

Public Works (1899) Department.

G.O., No. 1072-9

DATED 18 Dec 1899.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Spinning mill at Papanasam, Diinuvolly
St. . Proo: Rev. Sectt passing orders
on Messrs. Harvey's representations
for the revision of the terms laid down
by Govt for the continuance of the
water supply to the —, commd to the
officers concerned.

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dated 7th September 1899, the Co-Revenue Department, to
 modify these terms in certain material respects on the
 Proceedings of the Madras Government. Managers in
 behalf of the Tinnevely Mills Company.

2. It was also ordered in G.O. No. 601 Revenue, dated
 7th September 1899, that a lump charge of Rs. 12,000
 Read again

G. O. No. 174 A., Revenue, dated 10th March
 should be paid for the use of the water by the
 1899.

" 283	"	" 1st May 1899.
" 3076	"	" 25th Aug. 1899.
" 601	"	" 7th Sep. 1899.
" 3646	"	" 16th Oct. 1899.
" 4029	"	" 16th Novr. 1899.

Read letters from the Collector of Tinnevely,
 dated 4th and 11th November 1899.

" telegram to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated
 30th November 1899.

" telegram to the Superintending Engineer, VI
 Circle, dated 30th November 1899.

" telegram to Messrs. Harvey, dated 30th Novr.
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explained " letters from Messrs. A & F. Harvey, Tuticorin,
 dated 29th November and 1st Decr. 1899.

ORDER thereon, No. 821 Revenue, d/ 6th December 1899.

In its Order No. 174 A., Revenue, dated 10th
 March 1899, the Government laid down the terms under which
 the concession allowed to the Spinning Mill at Papanasam
 since its opening to utilise the water-power of the Tam-
 braparni river, would be continued. In G.O. No. 601 Rev.,

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force from 7 to 14 years.

6. The Government considers that the terms laid down by G.O. No. 601, dated 7th September 1899 subject to the modifications now ordered are as liberal as they can be made in the interests of both the Company and the general tax-payer, and trusts that they will be accepted by the Company without further delay.

(True extract)

H. S. S. S. S.

for Secretary to Government.

G.O., No. 821, 8th December 1899

- To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement.
 - " " Land Revenue.
 - " Public Works Department (Irrigation)
 - " Collector of Tinnevely.
 - " Managers, Tinnevely Mills Company.
- through the Collector of Tinnevely.

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that any (necessary) should be said before the 8th instant, the date to which the execution of the order to cut off the water supply has been postponed. As information to that effect with a short statement of the substantial modifications now conceded by Government will be communicated to the Company by telegram.

3. (i) With regard to the minimum discharge to be reserved for the fall the Government must maintain the local-standing decision confirmed by the right Honourable the Secretary of State that this shall be discharge should be 15 cubic feet per second. The discretion now vested in the Superintending Engineer to reduce this minimum discharge during the dry season to 10 cubic feet per second will however be continued and his Excellency in Council is further pleased to allow the Superintending Engineer the additional discretion of restricting the discharge during any period of the year to 7 1/2 cubic feet per second.

(ii) The question as to the difference of the supply during the hot and cold seasons ceases to be of importance owing to the discretionary power vested in the Superintending Engineer.

(iii) With regard to the annual payment his Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to reduce the annual charge to be paid by the Company for the use of the water from Rs. 10,000 per annum to Rs. 7,500 subject to the condition that a proportionate increase will be made in the charge for any increase in the number of spinners over the 18,544 spinners now running.

(iv) The Government is pleased to extend the period during which the present conditions shall be in

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DECEMBER.

Spinning Mill at Papanasam.

Passing orders on a representation from Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Managers of the Tinnevely Mills Company, for modification of the terms laid down by the Government for the supply of water from the Tambaraparni river for the —.

Force from 7 to 14 years.
The Government considers that the terms laid down by G.O. No. 801, dated 7th September 1899 and subject to the modifications now ordered are as liberal as they can be made in the interests of both the Company and the general tax-payer, and trusts that they will be accepted by the Company without further delay.
(True Extract)

[Signature]

for Secretary to Government.

to the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement,
Land Revenue,
Public Works Department (Irrigation)
Collector of Tinnevely,
Managers, Tinnevely Mills Company,
through the Collector of Tinnevely.

[Signature]

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—again G.O., No. 174A., Revenue, dated 10th March 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on the question of the charge to be made for the water supplied to the Spinning Mill at Pápanásam worked by the Tinnevely Mills Company, the period of ten years for which a free grant was made having expired by the 31st August 1895.

READ—again G.O., No. 283, Revenue, dated 1st May 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Considering that the lump charge of Rs. 12,000 per annum ordered in G.O., No. 174A., Revenue, dated 10th March 1899, to be made for all water taken by the Tinnevely Mills Company pending the execution of the agreement to be entered into with it and the construction of regulating works, should be collected by monthly instalments of Rs. 1,000.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 3076, Revenue, dated 25th August 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Approving the Board's instructions to the Collector of Tinnevely as to how the charge for water supplied to the Spinning Mill at Pápanásam may be collected.

READ—again G.O., No. 601, Revenue, dated 7th September 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Passing orders on a memorandum drawn up by Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Managers on behalf of the Tinnevely Mills Company, in respect of the supply of water from the Tambraparni river to the Spinning Mill at Pápanásam worked by the company.

READ—again G.O., Mis. No. 3646, Revenue, dated 16th October 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Recording, with remarks, letter from the Collector of Tinnevely reporting that a copy of G.O., No. 601, dated 7th September 1899, was communicated to Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, and that they have informed him that they await the instructions of their shareholders in England.

READ—again G.O., No. 4029, Revenue, dated 16th November 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Recording letter from the Collector of Tinnevely reporting that the Managers of the Tinnevely Mills Company have not paid the amount charged for the use of water supplied to the mills and that they have been allowed time till 1st December 1899.

READ—also the following letter from J. P. BEDFORD, Esq., Acting Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 4th November 1899, R. Dis. No. 204-Ver. :—

With reference to paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 601, Revenue, dated 7th September 1899, I have the honour to submit herewith for orders copy of a letter received from Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Managers of the Tinnevely Mills Company, Pápanásam, making some further representation as regards the conditions imposed on their right to utilize the water of the Tambraparni river for their mills.

COPY of letter from the Managers of the Tinnevely Mills Company, Pápanásam, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 1st November 1899.

With further reference to our letter to you, dated 18th September last, and to G.O., Press No. 601, dated 7th September 1899, regarding the water-supply to the Tinnevely Mills at Pápanásam, while expressing the company's thanks for the modifications made in G.O., No. 174A., Revenue, dated 10th March 1899, we regret that the company is unable to assent to the terms proposed by Government.

Quantity to go over falls.—We stated the position of the company in the memorandum which the Government has received with the despatch from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for India, dated 8th June 1899, and we again call attention to the fact that for thirteen years the company has taken from the river sufficient water to drive the mill without injuring any single individual or interest. The restrictions which the Government now proposes to enforce will prove fatal to the industry without in the slightest degree benefiting the Government or any one.

Charge proposed to be made for water.—We beg to supplement our previous representations by respectfully submitting to Government a comparative statement which we enclose showing the charges actually paid to the Government of Bombay by the Gokak Water-power and Manufacturing Company, Limited, compared with the charges which the Government of Madras proposes should be paid by the Tinnevely Mills Company, Limited.

Government Right to stop supply.—Giving full weight to the concluding sentence of paragraph 4 of G.O., Press No. 601, dated 7th September 1899, the company will not press further for any modification of this condition.

Revision of charges in seven years.—The company begs respectfully to submit that this is too short a period. At the present moment the company has the question under consideration of renewing a large part of the plant with new machinery provided with the latest improvements. This will involve an outlay of many thousands of pounds sterling, and the shareholders refuse to carry this out without a more extended tenure than seven years.

There are therefore three points the company most respectfully submits for the further favourable consideration of the Government:

- (1) The minimum quantity of water to be allowed to go over the falls during the dry season.
- (2) The charges payable to Government for the water supplied to the company.
- (3) The revision of the charges in seven years.

The company earnestly hopes that the Government will again consider these three points, and most respectfully submits that the present proposals, if carried out, will involve great hardship not only on the company but even more deeply on its numerous employes who will be deprived of steady employment, and the more so that the work in the mill unfortunately unfits them for anything else.

Conditions made by the Government of Bombay for water supplied to the Gokak Mill compared with those proposed by the Government of Madras for water supplied to the Tinnevely Mills :—

Gokak Mill.

Rupees 213 per cubic foot per annum for 68 cubic feet per second.
61,576 spindles driven at an annual cost of Rs. 14,484 = 4.25 spindles per rupee.
Government of Bombay guarantees the supply for the whole year.

Tinnevely Mill.

Rupees 525 per cubic foot per annum for 20 cubic feet per second.
16,544 spindles driven at an annual cost of Rs. 10,500 = 1.58 spindles per rupee.

Government of Madras does not guarantee the supply, which is only 20 cubic feet per second for eight months and reduced for four months. Moreover it "reserves to itself absolutely the right at any time to cut off without payment of compensation the whole or any portion of the supply to the company, if at any time it should, in the opinion of Government, be necessary to satisfy public requirements."

Government of Madras has expended nothing.

Government of Bombay has expended large sums in making a dam, also used for irrigation.

Note.—On the same basis as Gokak Mill, and provided Government guaranteed the supply for the whole year, Tinnevely Mill would pay Rs. 4,200 per annum for 20 cubic feet per second.

READ—also letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, dated 11th November 1899, Ref. on C. No. 517-Ver.

READ—also telegrams to the Collector of Tinnevely and the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 30th November 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Stating that the Government has sanctioned the postponement by one week of the execution of orders regarding stoppage of the water-supply to the Pápanásam Mill.

READ—also telegram to Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, dated 30th November 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Informing Messrs. A. and F. Harvey that Government has sanctioned the postponement by one week of the execution of the orders regarding stoppage of water-supply to the Pápanásam Mill to enable them to consult their shareholders in London regarding payment of the Government dues.

READ—also letter from Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Tuticorin, dated 29th November 1899.

READ—also letter from Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Tuticorin, dated 1st December 1899.

ORDER—No. 821, Revenue, dated 6th December 1899.

Miscellaneous.

In its order No. 174A., Revenue, dated 10th March 1899, the Government laid down the terms under which the concession allowed to the Spinning Mill at Pápanásam since its opening to utilise the water-power of the Tambraparni river would be continued. In G.O., No. 601, Revenue, dated 7th September 1899, the Government was pleased to modify these terms in certain material respects on the representations made by Messrs. A. and F. Harvey, Managers in behalf of the Tinnevely Mills Company.

2. It was also ordered in G.O., No. 601, Revenue, dated 7th September 1899, that a lump charge of Rs. 12,000 per annum (to be collected by monthly instalments of Rs. 1,000) should be paid for the use of the water by the company from the date on which notice was given to them under paragraph 15 of G.O., No. 174A, dated 10th March 1899, up to the date on which they might signify to the Collector of Tinnevely their acceptance of the conditions laid down by the Government. In pursuance of this instruction and in exercise of the powers vested in the Superintending Engineer, notice was given to the company that the monthly payments due by them should be paid before the 1st December 1899, and that the water-supply would be cut off in the event of non-compliance. The Government has since directed the postponement by one week of the execution of the orders regarding the stoppage of the water-supply.

3. The company, however, for reasons which they have explained have again demurred to the terms proposed in so far as they relate (i) to the amount of water to be reserved for the fall, (ii) as to the difference between the supply to be allowed during the hot and the cold season of the year, (iii) as to the amount of the annual payment, and (iv) as to the period of the concession. They request that these should be further revised in the company's favour. They also propose to pay under protest the sum already due to the Government.

4. The Government is unable to accept any conditional payment of the sum already overdue by the company, and the amount (subject to any subsequent adjustment that may be necessary) should be paid before the 8th instant, the date to which the execution of the order to cut off the water-supply has been postponed. An intimation to that effect with a short statement of the substantial modifications now conceded by Government will be communicated to the company by telegram.

5. (i) With regard to the minimum discharge to be reserved for the fall, the Government must maintain the long-standing decision confirmed by the Right

Honourable the Secretary of State that this discharge should be 15 cubic feet per second. The discretion now vested in the Superintending Engineer to reduce this minimum discharge during the dry season to 10 cubic feet per second will, however, be continued, and His Excellency in Council is further pleased to allow the Superintending Engineer the additional discretion of restricting the discharge during any period of the year to $7\frac{1}{2}$ cubic feet per second.

(ii) The question as to the difference of the supply during the hot and cold seasons ceases to be of importance owing to the discretionary power vested in the Superintending Engineer.

(iii) With regard to the annual payment His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to reduce the annual charge to be paid by the company for the use of the water from Rs. 10,500 per annum to Rs. 7,500, subject to the condition that a proportionate increase will be made in the charge on any increase in the number of spindles over the 16,544 spindles now running.

(iv) Finally the Government is pleased to extend the period during which the present conditions shall be in force from seven to fourteen years.

6. The Government considers that the terms laid down by G.O., No. 601, dated 7th September 1899, subject to the modifications now ordered, are as liberal as they can be made in the interests of both the company and the general tax-payer and trusts that they will be accepted by the company without further delay.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, Revenue Settlement,
do. Land Revenue.
" Public Works Department (Irrigation).
" Collector of Tinnevely.
" Managers, Tinnevely Mills Company,
through the Collector of Tinnevely.

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