of a tahsildar, to aid in the work, I have no objection to offer to such a proposal. As we have the recent revenue survey and settlement to guide us, we cannot go far wrong, and I do not think that there is any necessity for the employment of officers of higher grade in the proposed work.

Resolution—dated 3rd September 1896, Mis. No. 4267.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for favour of remarks.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with three enclosures, in original, to be returned.

Read—also the following papers:—

From W. HUGHES, Esq., B.A., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 7th October 1896, No. 448-M. :—

With reference to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1896, Mis. No. 4267, I have the honour to state that I consider that the record of irrigation rights should be complete and authoritative and that it should be prepared under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, R.E., by an Assistant Engineer (no Executive Engineer being available), associated with a Revenue officer of corresponding rank. These officers should inquire into any doubtful or disputed claims and pronounce a decision subject, of course, to appeal, if sufficient reason is shown.

2. The three enclosures of the Board's Proceedings under reference are herewith returned as requested.

Endorsement of the Secretary, Settlement Department, dated 2nd November 1896.
Transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

From J. ANDREW, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 10th March 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 2694-Ver. of 1896:—

I have the honour to request the favour of an early reply to my letter, dated 30th July 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 2694-Ver., requesting that an officer of the grade of an Executive Engineer may be asked to assist the Superintending Engineer on special duty in the preparation of a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the delta.

Endorsement of the Secretary, Settlement Department, dated 31st March 1897.
Transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1623, dated 5th May 1897.

The papers read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In his letter, dated 30th July 1896, the Honourable Mr. G. Stokes, then Collector of Tanjore, brought to the notice of the Board, in the Settlement Department, that a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the Cauvery delta was under preparation by a Public Works Department supervisor, who had been specially appointed for the purpose by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The supervisor was reported to be working under Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, who had been deputed for conducting investigations in connection with the irrigation of Tanjore. The Collector pointed out that, in the course of such an inquiry, it would be necessary practically to admit or reject numbers of dams and madais and to record "morais," &c.,—matters of the greatest importance which appear neither in the settlement accounts nor survey maps, and that a considerable amount of opposition would have to be met with from the ryots in such matters. Mr. Stokes accordingly suggested that the inquiry should be conducted by an officer of a grade not lower than that of Executive Engineer in order that the decisions of the officer so appointed might be authoritative. Mr. Stokes was of opinion that the association with the Public Works Department officer of a Revenue officer of the rank of a tahsildar, as proposed by Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, would not meet the requirements of the case, and that it would be desirable to have, if possible, a commission of two officers of higher rank. He also suggested that a form of register should be prescribed for recording the results of the inquiry.

3. The Collector's letter was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for remarks. In his letter of the 7th October the Chief Engineer states that the record of irrigation rights should be complete and authoritative, and that it should be prepared under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Smart by an Assistant Engineer (no Executive Engineer being available) associated with a Revenue officer of corresponding rank. He adds that these officers should inquire into any doubtful or disputed claims and pronounce a decision subject to appeal.

4. The Board is of opinion that the preparation of a record of irrigation rights, having for its end the adjudication of disputed claims, is an impracticable proposal unless legislation is resorted to. But the Board sees no objection to the first part of this proposal, viz., the preparation of a memorandum, which shall be confined to a description of existing arrangements. The memorandum should be so drawn up as to form reliable evidence of the position of affairs at the time of its preparation, and arrangements should also be made to keep it up to date by revising it from time to

time. The officers entrusted with this work need not pass any decisions as suggested by the Chief Engineer, but should only record the existing state of things with the evidence therefor. The public should be informed that the memorandum must not be understood as, in any way, limiting the power of Government to make, from time to time, any arrangements for the distribution of water, which the public interests may require.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd September 1896,
Mis. No. 4267 (Sett.).

Order—No. 512, Revenue, dated 30th June 1897.

Irrigation No. 1.

Transferred to the Public Works
Department with an expression of concurrence in the Board's remarks.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested to nominate a Revenue officer to work in conjunction with the Assistant Engineer to be named by the Chief Engineer. Arrangements should be made for revising from time to time the memorandum prepared by these two officers, and the ryots must be given to understand distinctly that the memorandum does not in any way limit the power of Government to make any arrangements for the distribution of water which public interests may require.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
Public Works Department.
Financial Department.
Accountant-General.

No. 3332-C.

As no Assistant Engineer is available at present, please favour me with your opinion as to whether the work referred to in this order could not be undertaken by Mr. T. T. Raghavachariyar, Assistant Engineer, 3rd Grade, Provincial Establishment, who is working under Lieutenant-Colonel Smart.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
27th July 1897. Chief Engineer.

G.O., Mis. No. 4697, Revenue, dated 7th September 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), Mis. No. 3001, dated 11th August 1897.

Read—the following paper:—

From the Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated 30th July 1897, R. C. No. 2694-Ver. of 1896:—

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 2752, Land Rev., dated 22nd July 1897, I have the honour to nominate M.R.Ry. T. N. Sivagnanam Pillai Avargal, permanent huzur sheristadar, for the special duty proposed. He has a long experience of this district and will be in every way suited for the duty. At present he is on special duty in connection with the revision of the house-tax of the Kumbakonam Municipality, but that duty will be over about the third week of September.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3001, dated 11th August 1897.

Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., No. 512, dated 30th June 1897, Revenue.

2. The Board supports the Collector's nomination.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

R. C. C. CARR,
Secretary.

Order—Mis. No. 4697, Revenue, dated 7th September 1897.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with an expression of approval of the Collector's nomination.

2. It is observed that the record will not be a record of rights but a description of the existing arrangements for irrigation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

F. J. WILSON,
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer on Special Duty, Tanjore, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 31st August 1897, No. 667.

With reference to your No. 94 T. J., dated 18th August 1897, I have the honour to state that it is quite impossible for Mr. Raghavachariar to undertake the work required in addition to the work he has now on hand; his time is now fully occupied.

2. The Collector, Mr. Andrew, informed me that he had nominated a Deputy Collector on the Revenue side, and I would suggest that the Deputy Collector should work with the supervisor, who is a subordinate of many year's standing, till you are able to obtain the services of an Assistant Engineer, which will, I have no doubt, be possible as soon as the famine has come to an end.

3. Personally, I do not see why the Deputy Collector should not continue to work with the supervisor to the end, especially as there is no intention of investing these officers with judicial authority to decide disputed rights. I presume from the nomination that a Deputy Collector is regarded as equal in rank to an Assistant Engineer.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with reference to his endorsement, No. 3332 C., dated 27th July 1897.

2. The undersigned concurs in the suggestion of Colonel Smart that the supervisor should continue to work with the Deputy Collector until an Assistant Engineer can be appointed.

OOTACAMUND,
10th Sept. 1897.

(Signed)

W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Office-note from the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 2nd October 1897, No. 87.

Note by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department.

In view of the objection raised in the Revenue Department office-note No. 87, dated 2nd October 1897, to a Public Works officer of no higher rank than supervisor being associated with the Revenue officer nominated for the work in question, the undersigned proposes to appoint to the duty M.R.Ry. R. Vaidynatha Aiyar, B.A., B.C.E., Sub-Engineer, 1st grade, temporary rank, now in charge of the Anantapur Sub-division. The Sub-Engineer's services can be spared for the purpose as soon as famine works in Anantapur are stopped when Mr. C. P. Mullings, Assistant Engineer, now on famine duty, can be placed in charge of the Anantapur Sub-division.

(Signed)

W. B. DEWINTON,
Ag. Chief Engineer.

13th October 1897.

ORDER—No. 2912 W., dated 18th October 1897.

The Proceedings in the Revenue Department above recorded will be communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and the Superintending Engineer on special duty for information and guidance.

2. The Government approves the proposal of the Chief Engineer to depute M.R.Ry. R. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, B.A., B.C.E., Sub-Engineer, 1st grade, temporary rank, to work with the officer nominated by the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

- „ Superintending Engineer on special duty.
- „ Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
- „ Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
- „ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
- „ Revenue Department.

Papers to be read in proceedings:—

Again G.O., dated

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189 , No.

Current No. 7044 of 1897, dated 30 June, from the Revenue Dept.

" " 9122 " 1897, " 7 September, " — do —

" " 9148 " 1897, " 10 September, " the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Office Note No. 87 " 1897 " 2 October, " the Revenue Dept.

Note by the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. of 13th October 1897

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The Secretary to Govt. Revenue Dept. for favour of Counterinitials

To
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" S. E. on special duty
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" S. E. III "
" Examiner, P.W. Accts
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Current N^o 9122 and 9148

Note

The printed Proc^s in the Revenue Department, N^o 512 dated 30th June 1897, describe the measures proposed for the preparation of a memorandum of existing arrangements for irrigation in the Tanjore Delta.

The Revenue Department has nominated a Huzur Sheristadar to work on the Revenue side. It was originally proposed that an Assistant Engineer should be appointed to represent the P.W.D., but an officer of that rank is not at present available. Both Col. Smart and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation suggested that the P.W. part of the work should for the present be undertaken by Supervisor H. C. Viswanatha Aiyar, who has been working under Col.

Col. Smart, and who has considerable experience of the delta. This suggestion, however, ^{was} objected to in the Revenue Department Office Note No. 87 dated 2nd Instant on the ground that K. C. Viswanatha Aiyar is of a rank and class ^{in the opinion of the Revenue Secretary} quite unfitted for the work in question, being an old school 2nd grade Supervisor drawing Rs. 150 ^{a month} while the Revenue Officer appointed is an Acting Deputy Collector of over 14 years standing and drawing Rs. 250. It is therefore proposed to appoint to the duty Mr. K. R. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, B.A., B.C.E., Sablinguier, 1st grade, temporary rank, (pay, Rs. 400), now in charge of the Anantapur Subdivision, immediately he is relieved by Mr. de Chazal, Assistant Engineer, ~~as soon as~~ ^{the cessation of famine works in Anantapur} ~~famine is over in Anantapur~~ on the cessation of famine works in Anantapur.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. C 7

From The Secretary to Govt
Revenue Dept.

No. 87

Dated 2nd October 1897

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SUBJECT.

Sanitation rights Reclaim, with remarks to counterinitial the draft order which accompanied P.W.C. No. 9148 in regard to registration of — in the Tanjore Delta.

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Revenue Department.

OFFICE NOTE No. 87.

Dated 2nd October 1897.

From

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,

To

The Secretary to Government, P.W. Department.

The undersigned regrets that he is unable to counterinitial the accompanying draft order for the following reason:- It is stated in the note that the Revenue Dept. have appointed a Huzur Sheristadar and a supervisor has accordingly been put to work with him. The Revenue officer appointed is an Ag. Deputy Collector of over one year's standing and drawing Rs. 250 a month. He has been appointed to make the preliminary inquiries alone if necessary. K.C. Visvanatha Aiyar is an old school 2nd Grade supervisor drawing 150 and is of a rank and class in my opinion quite unfitted for the work in question. It will be better to leave the place unfilled till a suitable officer is sent.

G. H. M.

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

CURRENT No. 9148

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Order

From
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

No. 578. W

Dated 10th September 1897

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SUBJECT.

Irrigation rights Forwards with
remarks letter from the Supy.
Engineer on Special duty stating
that the Dy Collector appointed
to assist in the registration
of — should continue to
work with a Supervisor until
the services of an asst Engineer
becomes available.

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Office of Superintending Engineer
Canvey completion estimate
Tanjore Dated 31st August 1897.
Recd 1st Sept 99

From

Lieut. Col. A. W. Smart R. E.
Superintending Engineer
on Special Duty
Tanjore

To

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Madras

Sir,

Enclosure: 1
G.O. 25-12
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With reference to your
No 94 J. J. dated 18th August 1897.
I have the honour to state that it
is quite impossible for Mr Raghava-
chariar to undertake the work
required in addition to the work
he has now on hand; his time
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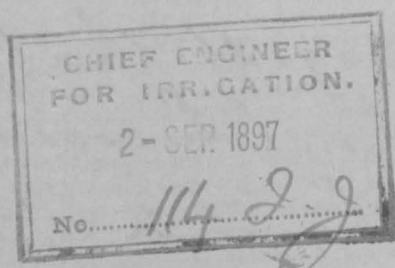
to obtain the services of an assistant Engineer, which will, I have no doubt, be possible as soon as the famine has come to an end.

3. Personally, I do not see why the Deputy Collector should not continue to work with the Supervisor to the end, especially as there is no intention of investing these officers with judicial authority to decide disputed rights. I presume from the nomination that a Deputy Collector is regarded as equal in rank to an Assistant Engineer.

I have the honour to be
Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Arthur L. Collier
Superintending Engineer
on Special Duty.



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Letter from Col Smart R.E. Sup'g Engr on Special Duty
Canary Completion Estimates. Tanjore, No 667 of 31-89,
No 51 E.W.

Forwarded to the Chief
Engineer P. W. Dept with reference
to his endorsement No 3332, C. dated
27 July 1897.

2. The undersigned concurs
in the suggestion of Col. Smart
that the Supervisor should
continue to work with the Dy
Collector until an Assistant
Engineer can be appointed.

Col Smart
10 Sept 1897

W. Hughes

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To

The Chief Engineer
O. W. W. P. H.

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Public Works (189⁷) Department.

CURRENT No. 9122

From

The Revenue Department.

Order

No. 4697 Mis.

Dated 7th September 1897.

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SUBJECT.

Approving and communicating to P.W.D.
Bd's Pros. recommending the nomination of
M.R.Ry.T.N.Sivagnanam Pillai avl. for spe-
cial duty in conjunction with the Asst.En-
gineer, in connection with the preparation
of a record of Irrigation rights in Tanjore
and observing that the record will not be
a mere record of rights but a description of
the existing arrangements for irrigation.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.
(Land Revenue).

Dated 11th August 1897, No.3001 Mis.

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For Ag. Secy to Government.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

(Land Revenue).

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Dated 11th August 1897, No. 3001 Mis.

Read the following letter from the AG. Collector of Tanjore.

June R.O. No. 3334/Ven. of 30, dated 30th July 1897:-

With reference to B.P. Mis. No. 2582, Land Rev. dated

22nd July 1897, I have the honor to nominate M.R. N. T. N. Sivas

namam Pillai Esq., Permanent Assistant Magistrate for the special

duty proposed. He has a long experience of this District and will

be in every way suited for the duty. At present he is on special

duty in connection with the revision of the House Tax of the

Mamankulam Municipality, but that duty will be over about the

week of September.

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Resolution.

Submitted to Government with reference to para 2 of

G.O. No. 512 dated 30th June 1897, Revenue.

The Board supports the Collector's nomination.

(True extract)

(24) R.O. C. C. C.

Secretary.

(True copy)

For AG. Secy to Government.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

REVENUE.

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tached.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 11th August 1897, No. 3001 Mis.

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Order thereon No. 4697 Mis. dated 7th September 1897.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with an expression of approval of the Collector's nomination.
2. It is observed that the record will not be a record of rights but a description of the existing arrangements for irrigation.

(True extract)

J. J. M.

For Ag. Secy to Government.

To the Department of Public Works. ✓

" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with letter.

" Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett &c) with copy of G.O.

No. 512/30-6-97: on right.

Transferring to the Public Works Department, with an expression of approval of the Board's recommendation, the proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the proposed of a - to the

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Public works (1897) department

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.

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Government (1897) of Madras.

REVENUE.

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G.O., No. 512, 30th June 1897.

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Record of irrigation rights.

Transferring to the Public Works Department, with an expression of concurrence in the Board's remarks, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the preparation of a — in the Tanjore delta.

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Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

From Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue)

dated 11th August 1897, No. 3001 M.S.

Order No. 4897 M.S. dated 27th September 1897.

Communicated to the Public Works Department with an

expression of approval of the Collector's nomination.

It is observed that the record will not be a record

of rights but a description of the existing arrangements for

irrigation.

(True extract)

For A.S. Secy to Government.

To the Department of Public Works.

Board of Revenue (Land Revenue) with letter.

Board of Revenue (Rev. Sett Sec) with copy of G.O.

No. 512/30-6-97.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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Copies of—

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2. Government Memorandum, dated 20th April 1896, No. 1974-C.
3. Lieut.-Colonel Smart's letter to the Collector, dated 16th July 1896, No. 459.

marginally-noted correspondence received from Lieut.-Colonel Smart, Superintending Engineer on special duty, Tanjore. From it I understand that a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the delta is to be prepared. In the course of this inquiry, it will be necessary practically to admit or reject numbers of dams

and madais and to record morais, &c.—matters which are of the very greatest importance and which appear neither in the settlement accounts nor survey maps. A slight change in any of these matters is worth much money to individuals. In regard to such questions of distribution therefore, there is sure to be considerable amount of aggression and conflict and if the results of the inquiry are to be authoritative, in which case alone is the inquiry expedient, they ought, I think, to be recorded by an officer of a higher grade than a Public Works Department Supervisor. I do not think that the association with him of an officer of the Tahsildar's rank, as proposed by Colonel Smart, is what is wanted, though no doubt a Commission of two officers of high rank, if it could be appointed, would be very preferable. I think that an officer of the grade of Executive Engineer at least whose decisions and inquiry would be above all suspicion should be employed on the work. I would invite attention to the correspondence in G.O., Mis. No. 100, dated 10th January 1896 (Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 253, dated 18th January 1896), and would call attention to the very great importance of this inquiry, the results of which will practically be regarded as conclusive against Government hereafter. I would also ask that the results of this inquiry by whomever made should be recorded in a manner easily understood, definite and accessible. Some form of register should, I think, be prescribed after discussion in which the particulars of rights should be shown so as to be of use not only to Public Works Department officers but also to Revenue officers.

ENCLOSURES.

From Lieut.-Colonel A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer on Special Duty, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 21st March 1896, No. 158.

I have the honour to send you two specimens (to be returned) of very valuable work which is being done under considerable difficulties by Mr. Ratnasabapathy Pillai, Executive Engineer, Negapatam,—the one is a map of irrigation under the Caduvayar and the other, a list of irrigation particulars of the Pamaniar to accompany the map of that river; lists and maps for areas drained by each river are also under preparation. With a view that similar

work should be done for the whole of Tanjore, I would suggest that Supervisor Mr. K. C. Viswanatha Aiyar, now Sub-divisional officer, Tirutturaippundi, and who has now had considerable experience as to how to prepare the maps, &c., should be put on special duty to complete such maps and lists for the whole of the delta. He may be placed under my orders. Of course, the work has been only rendered possible since the completion of the revenue survey, and our maps are taken from the 8th village maps; the revenue particulars are obtained from the particulars given in the accounts under the re-settlement and from information directly obtained from the head of villages. At the same time that the maps are being prepared, I would propose to collect all documents or copies connected with morais, mud dams, drainage rights, &c., so that we shall obtain a complete record of irrigation and drainage rights in the district. With three surveyors under the Supervisors we shall, I calculate, be able to complete the work for the delta in eighteen months.

Memorandum, No. 1974-C., Public Works.

Posting.

M.R.Ry. K. C. Viswanatha Aiyer, Supervisor, 2nd Grade, now in the Negapatam Division, V Circle, is posted for special duty under Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Smart, R.E.

This cancels the supervisor's transfer to the I Circle ordered in the Fort St. George Gazette of the 5th November 1895.

MADRAS,
20th April 1896.

(Signed) D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

Copy forwarded to Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. Smart, R.E., Superintending Engineer, with two enclosures.

(By order.)

(Signed) C. H. B. BURLTON,
Deputy Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. W. SMART, R.E., Superintending Engineer on Special Duty, to the Collector of Tanjore, dated Nidamangalam, 16th July 1896, No. 459.

With reference to your No. 2694-Ver. of 1896, dated 11th July 1896, I have the honour to state that the order for the preparation of irrigation, &c., maps and register was issued by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on my request—vide copies of correspondence herewith. As far as the maps are concerned, I am of opinion that a Supervisor is all that we require, but if the register can be made unquestionable and more authoritative by the appointment of a Revenue Official, say of the grade of a Tahsildar, to aid in the work, I have no objection to offer to such a proposal. As we have the recent revenue survey and settlement to guide us, we cannot go far wrong and I do not think that there is any necessity for the employment of officers of higher grade in the proposed work.

Resolution—dated 3rd September 1896, Mis. No. 4267.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for favour of remarks.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASAR,
Secretary.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with three enclosures,
in original, to be returned.

Read—also the following letter from W. HUGHES, Esq., B.A., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), dated 7th October 1896, No. 448-M. :—

With reference to Proceedings, Board of Revenue, dated 3rd September 1896, Mis. No. 4267, I have the honour to state that I consider that the record of irrigation rights should be complete and authoritative and that it should be prepared, under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, R.E., by an Assistant Engineer (no

Executive Engineer being available), associated with a Revenue officer of corresponding rank. These officers should inquire into any doubtful or disputed claims and pronounce a decision, subject, of course, to appeal, if sufficient reason is shown.

2. The three enclosures of the Board's Proceedings under reference are herewith returned as requested.

Endorsement of the Secretary, Settlement Department, dated 2nd November 1896.

Transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

Read—also the following letter from J. ANDREW, Esq., Collector of Tanjore, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 10th March 1897, Ref. on Cur. No. 2694-Ver. of 1896:—

I have the honour to request the favour of an early reply to my letter, dated 30th July 1896, Ref. on Cur. No. 2694-Ver., requesting that an officer of the grade of an Executive Engineer may be asked to assist the Superintending Engineer on special duty in the preparation of a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the delta.

Endorsement of the Secretary, Settlement Department, dated 31st March 1897.

Transferred to the Land Revenue Department.

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

Resolution—Mis. No. 1623, dated 5th May 1897.

The papers read above will be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In his letter, dated 30th July 1896, the Honourable Mr. G. Stokes, then Collector of Tanjore, brought to the notice of the Board, in the Settlement Department, that a record of irrigation rights in regard to all the rivers, &c., in the Cauvery delta was under preparation by a Public Works Department Supervisor, who had been specially appointed for the purpose by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Supervisor was reported to be working under Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, who had been deputed for conducting investigations in connection with the irrigation of Tanjore. The Collector pointed out that, in the course of such an enquiry, it would be necessary practically to admit or reject numbers of dams and madais and to record "morais," &c.—matters of the greatest importance which appear neither in the Settlement accounts nor survey maps, and that a considerable amount of opposition would have to be met with from the ryots in such matters. Mr. Stokes accordingly suggested that the enquiry should be conducted by an officer of a grade not lower than that of Executive Engineer in order that the decisions of the officer so appointed might be authoritative. Mr. Stokes was of opinion that the association with the Public Works Department officer of a Revenue officer of the rank of a Tahsildar, as proposed by Lieutenant-Colonel Smart, would not meet the requirements of the case, and that it would be desirable to have, if possible, a Commission of two officers of higher rank. He also suggested that a form of register should be prescribed for recording the results of the enquiry.

3. The Collector's letter was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for remarks. In his letter of the 7th October the Chief Engineer states that the record of irrigation rights should be complete and authoritative, and that it should be prepared under the direction of Lieutenant-Colonel Smart by an Assistant Engineer (no Executive Engineer being available) associated with a Revenue officer of corresponding rank. He adds that these officers should enquire into any doubtful or disputed claims and pronounce a decision subject to appeal.

4. The Board is of opinion that the preparation of a record of irrigation rights, having for its end the adjudication of disputed claims, is an impracticable proposal unless legislation is resorted to. But the Board sees no objection to the first part of this proposal, viz., the preparation of a memorandum, which shall be confined to a description of existing arrangements. The memorandum should be so drawn up as to form reliable evidence of the position of affairs at the time of its preparation, and arrangements should also be made to keep it up to date by revising it from time to time. The officers entrusted with this work need not pass any decisions as suggested by the Chief Engineer, but should only record the existing state of things with the evidence therefor. The public should be informed that the memorandum must not be understood as, in any way, limiting the power of Government to make, from time to time, any arrangements for the distribution of water, which the public interests may require.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 3rd September 1896,
Mis. No. 4267, (Sett.).

ORDER—No. 512, Revenue, dated 30th June 1897.

Irrigation No. 1.

Transferred to the Public Works
Department with an expression of concurrence in the Board's remarks.

2. The Board of Revenue will be requested to nominate a Revenue officer to work in conjunction with the Assistant Engineer to be named by the Chief Engineer. Arrangements should be made for revising from time to time the memorandum prepared by these two officers, and the ryots must be given to understand distinctly that the memorandum does not in any way limit the power of Government to make any arrangements for the distribution of water which public interests may require.

(True Extract.)

C. S. M. S.
for Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).
" the Public Works Department.
" the Financial Department.
" the Accountant-General.

To No. 3332C, dated 27 July 1897.

As no Assistant Engineer is available at present, please favour me with your opinion as to whether the work referred to in this order could not be undertaken by Mr. T. T. Raghavachariyar, Asst. Engineer, 3rd grade, Provincial Establishment, who is working under Lt. Col. Smart.

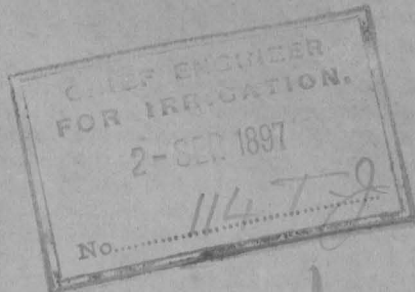
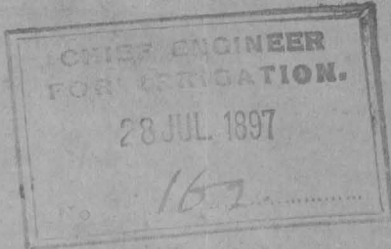
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