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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, from 11th to 17th June 1859.

No. 29. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department; dated 7th June 1859, No. 312.

The Acting Collector of Cuddapah to place Rayapah, Uncovenanted Deputy Collector of that District, in special charge of making over the land alluded to, for the North Western line of Railway and of giving compensation for it, as soon as he joins the District.

(Vide Financial Pro. from 1st to 10th June 1859, Nos. 12-13.)

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, 15th June 1859, No. 786.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for information.

(Signed) W. C. SIM,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer for Railways; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated 27th May 1859, No. 1 8.

In his Despatch, No. 13, of the 31st March last, para. 18, the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, in noticing the correspondence relative to the delay which occurred in transferring land in the District of North Arcot for the North West Line of Railway, observed: "It is desirable to impress upon the Official charged with the duty of transferring the "land, the necessity of not allowing the Railway Company any grounds of complaint from this "cause."

Proceedings of Government, No. 261, dated 12th May 1859.

2. In consequence of these remarks, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that I received a letter* from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Railway intimating, "that great delay is experienced by the Resident Engineer in the transfer of the land "(required for certain portions of the North West Line) more especially on the first six miles of "District No. 4, although the side widths have long since been staked out."

* *No. 250, dated 18th May*

3. The Agent's letter further showed that no land whatever was transferred to his Company on the 4th District. I informed him in reply, that land for a distance of 6 miles had been transferred by my letter to his address, No. 96, dated 3rd March 1859, which letter he had evidently lost sight of when writing to me on the 18th Instant.

4. At the same time referring to certain previous correspondence, I wrote† to the Collector of Cuddapah, in whose District the required land lies, and requested he would expedite the transference of all land for which the necessary Surveys had been forwarded to him.

† *Letter, No. 129, dated 19th May 1859.*

5. In his reply,‡ received this day, the Acting Collector advises me that land on certain portions of the line may be entered on at once, but with regard to the particular portion referred to by the Agent and Manager (para. 2,) he writes as follows:

‡ *No. 389, dated 23rd May 1859.*

"In District 4 Section I, from 1 to 6 miles, the land is ready for valuation; as it is "indeed nearly every where but the work is at a stand still solely for want of some one to un-"dertake that duty, and the paying compensation money. Mr. Reid the late Acting Head Assis-"tant was appointed to the Sub-Court here and there is no one in the District to take his place "as valuator. I can do nothing myself as I am now engaged in the annual settlement, and "shall be for the next 5 weeks or more. I represented these matters to Government, immedi-"ately on Mr. Reid's removal, but have heard nothing of their intention."

"I am most anxious and quite ready to do every thing to facilitate the operations of the "Railway Company; but unless some Assistant be appointed to whom I can entrust the duty of "valuation and giving compensation the work must be at a stand still."

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1859, No. 312.

The Governor in Council observes that the Acting Collector of Cuddapah has correctly accounted for the delay in making over the land required for the North West Line of Railway. He is doutless much embarrassed by the absence of any Covenanted Assistant; and it is impossible that he can carry out the transfer himself consistently with his other duties. It is remarked however that Royapah, lately Naib Sheristadar of Bellary, has recently been appointed to Cuddapah as an Uncovenanted Deputy Collector. Royapah might very well be employed in making over the land in question, and in paying the compensation for it; and the Government will instruct Mr. Fraser to place him in special charge of this duty as soon as he joins the District.

2. The Government learn from the Collector of Bellary that Royapah can leave that District on the 15th Instant.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
„ Acting Collector of Cuddapah.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. A. P. W. Begbie.

Revenue 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Govt. 17th June.

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Fort St. Geo.
15th June 1859.

J. Lloyd

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