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Public Works (1897) Department.

G.O., No. 320 I

DATED 25th March 1897

[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition: The ryots of Allanur and other villages in Tinnevelly taluk informed in reply to their — for a sluice being opened in the Zemin Veeranam anicut, that no action can be taken as the Zemindar of Uthumalai has a right to the water taken off from the anicut which was constructed at his cost.

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Public Works (1897) Department.

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Order No 320 I of 25.3.97

The Petitioners will be informed that no action can be taken in the matter of their petition, as the Zemindar of Uthumalai has a right to the water taken off from the Viranam anicut which was constructed at his cost.

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From
The Supg: Engineer
VI Circle

No. 233 T.N.

Dated 10 March 1897

Received ~~12.3.97~~ 20.3.97

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SUBJECT.

Petition from the ryots of Manur &ca villages:—
Forwarding copies of Correspondence on the subject of the — and informing that the Collector considers that no action can be taken in the matter of the request of the petitioners to open a sluice in the Lower Viranam anicut.

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To
The Secretary of
Government
Madras

PETITION
1180
REVENUE DEPT.

3 OCT 95

The humble Petition of the ryots of Manur, Mavadi, Madavakurichi, and Ettangulam villages holding lands irrigated by Manur Tank in Tinnevelly Taluk.

Most Respectfully Showeth:—

1. That the ayacut extent of wet land irrigated by Manur tank is 2100 acres with an assessment of Rs 16,000 and the ayacut extent irrigated by the channel is 5,000 acres with an assessment of Rs 20,000. For want of adequate supply of water in the Manur tank and for want of proper and timely rain during the last ten years, some of the above lands are left waste while the cultivation on the rest becomes withered. Thus the poor ryots annually suffer heavy loss for want of produce while the Government incur loss of revenue on these lands.

2. The petitioners humbly beg to explain below the cause for the waste and failure of crops that occurs every year.

3. With the exception of *Uthumalai Zemin* anicut and channels fed by Chitranadi river, other anicuts and channels under the same river have mathaku (sluice) and head sluice respectively constructed for them.

4. As there is neither head sluice in the channel supplying the *Uthumalai Zemin tank* nor mathaku (sluice) in the said anicut and as the Zemin channel is always cut and widened at the expense of the *Zemindar* the water coming in the river flows without obstruction in the *Zemin tank* and the surplus water of the Zemin tank is utilized to feed other tanks in the Estate dug subsequent to the permanent settlement.

5. For the last ten years there has been no freshes in the Chitranadi river. Even the water that flows in the river in times of occasional freshes is then and there utilized to supply the Zemin tanks. Hence there is no room for water flowing in the Manur channel.

6. In the time of the former Government Manur anicut was constructed first and the Zemin anicut was constructed only subsequent to it. The petitioners who are the ayan ryots then objected to the construction of the Zemin anicut and contended that if it should be so erected, gaps should be opened in the anicut. As the Zemindar was influential, petitioners' contention was not heeded by the public officers and the anicut was constructed without hindrance.

7. As no mathaku or sluice was opened in the Zemin Veeranam anicut and as no head sluice was constructed the Manur channel and tank which are Govern-

ment sources of irrigation suffer loss without the prospect of receiving water supply. This fact will be found true if the D. P. W. authority be consulted.

In these circumstances the petitioners most humbly pray that your Honor will be graciously pleased to direct that a mathaku or sluice be opened in the *Zemin Veeranam anicut* and that a head sluice be constructed in the channel and further to order the above irrigation work to be placed under the control and supervision of the officers attached to Engineering Department so as to avoid the loss hitherto accruing to the ryots as well as to Government.

For which act of charity the petitioners shall every pray.

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CHIEF ENGINEER
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SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
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(1895.)

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Current Number. 7199.

From

The Ryots of Manur Mavadi & 2 other villages holding lands irrigated by Manur Tank in Tinnevelly Taluk & Dist.

CAE 7377/95

Dated 24 Sept.
Received 3 Oct.
Enclosures
No.

P.W. E.2 / 2898/97

SUBJECT.

Praying to direct to open a sluice in the Zemin Veeranam anicut and to construct a head sluice in the channel &c.

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ABSTRACT.

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
1 MAR 97
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Recd 10.10.95

Transferred to the Public Works Department (Irrigation)

Ag: Assistant Secretary.

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7th October 1895

SUPG. ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
No. 540
24 OCT. 95
P.W.D.
SIXTH CIRCLE.

VI
No 71 T.N. d/16.10.95

Forwarded in original (to be returned) to the Supdg Engr. VI Circle for report as to what action has been taken on a similar petition forwarded with this office endorsement No. 70 T.N. dated 2nd October 1895.

"By order"

Asst. Chief Engr. for Irr.

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From G. B. Lambert Esquire, Executive Engineer, Tinnevelly Dn., to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, No. 1123 dated 17 March 1896: —

Encls: 6.

With reference to your Endorsement Nos: 523 T.N. dated 30th September 1895, 571 T.N. dated 17th October 1895, 584 T.N. dated 24 October 1895, 604 T.N. dated 2 November 1895, 689 T.N. dated 3 December 1895 and 748 T.N. dated 18 December 1895, (herewith returned), I have the honor to report that the Veeranam anicut was constructed across the Chittar river by the Uttumalai Zemindar just above the Manoor anicut. 2

2. It has been constructed without any scouring vents, and the channel taking off therefrom to feed the Zemin tanks has no head sluice. The channel surplus falls into the Chittar below the Manoor anicut.

3. The Manoor ryots contend that their anicut was constructed

first

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CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
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No. 1167

P.W. E.3 / 2898/97

From W. Hughes Esquire, Supdg. Engineer, VI Circle, to the Collector of Tinnevelly No: 353 T.N. dated 30th March 1896 :—

Enclo: 1.

With reference to the enclosed petition from the ryots of Manur &ca I should be much obliged if you will have enquiry made whether the statements in para 4 are true, and inform me whether there is any remedy possible. The existence of the Veeranum anicut such a short distance above the Manur anicut is a great disadvantage to the Manur &ca villages particularly as the surplus of the Veeranum channel falls into the river below the Manur anicut.

| True copy |

J. C. [illegible] Lt Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION,
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P.W. E.4 / 2898/97

Revenue Department.

Disposal No: 2430 / 96. Rev:

Tinnevelly Collector's office
Camp. Tinnevelly
31 December 1896.

From

The Collector of
Tinnevelly

To

The Superintending Engineer
VI Circle
Trichinopoly.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No: 353 T.N. dated 30 March 1896, I have the honor to inform you that the Viranam anicut in the Chittar lies within the limits of the Zamindari of Ethumalai, and the Zamindar has a right to the water taking off from the said anicut which was constructed at his cost. It is true that there are no vents in the anicut, but it is not possible to enforce the opening of vents. The present state of the law is such that no possible remedy can be given to the manur ryots by interfering with the existing arrang-

-ments.

2. I forward for your information copies of the marginally noted correspondence which show that the question was considered in 1871 and that it was not found possible to interfere with the Zemindar's right to the water.

Collector's letter to Sub. Collector. No: 1017/6-7-70
Sub. Collector's letter to Collector. No: 141/24-8-71
Letter from the Executive Engineer No: 282/23-10-71.

3. The petition is returned herewith.

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
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No. [illegible]

I have &ca

Signed/. V. Subbiah
For Collector.

(True copy)

P.W. E.5/2898/97

O. C. Worsley Lt Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

No. 141.

Tinnevelly Sub. Collector's office
24 August 1871.

From
A. J. Stuart Esquire
ag. Sub. Collector
Tinnevelly

To
R. K. Puckle Esquire
Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

In reply to the late Collector's docket No: 1017 of 6 July /70, I have the honor to state that I was unable to come to terms with the Zamindar of Uttumalai at the time as he was and is unwilling that a callingulah should be built. But he now agrees not to push his objections if the following conditions are agreed to, which, I think, are only fair, Viz. 1. That the existing callingulah lower down the Veeranam channel be left as it is. 2. That the management i.e. opening and closing of shutters in the new callingulah be entirely in the Zemindar's hands.

3. That the level of the crest of the

callingulah be high enough to secure to him all the water in low seasons. 4. That a muchalika agreeing to these terms ~~terms~~ be taken from the ryots of Mamur by the Tahsildar. This should be given to the Zamindar.

As the Zamindar has the right to all the water the channel as it is now will carry and as it is only intended to give Mamur the surplus in floods which would otherwise have to be let off at the lower callingulah I think these terms reasonable and suggest that they be communicated to the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Range, who can take action upon them if he thinks fit. ‡ A copy of the Zamindar's yadast is herewith forwarded together with Mr. Colquhoun's plan.

I have &ca.

Sgnd/. A. G. Stuart
Ag. Sub: Collector

/ True copy /
Sgnd/. T. Subbiah
For Collector

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J. C. Wordley
Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle.

CHIEF ENGINEER
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P.W. E.6 / 2898/97

No: 1017.

Official Memorandum.

In forwarding herewith the acting Superintending Engineer's letter of the 29' ultimo, No: 811 with its enclosures, the Ag. Sub. Collector is requested to be good enough to arrange with Uthumalai Zemindar for the construction of a callingulah recommended by the D. P. W.

The Ag. Sub. Collector will observe from the papers that the ryots under Manur channel suffer considerably for want of water and the beriz under Manur tank ? has fallen from 13,981 Rs to 9,558— Remissions for waste under this tank are assuming for a permanent nature.

Pallicottah tank, a large one, dependant upon Manur channel fails also to receive its full supply of water in consequence of which claims for remissions for both waste and withered crops have been heavy for some years past.

It is very desirable both for the interest of Government and of the ryots that this irrigating channel be placed in its original condition.

Sgnd/.

(True copy)
Sgnd/. V. Subbiah
for Collector

/ True copy /

O. C. Horsley Lt. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
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FOR IRRIGATION.
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No: 282.

Palamcottah
23 October 1871.

From
The Executive Engineer
Tinnevelly

To
The Collector of
Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter No: 177 of the 31 August forwarding a letter from the Sub. Collector regarding the construction of a surplus callingulah in the Veeranam channel at a point which will admit of the water passing over this callingulah being thrown into the Chittar above the Manur anicut, I have the honor to report that I inspected the place in June last & the Manur ryots explained to me their wishes on the subject, but before going to the expense of constructing a callingulah it will be necessary to enquire and ascertain for how many days in the year, water passes over the present surplus callingulah whic is situated near the village of Veerakeralampathur. My own impression is that the quantity of water which would so pass would be so small that it could not be worthwhile to construct the Callingulah asked for.

2. I would take this opportunity of bringing to your notice the present state of the Manur Channel.

3. Manur village and tank are situated 20 miles from the anicut across the Chittar river called the Manur anicut, and therefore I conclude that the original constructors of the channel and anicut intended to provide for the supply of the large Manur tank. I find however from personal inspection at the time there was a small flood in the Chittar and water passing over the Manur anicut that no Chittar water passed beyond the 6th mile from the head. Upon this point all the villages to which the water passes by a number of sluices in the channel, belong to the Etthumalai Zamin, some of these sluices at least are of modern construction and I am of opinion that owing to the introduction of these sluices into the Channel the supply which formerly found its way into the Manur tank is now under existing circumstances drawn off by the Zamindar's sluices.

4. I feel convinced that it is but seldom any Chittar water now reaches the Manur Tank and which is thus entirely dependant for its supply upon the drainage off the low hills which it skirts for some distance, and hence the ruin of Manur Village and the decrease of wet cultivation is accounted for. Probably you will be able to ascertain from Revenue accounts whether the Zamin cultivation has increased or the Manur cultivation fell off.

5. It is also very desirable to ascertain, if possible, the dates at which the sluices in the 1st 6 miles

were built.

6. The channel requires to be completely levelled and its circumstances properly investigated. I doubt whether the drainage of the hills will ever fill the five Manur Tank. I will on the first opportunity have the channel levelled throughout.

I have &ca

Signed/ J. W. Rundall
Executive Engineer

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
12 MAR 97
No. 11672

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/True copy/
Signed/ V. Subbiah
For Collector

/True Copy/

O. V. Boddy Lt Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
VI Circle

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

No. 233 T.N

Trichinopoly, 10th March 1897.
O/11:

From Lt Col. O. V. Boddy R.E.
~~The~~ Sperintending Engineer,
6th Circle,

To

The Chief Engineer,
for Irrigation

SIR,

7 ENCLOSURES.

1. Petition bearing E. D. No: 71 T.N. d/16-10-95
1. Letter from Exe: Engineer, Tinnevelly Dn, No: 1123 dated 17-3-96.
1. Letter to Collector No: 353 T.N. d/30-3-96
1. Letter from Collector No: 2430 d/31-12-96 with
3. Enclosures

With reference to your endorsement No: 71 T.N. d/16 October 1895 (herewith returned) on petition from the ryots of Manur and other villages holding lands irrigated by Manur tank in Tinnevelly Taluq, praying of to open a sluice in the Zemindar Veeranam anicut and to construct a head sluice in the channel, I have the honour to forward copies of correspondence noted in the margin on the subject. It will be seen from the Collector's letter that he considers that no action can be

250—20.4.96

P. W. D. 6th CIRCLE.

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
6TH CIRCLE,

TO
THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

NO.

Dated, } 189 .
Received. }

Enclosure,

taken in the matter.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most obedt. Servant,

O. V. Hodley

Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg. Engineer, 6th Circle

CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.
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