

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th June 1864.*

No. 145. Read the following letter from W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 16th May 1864, No. 3,003:—

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to submit for the orders of Government the following case which has occurred in connection with the system of making over to Ryots for maintenance or repair unremunerative and ruined irrigation works with the lands under them at a reduced rate of assessment.

2. The tank in a village was breached, and the Department Public Works considered it inexpedient for Government to go to the expense of repairing it. The Collector reported to the Board that the Ryots were ready and anxious to undertake the repair and maintenance of the Tank, on a fair adjustment of the land assessment, and the Board authorized him to make over the Tank and assess the Government demand on the land occupied under it at the District rate for such cases, viz., Rupees 2-8-0 per Acre.

3. Eventually it appeared that the bulk of the Ryots holding land under the Tank had taken no part in the repairs, and had claimed no remission of the full *Nunjah* assessment. The Monigar and Curnum had incurred the whole cost of the repairs from which all the Ryots are benefiting, and the question for decision is how best to secure to the former the fair return which the Government Order offers in such cases for their expenditure.

4. It occurs to the Board that the most simple plan will be to adopt the system formerly existing in the Ceded Districts and a few other Districts under the name of "Shamilat Dusbundum deduction."

5. Under this arrangement the full Nunjah Demand is levied from the Ryots on the lands watered from the repaired work, but the proportion remitted by Government out of the full demand is either collected by the Duswandars themselves, or is paid over in the village, as the revenue is collected, to the parties who repaired or maintained the Tank.

6. Under this system in the present case the difference between the full Nunjah rate and the special favourable rate would constitute the remission, the amount of which would be paid over to the Monigar and Curnum who made the repairs, and their receipts should accompany the remittance of the balance collections to the Talook Treasury.

7. If Government approve of the proposed plan, the Board will adopt it whenever occasion arises. The cases are likely to be comparatively frequent in consequence of the difficulty that is certain to be experienced in inducing all the Ryots interested in any one work to combine for its maintenance or restoration. But it has its disadvantages as once pointed out by the Board when the system of Dusbunds was discontinued;

Board's Proceedings 16th November 1843, No. 583, alluded to at page 351, Volume 1, Board's Circular Orders.

and in carrying out the principle lately sanctioned by Government, it would always be well to endeavour to induce the whole body of Ryots, who have land under a Tank, to undertake its repairs, and to partake of the benefits of the remission conjointly.

No. 146.

ORDER THEREON, 13th June 1864, No. 1,006.

Miscellaneous.

The Government observe that the arrangement sanctioned in their Order, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,673, regarding ruined Tanks amounted simply to this, that in consideration of the Ryots agreeing to pay a certain rate of assessment, Government would make the Tanks over to them, for repair and maintenance at their own cost. Whether all the Ryots unite to repair the Tank or leave the work to one or more of their number or even to a stranger is a matter of no consequence to the Government, provided that all have the option of joining in the work, and all agree to pay and do pay the stipulated rate of assessment to Government. Where the Ryots prefer having the work performed by one or more of their number or by a stranger, they must be left to arrange the rate of payment for the water and other conditions by mutual agreement. The interference of Government is unnecessary and should be avoided.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Department Public Works.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Revenue Department

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It seems to me
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I think so. So long
as the assessment
is paid as agreed
on - no question
is to be asked & the
people left to their
choice. J.P.

interfere as little as pos-
sible in these arrangements
Of course, if the stipulated
assessment is not paid
the Government will re-
assert its rights to the Tanks
Orders requested.

L. D.S.

Pay 1 cent to the
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Revenue Fund

C.O. No 1003. C/13

12th June 1864
Revenue Fund
of the
Madras Government
to the Board of Revenue
for the purpose of
submitting for
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has occurred in connection
with the system of ma-
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reduced rate of assess-
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22 June 1864 Rb

Revenue Separation

No. 1006.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
under date the 13th June 1864.

Read the follow-
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to the Board of Revenue.

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May 1864, No 3002)

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Revenue 1864 & 1/11
No. of Govt for June

No. 1000.

No. of the 11th June 1864

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The 21st proposal
regarding the grant
of ruined irrigation
works to Govt for
repair and maintenance
approved.

No. 1157/66.