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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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No. 446. *PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.*

Dated 24th May 1862, *No.* 1,150.

1. In the order of the 10th instant, the Government decided on adhering in Kurnool to the old established system of a consolidated assessment on irrigated land, paying to the Irrigation Company the difference between this assessment and that which the land would have paid if unirrigated.

2. This consolidated assessment cannot however be immediately imposed, while the Company's Chief Engineer expects to be able shortly to supply water to the tract of land between Soonkasala and the Hindry as well as to Kurnool and its suburbs. It is necessary therefore that temporary arrangements be made in order to realize a fair price for the water supplied by the Company.

3. On the whole the Government considers that, as the tract irrigated this year is not likely to be large, the most convenient and speediest plan will be to charge a water rate in addition to the dry assessment and credit the Company with the former, until the intended consolidated assessment can be introduced. They resolve therefore to instruct the Collector to adopt this course adding three Rupees per acre to the assessment, for each crop. This is the rate levied in the Godavery Delta, and the Government are not prepared at present to charge more in Kurnool.

4. It must be distinctly understood and explained to the Ryots that this is purely a temporary arrangement, adopted solely because a "Nunjah" assessment cannot be introduced in time to meet the present emergency.

5. The Director of Revenue Settlement and Superintendent of Surveys will push on their operations as rapidly as possible in order that the Nunjah assessment may be introduced as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

Note.

The pst have al-
-ready decided on
a consolidated
Municipal Assessment
for Kurnool, the
Irrigation Co. re-
-ceiving the difference
between the Municipal
& Municipal rates -

It will however
be some time - a
year at least I
fear - before the
irrigable land can
be assessed - the
Survey is only now
commencing & the
demarcation has
yet to be made much
progress.

Meanwhile the
Co. will be in a posit-

& supply water this year to the track between Soon. Kasala & the Hindy & the Town. Both & Subsidy & Revenue Something therefore must be done at once.

The best & speediest arrangement & will perhaps be to allow the Coln. to measure and assess such lands as are likely to be irrigated ~~from~~ by the Company at an early period. Such survey & assessment will of course be only temporary & be subject to alteration by the Settlement Department. Mr. Minchin

Col Reynolds tells me some 2000 Acres may be irrigated this year.

has a good deputy in Rajmunda Rowe who is a land owner himself and an able, reliable man. The Master may be able to help him with servants but very much must be left to Mr Minchin's own judgment and his powers must be large.

Another course may be a Water-rate to pay the Company so much for each Acre irrigated, until the land can be properly assessed. This in fact is to have a Water rate as between Govt & the Co. and a Cess. I dated Nunpoke Asst as between Govt.

and the right. This plan will give more time for the proper assessment of the land - and I think that ultimately, also such an arrangement will be best in practice but until we know the lands within the influence of the works surveyed & assessed, there are no data on which a permanent & mean rate per acre could be calculated - The Company however will press for payments for their rates at an early period & I can only suggest one or other of the above expedients to meet the difficulty - From

another letter him says 3 for & 2 for the up-country & the cotton land -

W. M.

From the correspondence ~~to~~ before first I print the following rates proposed for water -

Mr Minchin - 3 Rs for each crop -

Col Rundall - between 6 & 7 Rs for 2 crops -

Mr Neill - 4 Rs for first & 2 for second crop - Says cane paying 8 — these rates being experimented

Col Cotton - 4 Rs for Each crop -

There is not likely to be any second crop cultivation yet - So that in reality the rates be those the underlined & Rs 3 proposed by Mr Minchin & Col Rundall - & Rs 4 proposed by Mr Neill & Col Cotton.

J P L

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assessment & credit the Co with the farmers until the intended consolidated assessment can be in force - They realize therefore & instruct the Engr to draft this contract adding 3 Rs per acre to the assessment for each crop - This is the rate levied in the Jacksonville Delta & the Co are not the largest at present & charging more in Redrock.

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Le Cuche a "Prompt"
Settlement cannot
be on the Record in
time to meet the
present emergency.

The Dr. of Rent
Settlement & Supt.
of Surveys will
Wait on them upon
- tions as La Liddy
or Smith in order
that the Requisite
Settlement may be
introduced at
home as forthwith.

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