Revenue Department

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 15th September 1857.

No. 8. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th August 1857, No. 2755.

Read again letter dated 30th April 1857,* from the Collector of Rajahmundry forwarding two statements relative to the enam lands taken up in his District for improving the means of irrigation and navigation there, and to the compensation made to the proprietors of those lands.

*In Cons. 4th June 1857.

Read also letter from the same officer dated 11th June 1857,† retransmitting the statements with the land measure and currency duly entered as directed by the Board.

†*In Cons. 19th August 1857.*

(Here enter No. 63.)

In the foregoing letters the Collector of Rajahmundry requests the sanction of Government to certain disbursements of money and grants of land made by him to Proprietors and Enamdars whose lands have been taken up for channels and embankments recently constructed in the District for improving its means of irrigation and navigation.

2. Statement No. 1 shows that up to the end of Fusly 1264 (1854-55) Acres 2950, C. 27, V. 1, assessed at Rupees 11,572-15-4 were thus taken, and that compensation to the amount of Rupees 40,518-7-3 was payable in addition to the granting of other lands of equivalent value.

3. The progress made by the Collector in finally closing his arrangements with the proprietors will be seen by the following abstract of his statement.

		Extent.			Assessment.			Compensation.			Land given in lieu.			Value.		
		Acres.	C.	V.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Acres.	C.	V.	Rs.	A.	P.
A	Lands occupied up to Fusly 1264	2,950	27	1	11,572	15	4	40,518	7	3	.....	...	...	.....	...	...
B	Deduct Collector's settlement	1,505	36	4	5,522	13	11	22,281	9	8	.....	...	...	.....	...	...
C	Remaining in course of settlement	1,444	30	13	6,050	1	5	18,236	13	7	.....	...	...	.....	...	...
D	Deduct from Collector's settlement (B) arrangements finally closed by payments and exchanges	900	8	3	3,119	8	8	19,503	...	2	685	10	1	3,119	8	8
E	Remaining to be closed (B. D.)	605	28	1	2,403	5	3	2,778	9	6	.....	...	...	.....	...	...

4. The accounts of the lands taken up in Fusly 1265 not being completed, the statement does not show them, but the compensation paid in money (Rupees 19,503-0-2) included sums disbursed up to the end of that Fusly. The extent of new land given it will be perceived is about 24 per cent. less than that occupied, viz. Acres 685-10-1 for Acres 900-8-3, but the value of the old and new lands is the same.

5. From the Comparative Statement (No. 2) furnished by the Collector it appears that a smaller extent of land and lower amount of compensation than were proposed by his predecessor for lands taken up prior to 1853 have been actually given, as lands of greater productiveness have been ultimately substituted, and it was found on minute enquiry that the compensation first assigned was too large.

6. The Collector states that he adopted every precaution to guard against fraud either by fictitious accounts of the value of the lands occupied, or by payments to any but the rightful parties. The Board approve of the principle followed by the Collector of compensating the owners with regard to the length of time for which they have been kept out of their property, as the delay is not attributable to them.

7. In the case of the Cuttoobady enams the usual Cuttoobady will be collected as heretofore, and the Collector has made every Enamdar of whatever description understand that the circum-

stance of his receiving new lands will not give him a better title to his enam than he possessed before the exchange.

8. Mr. Purvis proposes withholding certain sums due to Proprietors who derive a benefit from the recent improvements, until the water rate leviable from them has been fixed. The letter to the Board alluded to by him was referred to Government for orders on the 19th May last with the Board's Proceedings No. 1667, and was disposed of in Extract Minutes Consultation dated 22d July 1857, No. 729, Revenue Department. The Collector has not stated why a similar course was not pursued in regard to Enamdars also.

Dated 30th December 1856 in Cons. 19th May 1857.

9. With reference to the progress made in adjusting these claims, the Collector expresses a hope that it will be considered satisfactory as it has been out of his power to depute an experienced Assistant to the work as suggested by Government in para. 1 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 631, Revenue Department, dated 26th May 1855, and almost the whole of the duty has consequently fallen on himself.

10. The Board recommend that Government confirm the disbursement of Rupees 19,503-0-2 and the grant of acres 685-10-1 reported by the Collector.

11. The Board cannot but urge on the Collector the importance of an early settlement of all outstanding claims of this nature.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 9.

ORDER THEREON, No. 917; dated 9th September 1857.

With these Proceedings, the Board of Revenue submit letters from the Collector of Rajahmundry on the subject of the enam lands taken up for the Godavery channels, and the arrangements made by him for granting compensation to the proprietors.

2. In Extract Minutes Consultation 13th March 1854, No. 293, the Government approved of the instructions issued by the Commissioner, directing the Collector to allot lands equal in value to those taken up for the channels, and further expressed the opinion that this course was more equitable than that proposed by the Collector, of assigning an equal area without reference to the quality of the land. They desired also, that the mesne profits of the land, for the time that it had been out of the Enamdar's possession, should be calculated on the same principle, and disbursed to the parties.

3. It appears from the statements received with the Collector's letters, that to the close of Fusly 1264, Acres 2950, assessed at Rupees 11,572, had been taken up for the several public works in the District, and that compensation computed at Rupees 40,518 was due on that account to the end of Fusly 1265. Of the above extent, the Collector has made a settlement with the proprietors in respect of Acres 1,505, the particulars of which are given below.

	Extent.	Assessment.	Compensation.
Lands occupied up to Fusly 1264...	2,950 27 1	11,572 15 4	40,518 7 3
Adjustment made to Fusly 1265 on account of....	1,505 36 4	5,522 13 11	22,281 9 8
Remaining in course of settlement.....	1,444 30 13	6,050 1 5	18,236 13 7

4. Of the extent for which compensation has been arranged, Acres 685-10-1 have been granted in lieu of acres 900-8-3 assessed at Rupees 3,119-8-8, the land granted being of the same value; while of the compensation itself, amounting to Rupees 22,281-9-8, the sum of Rupees 19,503-0-2 has been disbursed.

5. There is nothing to shew how the productive power of the land thus taken up has been ascertained, or how the compensation to the Enamdars has been calculated, the statement enclosed in the Collector's letter gives indeed the extent of the land, but does not shew whether it was wet or dry, and although it gives the total sum proposed to be paid in compensation, it does not shew for how many years compensation was considered to be due. The Government are left in total uncertainty as to the principle on which the Collector's proceedings have been based, or the Board's approval of them has been given, and some explanation appears to the Government

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to have been the more necessary, from the fact that the assessment of the enam lands taken up for the Godavery channels, averages Rupees 3-14-9 an acre, a rate which, according to the statement appended to para. 13 of the Collector's Jummabundy report for Fusly 1264, is very much higher than the ordinary Poonjah rates of the District, and even higher than those on the lands irrigated by the Godavery channels, and this would indicate, not only that the whole of the lands taken up for the public works were without exception irrigated lands, but are also lands of a more than ordinarily superior quality.

	Ryotwar. Rs. A. P.	*Govt. Rent.* Rs. A. P.
Dry lands...	1 6 0	2 13 2
Wet	2 14 10	3 9 9
Do. under Godavery Channel...	2 14 10	3 12 6
Do. under other do.	3 9 2	3 10 1

6. The Government cannot give their sanction to the large sum already paid by the Collector to the Enamdars, without some further explanation than is now before them, of the principle on which it has been awarded, and they cannot avoid drawing the Board's attention to the circumstance of their having adopted the Collector's proposals, and recommended them to Government for sanction, when they were apparently themselves ignorant of the description of the land for which compensation had been paid, and the number of years on account of the deprivation of the profits of which, a large sum of money had been awarded.

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

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No 2755

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		Acres	G	O	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Acres	G	O	Rs	a	p
A	Lands occupied up to Fusly 1265	2950	27	1	1572	15	4	40518	7	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
B	Deduct Collectors Settlement	1505	36	4	6522	13	11	22281	9	8	"	"	"	"	"	"
C	Remaining in course of Settlement	1444	30	13	6350	1	5	18230	13	7	"	"	"	"	"	"
D	Deduct from Collectors Settlement (B) arrangements finally closed by payments & exchanges	900	8	3	3119	8	8	19503	"	2	685	10	1	3119	8	8
F	Remaining to be closed (B. D)	605	28	1	2203	6	3	2778	9	6	"	"	"	"	"	"
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(A true Extract)

Sd Secretary.

To

H. Sotheby Esq.

Sg Secretary to Government

Revenue Department.

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Rome

communicating the Report of the Commissioners appointed to Collect

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No. 997

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 9th September 1857.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceed-

-ings of the Board of

Revenue.

Fort St. George enter 19th August 1857

No. 2765

With Reference

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Remaining in course of settlement.	1,444.30.13	6,050.1.5	18,236.10.7

4. Of the extent for which compensation has been arranged, Acres 685-10-1 have been granted in lieu of Acres 900-8-8 assessed at Rupees 3119-8-8, the land granted being of the same value, while of the compensation itself, amounting to Rupees 22,281-9-8, the sum of Rupees 19503-0-2 has been disbursed.

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	Ryotwar Rs a p	Govt. Rent
Dry lands	1-6-0	2-13-2
Wet	2-11-10	3-9-9
Do. under Godavery Channel	2-14-10	3-12-6
Do. under other do	3-9-2	3-10-1

Rupees 3-11-9 are over a rate which, according to the Statement appended to para 13 of the Collectors Jummabundy report for Fasly 1264, is very much higher than the Ordinary Poonjah rates of the District, and even higher than those on the lands irrigated by the Godavery Channels, and this would indicate, not only that the whole of the lands taken up for the public works were without exception irrigated lands but all also land of a more than ordinary superior quality.

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Under the reasons stated, declining to sanction the amount of compensation recommended by the Coll of Rajahmundry to the proprietors of the Enam land taken up for improving the Irrigation and Navigation in that District.

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