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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 19 — 5 — 1862.

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No. 341. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 8th April 1862, No. 106 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward the reply* received from the Collector of Kurnool on the subject regarding which I was desired in Proceedings† of Government of the 8th February 1862, to communicate with him.

* Dated 29th March 1862, No. 72.

† No. 164.

2. It will be observed Mr. Minchin states, that the arrangement of compensating parties whose lands are taken up by the Canal with other lands below it is "utterly impracticable."

3. The Collector is of opinion, "that had I been aware of the sole powers he possesses "for obtaining land required for the Company," I should never have suggested such an arrangement. My suggestion was made sole ly with reference to what had been found practicable to a certain extent in other localities, and had been effected even in Kurnool itself, where "lands of equal value have," according to the Collector's Returns, "been given in exchange" for those taken up by the works, and especially to the fact mentioned in my letter of the 18th February 1862, No. 81, that as irrigated lands require a much larger number of hands for their cultivation, than dry lands, it might probably be found that the occupiers of the land below the Canal would not be able to cultivate the whole extent of their present holdings, and would therefore perhaps be ready to relinquish a portion to other parties. On this point however the Collector makes no remarks.

Paragraph 9.

From J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated on circuit Yerrachalema, 29th March 1862, No. 72.

SIR,

1. With reference to the 2nd paragraph of your letter of the 21st instant, No. 81, concerning the practicability of compensation for the submerged lands being made from lands below the Canal, I have the honor to state that such an arrangement is utterly impracticable.

2. Had you been aware of the sole powers which I possess for obtaining the land required for the Company, you would not have made such a suggestion, though with the opinion you entertain of the worthlessness of the land in this District, you were doubtless unaware of the unwillingness with which the Ryots part with it.

3. The only land which can possibly be given in exchange for puttah land taken up by the Company, is immemorial waste. In this District very little waste is to be found except uncleared jungle, which it would be a mere mockery to offer to the Ryot in exchange for regularly cultivated land. As the Deputy Collector can only obtain land required for the Company with the consent of its owners, it would be idle for him to make to them such illusory offers.

No. 342. ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1862, No. 1,101.

1. The Government in their Order in the Public Works Department dated 8th February 1862, No. 164, paragraph 9, requested the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company to communicate with the Collector of Kurnool and report whether, as suggested by him (the Consulting Engineer), it would be practicable to compensate the parties whose lands are likely to be submerged by a portion of the Company's Canal, by giving them lands in lieu below the Canal. The present letter is his reply, and with it he submits one from Mr. Minchin on the subject.

2. Mr. Minchin states that the proposed arrangement is "utterly impracticable," and under these circumstances there is no alternative but to grant compensation in money for the sub-

merged lands. The Government have already in their Public Works Order, dated 17th March 1862, directed that only so much of the land should be furnished by Government as will be required for the construction of the Canal with *double* embankments, and that any land required beyond this must be paid for by the Company. The Board of Revenue were at the same time desired to settle the amount to be paid by Government and the Company. No further orders are consequently now required beyond requesting the Board to cause the compensation to be paid to the parties entitled to it at an early date.

3. The Board's attention is drawn to Mr. Minchin's statement, that "the only land which can possibly be given in exchange for Puttah land is immemorial waste." The Government can scarcely believe that all other land is already occupied in Kurnool, and they desire that Mr. Minchin be instructed to use every effort to grant land in exchange from Government waste and to induce the Ryots to consent to such exchanges. Money compensation under the above sanction being given only when land is really not procurable.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Rev. Dept.

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Under date the 19th ~~April~~ May 1862.

Read the following

Letter from the Consulting Engineer

for Irrigation and Canal Company

Forwards a reply from the Collector of Kurnool on the subject of submerged lands regarding which he was directed to communicate with the Collector

/Herewith 8th April 1862 N° 106/

I do not think that Mr Minchin's letter meets the case at all - It would be very desirable to effect exchanges of land for land instead of having to give money for land - & Mr Minchin should therefore be directed to use every effort to induce the Ryots to make this exchange - I do not understand much by Mr Minchin's letter, and I do not like to have yet

The Government in their order on the Public Works Department dated 8th February 1862 N° 1611 para 3 requested the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company to communicate with the Collector of Kurnool and report whether as suggested by him the Cons. Engr. Jet would be practicable to compensate the parties whose lands are likely to be submerged by a portion of the Company's Canal by

by giving them lands in lieu below the Canal. The present letter is his reply and with it he submits one from Mr Minchin on the subject.

2 Mr Minchin states that the proposed arrangement is "utterly impracticable" and under these circumstances there is no alternative but to grant compensation in money for the submerged lands. The Government have already in their P.M. order dated 17th March 1862 directed that only so much of the lands should be furnished by Govt as will be required for the construction of the Canal with double embankments and that any lands required beyond this must be paid for by the Company

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3 The Board's attention is drawn to Mr Minchin's statement that "the only land which can possibly be given in exchange for Puttah land is immemorial waste". The Government can scarcely believe that all other land is already occupied in Kurpa or Kanal and they +

+ desire that Mr Minchin be instructed to make every effort to procure land in exchange from Govt Waste & to induce the Ryots to consent to such exchanges. Money Compensation under the above Sanction may given only when land cannot be procured

Mr Minchin
To the P.W.D. Dis. 20
14 " Bd of Rev " "
1 " Consulting Engr " "

Compensation for Canal
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Compensation Claims

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Nos 122 & 124
7 March 62
Nos 257 & 267.

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From Dt 11 Septr 62 Cl 2173.

To Govt. Dt 8 april 62 no. 106

Passing orders on
letter from Consulting
Engineer I & C. Co
reporting on the subject
of Compensating parties
whose lands are taken
up by the Company's
Canal in Kurnool with
other lands below it.

No 341 & 342.