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Political (1897) Department.

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ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 539

DATED 15-8-99.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Forwarding to the Secretary to the Government of India, for the necessary action, proof sheets of a joint local enquiry into the causes of the grievances of Periyar cultivators, which was made by the officers of this State in connection with the Periyar Lease; and claimed by the Madras Government under the terms of the

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IRRIGATION.

Government (1899) of Madras.

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G.O., No. 648 I., 28th July 1899.

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Order No. 5899/15.8-99

Comm^d to the President in Lg C for the necessary action with reference to para 2 of the P.W. proc.

JWC 11/8/99. Cmf 11/8/99.

The Secretary to Lg C. (Spare)

Levels of the ground at Periyar

Considering that a joint local verification of the—should be made by the officers of this Government and of the Travancore State in connection with the additional rent now claimed by the Darbar under the terms of the Periyár lease, and issuing orders accordingly.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

Read—the following papers :—

From J. D. REES, Esq., C.I.E., Resident in Travancore, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Munnar, 10th May 1898, Ref. A. on C. No. 1283.

With reference to the endorsement of the Public Works Department, dated 5th October 1896, No. 3929 C., communicated with G.O., No. 717, Political, dated 7th idem, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that the Periyár lake at Contour 155 was finally surveyed last year by the Survey Department of the Sirkar and was found to cover an area of 9,202 acres and 99 cents. As under the lease the Darbar is entitled to an annual acreage rent of Rs. 5 for every acre of land in excess of 8,000 acres, the Dewan calculates that a sum of Rs. 6,014-15-2 is due to the Sirkar annually from the 10th October 1895 over and above the Rs. 40,000 now paid. He requests therefore that he may be permitted to deduct from the subsidy for May 1898 the arrears of Rs. 12,029-14-4 due at this rate for the years 1895-96 and 1896-97, and to deduct from the subsidy payable in October every year the whole of the rent of Rs. 46,014-15-2 as now ascertained to be due instead of the Rs. 40,000 sanctioned by Government. Copy of his application in this behalf, as well as the area list and map therein mentioned, is herewith submitted for the perusal of Government.

2. I am not sure whether Government will accept the measurement without verification by its own Public Works or Survey officers. I am therefore requesting the Dewan to adhere to present arrangements as to payment of subsidy pending the receipt of the sanction of Government for the deduction of the excess sum of Rs. 6,014-15-2 now claimed.

3. In the Dewan's letter and in the area list, reference is made to an area of 75 acres and 64 cents required for the erection and preservation of the irrigation works. No payment is due on account of this area, nor is any demanded, but under G.O., No. 92 I., dated 2nd February last, communicated with Political order, Mis. B. No. 143, dated 25th idem, lands to the extent of 99·5 acres will shortly be transferred to Government.

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No. 1158, Political.

Referred to the Public Works Department (Irrigation).

(Signed) A. T. ARUNDEL,
18th May 1898. Chief Secretary.

Memorandum to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 29th July 1898, No. VI 73 M.D.

The accompanying tracing showing coloured blue the waterspread of the Periyár reservoir at + 144 is forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, with request that he will be good enough to have the levels of the narrow tongues of land at A and B checked as soon as possible. As the Travancore Government now claim compensation for the area coloured lake on the grounds that it is an island or islands in being within the contour + 155.

(Signed) J. C. LARMINIE,
Ag. Chief Engr. for Irrigation.

From the Officer in charge of Dindigul Sub-division, to the Executive Engineer, Madura division, dated 25th August 1898, No. (Camp.) Y :—

[Your No. 1119-S., dated 16th August 1898.]

In returning the tracing received with the above, I beg to submit levels taken of the tongues to land A and B, which show clearly that these lands are higher than the 155 feet contour line. I beg also to submit on a separate sheet levels taken by me at places marked C and D. The land at C is higher than 155 feet contour, but that at D is lower, the highest point being only 143·01.

Cross sections are also given. The land at D may be bunded across if considered necessary.

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No. 325 S.E.

Forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with reference to his No. 1093-M.D., dated 6th August 1898.

2. It will be observed that a portion, about one-half of the area in question, is an island and the remainder peninsulas.

3. The cost of making a bund 20 feet wide at the top connecting the island with the mainland would be about Rs. 600 at Rs. 6 per unit.

(Signed) T. W. S. SMYTH,
30th August 1898. Executive Engineer, Madura Division.

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No. 1229 M.D.

Copy forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with reference to his Memo. No. VI/73 M.D., dated 29th July 1898.

The island can be connected with the mainland by a bank at D, at a cost of about Rs. 600, which would be more economical than paying Rs. 5 per acre per annum for the island.

(Signed) O. V. BODDY, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
7th September 1898. Suptg. Engineer, VI Circle.

Order—No. 648 I., dated 28th July 1899.

The Government observes that the area of 1,202 acres 99 cents for which additional rent is now claimed under the terms of the Periyár lease by the Travancore Darbar, approximately corresponds with the area of three tracts of land shown as islands on the Travancore map, but which are shown as peninsulas on the British map showing the contour of the lake at level 150 feet or 5 feet below the contour finally agreed upon as the boundary of the area leased. The names and areas of three islands referred to as given in the Travancore map are :—

		Acs.
Munyapanjan Island	No. 27, area	255
Nellikampatti	do. 26, „	352·99
Do.	do. 2, „	901·61

According to levels submitted by the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, the two first-named tracts are connected to the mainland by tongues of land higher than the level 155, and the third would become an island when water rose to 145·01. The latter result is at variance with the British survey showing the same place to be above 150, and the levels in connection with the two first-named tracts are at variance with the Travancore survey.

2. In view of the pecuniary importance of accurately determining the levels of the ground at these places, the Government considers it desirable that a joint local verification by the officers of this Government and of the Travancore State should be made. With this object the Resident in Travancore and Cochin will be addressed in the Political Department. Should this proposal meet with the approval of the Travancore Darbar, the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, will depute an officer to meet the officer appointed to the duty of verification by that State.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government,
Irrigation Branch.

SECRETARIAT
9 AUG 1899
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Resident in Travancore and Cochin, through the Political Department.

Exd. A. Ranganawmy Aiyangar.

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