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Revenue Department.

Minutes of Consultation

21st April 1857

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 39. Read the following *Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 15th April 1857, No. 1135.*

Read letter from the Collector of Coimbatore dated 27th Febru-
**In Cons. 15th April 1857.* ary 1857.*

(Here enter No. 33.)

In the above letter, the Collector reports that the District is suffering from drought, and requests that a sum of Rupees 15,000 may be placed at his disposal for advances to the ryots on loan for digging new wells, and that a further sum of 3,000 may be granted absolutely for deepening existing drinking wells.

2. For the first object a sum of Rupees 14,900 has been advanced by the Collector in sums of from 50 to 100 Rupees payable without interest in two years. These advances were made between Fuslies 1263 and 1266, but chiefly in Fuslies 1263 and 1264, of the entire amount Rupees 13,944-10-4, have already been repaid with punctuality, and the balance Rupees 955,5-8 is not yet due. This assistance has led to the construction of 200 new wells, and the Collector is desirous that he might be permitted to have recourse to the same expedient in the current year.

3. The Board observe that the system of making advances without interest is objectionable in many respects, and that to have any really material effect on the condition of a District or of the Presidency generally, they would require to be made on a very extensive scale, moreover all special taxation on private improvements being abolished, it may reasonably be expected that really solvent and respectable landholders would without difficulty obtain loans on reasonable terms from private parties on the security of the lands improved by the outlay. Under ordinary circumstances, therefore, the Board would be unable to support the Collector's proposal, the trying character of the present season however appears to the Board to furnish special grounds for a departure from this course.

4. Mr. Thomas states that in this, the fourth unfavorable year, 11 inches only of rain have fallen in the last 12 months, and none for many months past. Cattle are dying for want of pasture, and he anticipates a rise in prices, and a further failure in the supply of water. The Board consider therefore that the advance under these circumstances may properly be made to avert in some measure the impending distress, and they accordingly recommend that a sum of Rupees 15,000 may be placed, as proposed, at the disposal of the Collector, who will, in making advances therefrom, be guided by the instruction conveyed in the concluding sentence of para. 11, Extract Minutes Consultation 2d November 1852, No. 1069, Revenue Department.

Ex. M. C. 7th in Cons. 8th Sep. 1854, No. 1066 R. D.

5. The Board also recommend that the Collector may be permitted as on a previous occasion in 1854, to expend Rupees 3,000 in assisting the ryots of poor villages to deepen their drinking wells. The former grant of Rupees 2,000 was expended in small sums of 10,20 and 30 Rupees with the greatest benefit, and in some instances prevented the entire desertion of villages where the only existing wells had dried up.

6. The Collector will take care that the assistance thus accorded is restricted to villages where the people are too poor to incur the entire cost of deepening the wells used for drinking purposes, and will apportion the grants in such a manner as not to supersede the necessity of the people at least contributing their labour.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

9th In Con. 15th April 1857.

P. S.—Since the above letter was written, the Board have received a further communication from the Collector representing the urgency of the matter and requesting that the unconditional grant for deepening drinking wells may be raised to Rupees 4,000. Under the circumstances stated by Mr. Thomas, the Board recommend that his request may be acceded to, as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. D. SIM, *Acting Secretary.*

Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 21st April 1857.

No. 40. ORDER THEREON, *No.* 363; *dated 20th April* 1857.

1. The Board submit with these proceedings, two letters from the Collector of Coimbatore, urgently representing the need of advances being immediately made to the poorer ryots of his District, to enable them to dig new wells and deepen old ones during the present season of drought. The District of Coimbatore is reported by Mr. Thomas to have experienced a succession of dry years, the present being the fourth in succession ; the fall of rain has been but eleven inches in the past twelve months, and no rain at all has fallen during the last four. Drinking water has in consequence become very scarce ; and from the report of the Tahsildar of Poolachy, it would appear that in that talook the general depth of water in those drinking wells which retain any, is only about nine inches ; and even that quantity is rapidly exhausted early in the day ; later comers having to wait, it is said, for hours to obtain a scanty supply, many being compelled to go miles for their drinking water. Mr. Thomas states that the cattle are dying in numbers for want of pasture, and that he expects considerable distress from increased price of grain and a still further failure of water.

2. To avert in some measure this distress, much of which has been personally observed by Mr. Thomas and the Sub-Collector during their recent Jummabundy tour, the Government are requested to sanction an advance of 15,000 Rupees, to be given on loan in appropriate allotments, recoverable in two years without interest, to assist the ryots to dig new wells ; and a further sum of 4,000 Rupees, to be given absolutely to the poorer people, to assist them to deepen the old drinking wells.

3. The Government equally with the Board entertain objection to the system of making advances as a rule ; but under the peculiar circumstances of distress at present experienced in the Coimbatore district, they are willing to extend the aid which is now solicited at their hands. The Collector of Coimbatore is accordingly authorized, as a special case, to expend on the terms proposed by him, the sums of money he requests may be placed at his disposal ; and the Government trust that by the judicious arrangements which they are confident he will make, much of the distress impending will be averted.

4. It is gratifying to learn that similar aid, extended in a former year, has proved beneficial in its result ; no less than two hundred new wells having been dug in the last four dry years, on loans of from 50 to 100 Rupees each, made to the ryots by Government ; the repayment of these loans having been punctually made by the ryots, leaving but a small balance to be recovered at the stipulated period. It is observed that Mr. Thomas remarks at the close of his second letter, that the sum of 4,000 Rupees to be expended in deepening the old wells, is a matter of real emergency, calculated the Government presume to alleviate real existing distress ; while the larger sum of 15,000 Rupees for excavating new wells, will return to the State with profit, and may be expected to prevent much distress and loss in future years.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Revenue Department

No 1135

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(A true Extract)

J. D. Clerk
Ag Secretary.

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Sd/ Secretary.

To

H. Forbes Esq.
Sg Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

For orders 7/365
Rev. R: 391 of 1887.

R. Pro. Bd 5th Inst.
of 15 April 87.

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solely as a special case

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had been to unfavorable
to the U.S. [illegible]

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 20th April 1857

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Advances on Condition to dig new and deepen old wells, on account of famine.

Govt Rs. expended not more often to be expended by the Ryots. The amount of the Principal of Loans may be obtained on the Collectors Books.

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No 3063.

Extract Minute of Govt. dated 20th April 1857.

Read the following Letter from the Board of Revenue No 39 dated 13th March 1857 with Enclosures on the subject of granting Advances to Ryots for the purpose of digging new Wells and deepening old ones.

Ordered that the Board of Revenue be informed with the Orders of Government thereon.

Sent to the Board of Rev. with 4 Copies 20 April

Asst Genl

Genl Auditor