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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 206. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th May 1861, No. 2,363:—

Read the following letter from J. D. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Chittúr, 20th March 1861, No. 50.

SIR,

1. In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 18th October 1860, No. 4,772, embodying an order of Government, dated 15th idem, No. 1,873, I have the honor to state that among the subsidiary works connected with the Pálár Anicut project was the excavation of a main channel from the river to feed the large Mahendravádi tank which was to be restored and adapted to the increased storage of water which would thereby be ensured to it. The Ayacut under this tank, and the average cultivation of five years ending with Fasli 1265 (the latest return we have), are particularized in the margin.

	Cawnies.	Assessment. Rs.
Ayacut.....	199	2,297
Average cultivation.....	128	1,474
	71	823

2. When the Pálár Anicut project was first undertaken, the bund of this tank was in a semi-ruinous state, and its sole feeder, a mountain ravine. Its position and the magnitude of its outworks, proved incontestably that at one time, it had been of very large capacity; and it was accordingly decided to restore the bund, and to feed it from the river. Levels and measurements were taken, and it was thus ascertained that in addition to the waste immediately under it shown in my marginal statement, large tracts of land in the adjoining villages would thereby have the means of irrigation. A costly estimate was accordingly sanctioned, and both channel and bund works had made considerable progress, when the restrictive orders of the Supreme Government stopped this and the parent project just as they were about to attain that stage of development which would have made them magnificently remunerative.

3. The land on which the Syrótriamdár claims compensation is that taken up in 1857, with the cognizance of the revenue authorities for the river channel thus partially executed. The appropriation was certainly made before agricultural operations for Fasli 1267 had commenced, and subsequently to the harvest of the preceding season, but the precise month cannot be ascertained.

4. The total area of the Srotriyam under notice is cawnies 399-12-0, but the land is so situated that it would not in any degree be benefited by the improved means of irrigation which the channel in question would provide.

5. With regard to the delay in the disposal of this matter, I beg to observe that as the lands in the village of Museri had not been assessed by Government, as already stated in paragraph 3 of my letter, dated 13th September 1860, No. 211, compensation had to be fixed with reference to the Wáram and other details, the information respecting which had to be specially collected. This, in itself a work of labour and time was infinitely retarded by the Syrótriamdár's reluctance to come to reasonable terms; and it was not until after a lengthy correspondence closed with difficulty a month or two previous to the date of my letter to the Board that the matter was finally arranged. To this I might add, that the Syrótriamdár deferred laying claim for compensation till 1858, or nearly a year after the lands had been taken up for the channel.

6. Adverting to the concluding paragraph of the Proceedings under reply, I beg to observe that no improvements have been made on the lands appropriated for the channel, nor have the Ryots who cultivated them on Wáram any title in my opinion to compensation, as their occupation was entirely dependent on the good-will of the Srotriyamdár, and they possess no individual or absolute right in the soil.

Submitted for the information of Government with reference to their order, dated 15th October 1860, No. 1,873, and in continuation of the Board's Proceedings of the 28th Septem-

ber 1860, No. 4,447, regarding the compensation due to the Srotriyamdár of Museri for land taken up for the supplying channel of the Mahendravádi tank, regarding which the Board beg to renew their former recommendation.

(A true Extract and Copy.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 207. ORDER THEREON, 23rd May 1861, No. 1,080.

1. The Board of Revenue submit the North Arcot Collector's reply to the Order of Government, 15th October 1860, No. 1,873, Revenue Department.

2. Under the circumstances stated, the Government accede to the Board's former recommendation, as contained in paragraph 5 of their Proceedings, 28th September 1860, No. 4,447, *i. e.*, they authorize the payment to the Srotriyamdár of Rupees 275-8-3 as compensation for the assessment, of the thirteen Cawnies of land taken possession of on account of Government, for the three Faslis 1267-68-69, at Rupees 91-13-5 per Fasli, and the permanent remission of the latter sum from the Jódi of the Srotriyam for the current and future years.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

R. 15th October 60. Nos 242 & 243.

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Rec. 1861 Departt. Pro: of Govt. No 1119. May.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 8th
Desp 8 } May 1861.
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No 2363.

Submitting with recommendation a letter from the Collr of North Arcot requesting compensation due to the Shotriyandar of Museri for land taken up for the supplying channel of the Mahindrivade Tank.

No 1080. 23. May.

With an order

No 206 & 207.

Q. 16 May. R 23d

No 1080.

1. The Board of Revenue submit the North Arcot Collector's reply to the order of Govt 15th October 1860, No 1873. R.D.

2. Under the circumstances stated the Govt accede to the Board's former recommendation, as contained in para 5 of their Pro: 28 Sept 1860 No 4447. i.e. they authorize the payment to the Shotriyandar of Rs 275-8-3 as compensation for the assessment, of the thirteen Kanis of land taken possession of on account of Govt; for the three Faslis 1267-68-69, at Rs 91-13-5 per Fasli, and the permanent remission of the latter sum from the jodi of the Shotriyam for the current and future years.

Sent to Govt
23d May 1861

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