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Assessment, Pro: Revenue Dept passing
orders on proposals for the revision of — on lands
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Passing orders on Board's Proceedings submitting to Government, with remarks, report from the Collector of Salem containing proposals for the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—again G.O., No. 314, Revenue, dated 6th July 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on papers regarding the revision of assessment on the lands commanded by the Barur Tank Project, Salem district.

Read—also the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 30, dated 17th January 1898 :—

Read—again Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 3599, dated 20th July 1896.

ABSTRACT.—Communicating to the Collector of Salem Government Order, Revenue, passing orders on B.P., No. 57, dated 13th April 1896, regarding irrigation under the Barur tank project.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), Mis. No. 3696, dated 25th May 1897 :—

Read—the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector and District Magistrate of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 16th March 1897, No. 1574 :—

I have the honour to submit the report called for in B.P., No. 57, dated 13th April 1896, regarding the Barur project.

2. It appears from paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 314, dated 6th July 1896, communicated in B.P., Mis. No. 3599, dated 20th idem, that the Government desires that the area irrigable by the project channels, viz., the supply channel, the east main channel, the west main channel and their branches, should be precisely determined. The Executive Engineer, Salem division, has, however, surveyed the fields under the supply channel, the east main channel and its three branches only and has furnished a statement of the extent irrigable by them. I enclose a copy of it from which it will be seen that the old wet area under these sources is 987.23 acres, that the area of dry lands cultivated with wet crops amounts to 685.10 acres and the dry convertible to wet to 2,737.29 acres in all amounting to 4,409.62 acres. The Executive Engineer has omitted to prepare a record of the fields irrigable by the west main channel and its two branches, apparently for the reason that the anticipated area under them has been exceeded (*vide* paragraph 2 of his letter, No. 84-S.E., dated 21st February 1894, read in B.P., No. 57, Revenue Settlement, dated 13th April 1896). Taking, however, the ayakat of the west main channel and its branches at 1,413 acres as estimated by the Tahsildar upon information furnished by the karnams, the total extent irrigable by the project comes to 5,822.62 acres against 6,887 estimated by Colonel Hasted.

3. Of this about 2,947 acres are actually irrigated, 2,596 acres are occupied but cultivated only with dry crops and the extent of unoccupied lands comes to 279 acres. Colonel Hasted estimated the unoccupied waste at 3,300 acres and deducting 1,065 acres on account of over-estimate, nearly 1,950 acres have since been occupied which shows beyond doubt that the ryots have not been slow to benefit by the prospects of advantageous irrigation held out to them by the project and that the trial of a peasant

settlement scheme suggested by the Chief Engineer in his letter, No. 26 I., dated 29th January 1896, is out of the question. Nevertheless, a vast extent of the irrigable area still continues to be dry and this is not due to the want of capital or labour but is ascribed by the ryots and the village officers in general to the uncertain and insufficient state of the supply by the project and especially in the tracts which have to depend upon the supply channel and the tail end of the east main channel. They say that the floods in the Pennar are of a capricious nature, that they all come in abundance in October and November, when there are rains over the tract and when they are not needed or when they are least wanted for agricultural operations, and that the supply fails them when it is required.

4. In August last, I camped at Barur and made a detailed inspection of the several channels and the tracts irrigable by them. The lands under the first six sluices of the east and the west main channels get enough of water and produce two crops, and they should be placed in group I. Those under the remaining sluices of the west main channel and its branches and undersluices Nos. 7 to 11 of the east main channel should, I think, come under group II. The supply in the supply channel to the tank varying as it does with the water in the river is defective as already reported by the Sub-Collector and all lands irrigable by it should be classed in group III as also those irrigable by the remaining sluices of the east main channel and its branches. So far as the lands last referred to are concerned, water has to come from a far. They are situated at a distance of from six to ten miles from the tank, the soil is poor and the climate feverish.

5. The ayakat under the supply channel is situated in 9 villages, and at the last settlement the wet lands were placed in

	Wet.	
Baruhalli ...	...	3rd group.
Marasarahalli ...	...	Do.
Kalavaihalli ...	...	Do.
Maruderi ...	...	Do.
Velangamudi ...	...	3rd and 5th groups.
Sellampatti ...	...	5th group.
Tellakuttaipata ...	...	3rd group.
Pungampatti ...	...	Do.
Barur ...	...	4th group.

group III with the exception of those in Sellampatti which were placed in group V. I do not think the irrigation of these lands has materially improved by the project and it will be hard to impose higher rates. At any rate I think the classification may stand until the next general settlement which must take place about the year 1903. The proposal brings in an additional revenue of about Rs. 3,000.

I enclose a fieldwar statement which I had worked out in my office, showing the present assessment, and the amounts at the third and the first class rates in respect of the lands under the supply channel. At the first group rates, the amount comes to Rs. 9,385 or Rs. 2,770 more than under the third group. The financial effect of my proposals under the other channels cannot be reported on as the Executive Engineer has not noted in his statement the fields irrigable by the several sluices of the east main channel and its branches. I have not thought it necessary to delay this report any longer on that account as I have been able to answer the main question asked, viz., as to the financial results of re-grouping the lands under the supply channel.

6. I beg to add that the Executive Engineer has since written to say that the fields irrigable by the west main channel have since been plotted on village maps, and that 3,012.35 acres are commanded by the east main channel and 1,200 acres by the west main channel. These figures are at variance with those reported above. I have made a reference to him and shall address the Board again on receipt of his reply.

Resolution—Mis. No. 3696, dated 25th May 1897.

The Collector is requested to report the financial results of his proposals in regard to the lands under the west and east main channels also, after obtaining the necessary information from the Executive Engineer. He is also requested to submit a statement showing all the unoccupied wet and dry lands under the three channels, immediately liable to enhancement of assessment.

2. The following discrepancies noticed in the statement showing the financial results of the proposed re-grouping of lands under the "supply" channel should be explained.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Collector of Salem.

Copy to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Read—also the following letter from C. H. MOUNSEY, Esq., Acting Collector of Salem, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 15th November 1897, No. 6038:—

With reference to B.P., No. 3696, dated 25th May 1897, I have the honour to submit, herewith, abstract statements showing the financial results of my proposals regarding the classification of lands under the Barur project. The revision cannot be applied until the next settlement in the case of wet lands classed as such and occupied from before the project; these lands amount to 1,327.45 acres assessed at Rs. 7,504-10-0. The lands, the assessment on which can be revised, are—

(b) Wet lands classed as such prior to the construction of the project which have since been occupied or still remain as waste;

(c) Dry lands which have since been transferred to wet or are irrigated with water from the project;

(d) Dry lands occupied from before the project came into existence to which the revised rates may be applied, if the pattadars consent to their transfer to wet; and

(e) Other dry lands.

Applying the rates proposed, viz.,—

Barur project supply channel ... 3rd-class rates.
East and west main channels, sluices 1 to 6 ... 1st-class rates.
The remaining sluices (7 to 10) of the west main channel ... 2nd-class rates.
East main channel, 7 to 11 sluices ... Do.
Do. 12 to 23 sluices ... 3rd-class rates.
Branch channels of the east main channel ... Do.

the results are as summarized in the subjoined statement:—

Irrigation source.	Mamul wet lands occupied from before the project.		Wet lands classed as such prior to the construction of the project which have since been occupied or still remain as podugal.		Dry lands since transferred to wet and irrigated with water to which the revision applies.	
	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Supply channel and the east and west main channels	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Supply channel	7,504 10 0	7,504 10 0	100 12 0	100 12 0	142 10 0	611 13 0
East and west main channels, sluices 1 to 6	..	..	75 4 0	126 14 0	606 11 0	4,230 4 0
West main channel, sluices 7 to 10, and east main channel, sluices 7 to 11	..	..	8 8 0	15 6 0	327 15 0	1,812 2 0
East main channel, sluices 12 to 23, branch channels	..	..	94 9 0	146 0 0	125 5 0	640 3 0
Total ..	7,504 10 0	7,504 10 0	279 1 0	389 0 0	1,202 9 0	7,294 6 0

Irrigation source.	Dry lands occupied from before the project to which the revised rates may be applied if the pattadars consent.		Other dry lands to which the revision applies.		Total.	
	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Supply channel and the east and west main channels	595 10 0	2,887 1 0	83 8 0	398 11 0	7,504 10 0	7,504 10 0
Supply channel	..	..	..	..	922 8 0	3,998 5 0
East and west main channels, sluices 1 to 6	172 1 0	1,211 3 0	20 10 0	153 13 0	874 10 0	5,722 2 0
West main channel, sluices 7 to 10, and east main channel, sluices 7 to 11	156 11 0	900 15 0	26 11 0	168 0 0	519 13 0	2,896 7 0
East main channel, sluices 12 to 23, branch channels	1,134 2 0	5,411 15 0	73 12 0	429 2 0	1,427 12 0	6,627 4 0
Total ..	2,058 8 0	10,411 2 0	204 9 0	1,149 10 0	11,249 5 0	26,748 12 0

Excluding the mamul wet lands occupied from before the project to which the revision cannot now be applied, the proposal may bring in about Rs. 15,500 extra.

2. A statement showing the total unoccupied wet and dry area in each village under the project is enclosed. The fieldwar details of these unoccupied lands, which are presumably what the Board wants, have not been furnished by the Tahsildar and they have been called for.

3. The total irrigable area, according to the register prepared by the Public Works Department, is 5,793.96 acres, but the correct extent is 5,795.85, the difference, which is trifling, being due to clerical errors in the Public Works Department register.

4. With reference to the discrepancies pointed out in paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings under reply, I beg to state that they are mostly due to rounding incorrectly. The calculations were not revised as the statement was intended to show approximately the financial effect of my proposal and not intended for adoption without further scrutiny.

5. The following records are enclosed:—

(1) Five files of fieldwar statements marked A, B, C, D and E prepared in the taluk office.

(2) Fieldwar statement prepared by the Public Works Department, No. I.

(3) Do. do. do. II.

(4) Statement of water-supply.

(5) Statement showing the irrigable area with ventwar details.

Resolution—No. 30, dated 17th January 1898.

The papers read above, which contain the proposals of the Collector of Salem for revising the assessment on lands commanded by the Barur project, will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O., No. 314, dated 6th July 1896.

2. The area commanded by the project has been surveyed by the Public Works Department and ascertained to be acres 5,795.85.

3. The Collector classifies the irrigable area under the following five heads:—

(i) Wet lands under occupation from before the project	ACS.	
(ii) Wet lands classed as such before the construction of the project and since occupied or still remaining waste	...	1,327.45
(iii) Dry lands occupied from before the project	...	111.02
(iv) Dry lands since transferred to wet or irrigated	...	2,617.11
(v) Other dry lands commanded by the project	...	1,364.51
		375.76
Total	...	5,795.85

4. In B.P., No. 720, dated 18th December 1888, it was stated that, as the project belongs to class I—Works for which Capital and Revenue accounts are kept—lands commanded by it should be assessed at first-class rates. The Collector, however, considers that this enhancement should be made only in respect of lands under the reports, receive full irrigation and are double-cropped. He proposes to place the lands under the remaining sluices of the west main channel and its branches and those gable by the remaining sluices of the east main channel under class II, while lands irrigated by the remaining sluices of the east main channel and its branches should, he considers, be placed in the third class as they are situated at a distance of 6 to 10 miles from the tank and as the soil is poor and the climate feverish. In regard to the supply channel, the defective nature of its irrigation has been alluded to in the papers printed in B.P., No. 57, dated 13th April 1896, and the Collector is of opinion that the irrigation of the lands under that channel has not been materially improved by the project, and that it would be hard to raise their grouping: he would place all the lands commanded by this channel in the third class, which is the classification adopted at settlement for the bulk of these lands. The Board considers that these proposals may be approved.

5. In calculating the financial results of the above proposals, it has to be remembered that, during the currency of the existing settlement, no enhancement of assessment can be made on wet lands under occupation from before settlement, while as regards dry lands the change can be effected only in cases where the pattadars consent and, in the absence of such consent, all that can be done is to charge water-rate if the lands are irrigated. The financial effect of applying the revised rates to the several items specified in paragraph 3 above, except item I, is shown below:—

Items.	Extent.	Present assessment.	Proposed assessment.	Increase.
1	2	3	4	5
(a) Wet lands classed as such prior to the construction of the project and since occupied or waste	ACS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
(b) Dry lands occupied from before the project	111.02	279 1 0	389 0 0	109 15 0
(c) Dry lands since transferred to wet or irrigated	2,617.11	2,058 8 0	10,411 2 0	8,352 10 0
(d) Other dry lands to which the revision applies	1,364.51	1,202 9 0	7,294 6 0	6,091 13 0
	375.76	204 9 0	1,149 10 0	945 1 0
Total	4,468.40	3,744 11 0	19,244 2 0	15,499 7 0

If Government approves of these proposals, the Collector will be instructed to give effect to them immediately.

6. The figures shown in column 5 of the statement above represent only the possible increase of revenue. The actual increase which will be secured when the new rates are introduced is not ascertainable from the Collector's statements. He will be requested to furnish the information under each of the heads specified.

7. It is presumed that the unoccupied area of acres 278.50 shown in the statement referred to in paragraph 2 of the Collector's letter is included in the statements showing the financial results.

8. It is observed that village No. 62, Bandaraballi, according to the settlement register, is entered as "Santharapalli" in one of the statements received with the Collector's letter, as "Banthrapalli" in another statement, and as "Pantharapalli" in a third.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAH,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with original enclosures to be returned.

" Collector of Salem.
" Chief Engineer.
" Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

ORDER—No. 153, Revenue, dated 14th March 1898.

Irrigation No. 2.

The Collector's proposals, regarding the revision of the assessment on the lands commanded by the Barur project, are approved, and the further report called for in paragraph 6 of the Board's Proceedings as to the actual increase of revenue which will be secured on the introduction of the new rates, is awaited.

2. With reference to the remarks of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in his note, dated the 29th January 1896, No. 26-L., the attention of the Public Works Department will be drawn to paragraph 3 of Mr. Mounsey's letter No. 1574, dated 16th March 1897.

(True Extract.)

Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement,
Land Records and Agriculture), with enclosures.
" Public Works Department.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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