Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 796 Pt

Dated 16 September 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Lands - Hon: Rev: Dept to state that the Board's presumption, that the ~~land~~ under the Rompeon project should not be disposed of until the completion of the Perak drainage is correct, commund to the Minister concerned

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SUBJECT.

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G.O., No. 364, 8th June 1899.

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Romperu Project.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation regarding the disposal of waste lands under the —, in Kistna district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Reference of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899 :—

Read—letter from R. MORRIS, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Kistna, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 15th November 1898, R. C. No. 331-General of 1898.

Reference—No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

In his letter read above, the Collector of Kistna recommends the immediate allotment or sale by public auction of the waste land commanded by the Romperu project in the Kistna district. It is stated that, in consultation with the Public Works Department, it was first decided that the disposal of this land should be deferred pending the completion of the project, but now there is no prospect of the work being finished in the near future and the land is in demand for cultivation. If sold as irrigable on the completion of the project, it will no doubt fetch a much higher price than is likely to be realized under existing conditions, but Mr. Morris is of opinion that the difference will be less than the accumulated assessment for the period which must elapse before irrigation is rendered practicable. The Executive Engineer suggests that the lands may be assigned on temporary pattas, but the Collector does not approve of this course. He observes that the holders of the temporary pattas are apt to exhaust the lands by reason of the uncertainty of their tenure and that it would be impolitic to sell the lands over their heads after they have been in occupation for several years.

Name of village.	Extent of land. Acs.
Mulapalem	1,218
Jammulapalem	609
Kankatapalem	931
Murukondapad	3,404
Ipurupalem	5,121
Vada	632
Perala	2,261
Chirala	1,561
Kodavalivaripalem	1,826
Anumalli Vetapalem	1,701
Ravurpet	89
Santharavur	592
Karunchedu...	2,057
Swarna	1,679
	23,681
Extent of the proposed forest reserve.	7,480
	16,201

2. The previous correspondence on the subject of the Romperu project is not traceable among the records of this office and the Board has no information as to whether it is impracticable for Government to provide for the speedy completion of the project. This would seem desirable unless financial or other considerations render it out of the question.

3. It will be seen from Board's Proceedings, No. 2831, dated 28th July 1897, that in the case of the lands commanded by the Periyár project in the Madura district, temporary pattas were granted between the years 1886 and 1890 and that the pattadars were subsequently given the option of retaining the lands on payment of the average auction rate realized for the lands sold. As regards the lands under the Peddalanka channel, in the Kistna district, the Board first approved of the assignment of plots for temporary cultivation, and ordered the postponement of the sale pending resettlement; but subsequently the Collector having reported that the resettlement was not likely to be concluded before 1899, the Board ordered the sale of the lands to be proceeded with, on the ground that it would be unadvisable to allow ryots to occupy land on temporary pattas for a period of three years and then sell the occupancy right by auction.

4. The Board considers that if, as stated by the Collector, there is no likelihood of the Romperu project being completed in two or three years, and the demand for land for dry cultivation is very keen, the lands may be disposed of in accordance with the principles laid down in paragraph 5 of G.O., No. 732, dated 17th October 1894, the extent to be assigned to the villagers under clause (1) of the paragraph last referred to being regulated with reference to the maximum limit of 50 per cent. of the assessment of the existing holding of each ryot (*vide* G.O., No. 569, dated 4th August 1894). In the case of the auction purchasers, it should be stipulated that so much of the lands as may be required for channels and roads should be given upon payment of the proportionate part of the purchase-money, while in the case of lands which might be assigned gratis, the grantees should be warned that portions required for channels, &c., will be taken up without compensation except for crops actually standing on the ground.

(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endorsement Mis. No. 437.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of very early remarks.

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

30th January 1899.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch).

Read—the following endorsement by W. HUGHES, Esq., Joint Secretary to Government, Irrigation Branch, dated 1st May 1899, No. 93-D.

Read—the following note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 1st May 1899.

With reference to Board's Reference (Land Revenue), No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899, relating to the irrigation of the Romperu swamp as there appears to be much misconception as to the action of the Perali drain when completed, I enclose a copy of G.O., No. 599-I., dated 22nd July 1896, which contains the Executive Engineer's report explaining the anticipated effect of the drain. It will be observed that the object is to render irrigable the portion of the swamp above the bed of the Perali drain or a length of about seven miles and that is uncertain how far this will be effected. As the bed of the new drain will be 4 feet below swamp level, ordinary drainage should be got rid of without difficulty, but the level of very high floods will not be much reduced. The duration of such floods will, however, be much lessened and there is therefore reason to expect that if the crops are planted out in good time they will not be submerged long enough to injure them materially, while in most years they will not suffer at all. In my opinion the five square miles of land referred to in paragraph 9 of the Executive Engineer's report, dated 2nd November 1895, may be safely given out for wet cultivation when the drain is completed. As to the remaining area of the swamp it is impossible at present to guarantee that any portion of it can be effectively drained.

2. The railway officers have not as yet sent in an estimate for the bridge over the drain. Until it is received I cannot say whether Government will sanction the completion of the drainage project. I think, however, it is likely to be carried out within the next two or three years.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Irrigation Branch.

Endorsement No. 93-D, dated 1st May 1899.

Transferred to the Revenue Department with reference to its Endorsement, Mis. No. 437, dated 30th January 1899.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Read—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 1278, Routine dated 18th May 1899.

Abstract.—Requesting early orders on Board's Reference, No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

Order—No. 364, Revenue, dated 8th June 1899.

Irrigation No. 7.

The Chief Engineer's note will be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to its Reference, No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with copy of G.O., No. 599 I., dated 22nd July 1896.

Exd. Shaik Karim.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Rev: Land Revenue, Misc.No.2411, dated 28th July 1899, on letter from the Collector of Kistna, R.C.No.331/genl. of 1898 dated 10th July 1899.

Resolution:-

The Board presumes that in communicating the Chief Engineer's note with Government Order No.364, dated 8th June 1899, Government intended that the lands under the Romperu Project should not be disposed of until the completion of the Perali drain, which, it is expected, will take two or three years more.

2. A copy of Government Order No.399 I dated 22nd July 1896, will be furnished to the Collector as requested.

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O r d e r thereon Misc.No.3217 Rev: dated 6th September 1899.

The Board's presumption is correct.

(True Extract).

A Tremenheere
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, L.R.
Copy to the P. W. Dept (I) with copy of G.O.No.364 Revenue, dated 8th June 1899.