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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 429 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 27th February 1863.

No. 413. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 5th February 1863, No. 303 :—

Referring a letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore representing the possible unfavorable results of the operation of the G. O. exempting Inamdars from contributing towards the cost of repairs, &c., of Irrigation works. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 5th February 1863, Nos. 82, 83.)

No. 414. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1863, No. 429.

1. The Government see no reason to modify the Order of the 17th April last, No. 855, which was passed after lengthened consideration and has been approved by the Home Government. The order in question is based on the broad principle that when Nunjah land is granted in Inam the grant carries with it the right to irrigation free of charge, the Inamdar remaining liable, in common with the holder of assessed lands, to such petty village labor as established local usage has assigned to landholders.

Dated 16th July 1862, No. 23.

2. Holders of "dry" Inams are liable to the water cess of 2½ Rupees per Acre when their lands are converted into "Nunjah" by water supplied from a Government source of irrigation.

3. In cases where it will not be worth the while of Government to construct new works materially improving the irrigation, such as a new head to a channel, unless the Inamdars contribute towards the expense, it will be for the Inamdars to consider whether such co-operation is advantageous for their interests or not. The order above noted does not preclude the acceptance of voluntary contributions in such cases, but the Government must be satisfied that the contributions are voluntary and that the work is not merely one which the Government ought to construct in fulfilling their obligation to supply irrigation. Arrangements of this nature should be left to the Collector.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 15th January 1863, No. 162 :—

SIR,

1 Letter from District Engineer, No. 249, dated 29th November 1862.
1 Copy of do. No. 183, dated 17th February 1862, from Sub-Engineer Atchuta Naidoo.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract estimate.

1. The sanction of Government is requested for an expenditure of Rupees 1,160 for constructing a new head sluice, with two under-tunnels, on a line of irrigation taking off from the south bank of the Vannaur in Tanjore, for the purpose of improving the means of cultivation in Ottagoody and in eight other villages. The return in revenue is estimated at no less than Rupees 700.

2. The Acting Collector of Tanjore entirely approves of the project, but that gentleman is at variance with the District Engineer upon the question as to whether certain Inámdárs, whose lands will be benefited by its operation, should or should not be made to contribute towards the cost. Under the G. O. quoted the Inámdárs certainly appear to stand exempt ; but at the same time Captain Mullins' remarks as to the possible unfavorable results of such exemption appear well worthy of consideration.

No. 855, dated 17th April 1862.

3. The amount in question can be defrayed out of the Irrigation Repair Fund of Tanjore.

ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1863, No. 303.

1. The Estimate of Rupees 1,160, is sanctioned from the fund specified in paragraph 3.

2. The question referred to in paragraph 2 of the foregoing letter will be considered in the Revenue Department, with reference to the Orders in that Department, dated 17th April 1862, No. 855.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department. with 2 letters

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