

Public Works (1899) Department.

✓ G.O., No. 515 I
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DATED 22 June 1899

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No. 516 I., 22ND JUNE 1899.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

LETTER—from

W. HUGHES, Esq.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Irrigation Branch,

To

THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

SIR,

With reference to clause V of the rules agreed to by this Government in letter No. 192, Political, dated 17th March 1892, which related to the conditions under which this Government agreed to the construction of the marginally-noted reservoirs in Mysore territory, I am directed to inform you that no arrangement was made in 1892 for the communication to this Government of the date of the completion of each of the works in question, and that this information is required for the consideration of the question of compensation. The Collector of Cuddapah states that in reply to a communication addressed by him to the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar on the subject of the date of completion of the Venkatesasagaram reservoir he has been informed that application should be made to you. In these circumstances I am directed to address you for information as to the precise dates when each of the above works was completed.

1. Srinivasasagaram reservoir.
2. Ramasamudram "
3. Venkatesasagaram "

2. I am also to ask that the period allowed in clause V of the rules referred to above for preferring claims for compensation may be extended to the close of fasli 1312 (30th June 1903).

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Joint Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

OOTACAMUND,
22nd June 1899.

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IRRIGATION.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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READ—the following paper:—

Reference of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), B. No. 131, dated 7th April 1899.

Read endorsement of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, &c., Department), No. 627, Routine, dated 16th March 1899, transferring to the Land Revenue Department letter from H. O. D. Harding, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, Ref. No. 674 B. & G./98, dated 22nd February 1899.

Reference B. No. 131, dated 7th April 1899.

In G.O., No. 162 I., dated 18th February 1892, the Madras Government accepted certain rules proposed by the Mysore Durbar regarding the restoration and construction of irrigation works in Mysore which were likely to affect similar works in this Presidency. Under this Government Order the Mysore Government was precluded from undertaking without the consent of the Government of Madras any works which might prejudicially affect the irrigation of Government lands in this Presidency. Government at the same time consented to the construction of certain specified new irrigation reservoirs, but a proviso was added in the case of the three works noted in

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| (3) Venkatesasagara | reservoir | across | the | supply of water caused by the construction |
| Papaghni. | | | | of the said works, will be referred to |
- the Government of India whose decision will be accepted as final, and should such compensation be decided to be admissible, the decision of the Government of India as to the amount thereof will be accepted after submission to them of the claims of Madras which would be preferred in full detail within a period of five years after the completion of the said works." Accordingly the Collectors of Anantapur and Cuddapah were requested in the marginally-noted Proceedings to report on the effect of these works on the supply to the river-fed tanks in their districts.

2. In September 1896 the Collector of Anantapur submitted a report on the Ramasamudram reservoir. The report did not make it clear that a claim for compensation would be admissible; but the Collector, Mr. Manavedan Raja, suggested that the Mysore authorities should be moved to consent to an extension of the time within which compensation can be claimed, mainly because there was no certainty that the

succeeding four or five years would be years of normal rainfall and comparisons of the supply received would be of no value unless the period taken into account were considerably extended. The Collector's report was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for favour of his remarks with Board's Proceedings, Mis. No. 5426, dated 5th December 1896. The Chief Engineer's observations were received in March 1898 and communicated to the Collector with the request that a report might be furnished immediately after the close of fasli 1307, as regards the revenue under the affected tanks for a series of years and the statistics of rainfall in the catchment area for each of those years. He was also requested to submit a similar report on the tanks affected by the Srinivasasagaram reservoir.

3. In January 1897 the Collector of Cuddapah submitted a report on the Venkatesasagaram reservoir which was also communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The Collector was at the same time requested to report again after the close of fasli 1306, as the figures for that fasli were not quoted by him. No reply was however received from him, and in June last he was requested to draw up his report on the lines indicated in paragraph 2 *supra*. The paper read at the head of these Proceedings contains the Collector's revised report. He states that the statistics of rainfall in the catchment area are not available and the data of yearly revenue and remissions furnished by him are not such as to justify a claim to compensation: in other words, Government has not suffered in revenue owing to the construction of the Venkatesasagaram reservoir. But it is possible that the diminution of water-supply may have been such as to increase the ryots' cost of cultivation though not to cause loss of revenue to Government; and Mr. Harding's conclusions being based on one year's figures are in any case open to doubt.

4. It will be seen from the approximate dates quoted in the margin that the period of limitation agreed upon between the Madras and Mysore Governments (*vide* paragraph 1 *supra*) has already expired in the case of the Srinivasasagaram reservoir and the greater portion of it in the case of the remaining two works, but it has not yet been possible for the Board to

Name of the Irrigation Work.	Probable date of completion.
1. Srinivasasagaram reservoir	April 1893.
2. Ramasamudram "	June 1895.
3. Venkatesasagaram "	" "

prefer any claim for compensation on behalf of the Madras Government. This result is partly due to the fact that no arrangement was made in 1892 for the communication to this Government of the date of completion of each of the works in question. In 1894 the Board directed the Collector of Cuddapah to apply to the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the division for information as to the date of completion of the Venkatesasagaram reservoir. The Collector in his report read above, states that in reply to a communication addressed by him to the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar on the subject, he has been informed that application should be made to the British Resident in Mysore. In these circumstances the Board requests that the Government will be pleased to address the British Resident for information as to the precise dates when each of the above works was completed. The Board also recommends for the favourable consideration of Government the suggestion made by Mr. Manavedan Raja as Collector of Anantapur, viz., that the period allowed in clause V of the rules printed in G.O., No. 162 I., dated 18th February 1892, for preferring claims for compensation should be extended to the close of fasli 1312.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Ag. Secretary.

Mis. No. 1820, Revenue.

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

(By order.)

OOTACAMUNT,
18th May 1899.

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

No. 515 I., 22ND JUNE 1899.

ORDER—No. 515 I., dated 22nd June 1899.

Ordered that the following letter be addressed to the Resident in Mysore.

[Here enter No. 516 I., dated 22nd June 1899.]

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with copy of letter.
" Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IRRIGATION BRANCH.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following

Re - Construction of Reservoirs in the
Mysore Territory -

Proc. Board of Res., Land Res., N. 131,
of 7. April/99.

Res Dept endorsement, N. 1820, of 18 May/99

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addressed to the

Resident in Mysore -

To
The Secretary to Govt,
Res Dept, for forwarding
of counter initials

To No. 516 I. of 22.6.99

The Resident in Mysore.

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To The Chief Engr to the
Super Engr to the
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Rev. Secy.

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Revenue (189⁹) Department.

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From

The Board of Revenue Land
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Ref. B. No. 131.

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W. M. J. on 10th April

Ag. Under Secretary to Government.

Dated 7th April 1899.

Received 10th April. ---

Registered 21.6.99

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18th May 1899 }

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The P.W.D. (I) with notes in original.
" Board of Revenue. L.R.

Addressing Government on cer--
tain points connected with the claim
to compensation for loss of revenue
caused to Government by the con--
struction of certain reservoirs in
the Mysore territory.

SUBJECT.

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BACK PAPERS.

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Lance Davidson

Ag. Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

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The question as to whether claims for Compensation could be made out in the three cases referred to was in the note flagged A. (which was submitted to the Rev. Dep.) made to depend on the result of certain reports and the collection of certain information in the Rev. Dep.

The only additional information now furnished is that given by the Collector of Customs who with reference to the third case to the effect that Govt. has not suffered in revenue owing to the construction of the work -

The Secy. to Govt. Rev. Dep. U.S.

Rev. Dep. seem the no objection in the Rev. Dep. to the Resident being asked for the date of completion of the works and to the date of the report furnished

On 11/1/09

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Revenue Department

The B.P. may now be formally
transferred to the P.W. D. (2)
for the necessary action.

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See please see the P.W.D. note
above. Also was I submitted

agree. The Resident should
presumably be addressed in
the P.W.D. as on the previous
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To the cis

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