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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th January 1864.

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Land taken up by road, about	82	0	0	136	0	0
Do. do. side trenches, do.	24	8	0	102	0	0
Do. do. embankments, do.	8	0	0	31	0	0
Do. do. do. trenches	5	0	0	25	0	0
Do. do. river	39	0	0	146	0	0
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Extent. Assessment.

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3. The compensation for the whole of the above land at twenty years' purchase which is the rate proposed by the Collector on the ground that the Government lands were then selling at that rate, would give Rupees 11,379-6-0; but on a careful measurement conducted under the orders of the District Engineer in the presence of a Gumashta deputed by the Zemindar, it was found that only 47 Acres, 2,871 Square yards were actually occupied by the road, and 14 Acres, 1,718 Square yards by the Mahanaddy river embankments; the remaining extent for which the Zemindar claimed compensation consisting, as shown in the margin of paragraph 2 above, of land occupied by the side trenches and of land forming a vacant space between the embankments of the river; both of which descriptions of land can, it seems, be cultivated at pleasure, and often are so.

4. The Board agree with the Collector and the then District Engineer, that no compensation is fairly claimable for these cultivable lands; nor for the 14 Acres, 1,718 Square yards occupied by the river embankments which confer substantial benefit on the Zemindar in protecting his wet lands from river floods for above one and a half mile in length by half a mile on an average in breadth, while the extent taken up by the embankments consisted of dry sandy soil with the exception of 1 Acre of Paddy land.

5. In the case of the Aska Zemindar, which is referred to in paragraph 3 of the Collector's first letter, a claim was set up for compensation for the land occupied by the embankments of the river, but it was disallowed as the Zemindar's property had mainly benefited by the execution of

the embankments, and the compensation then sanctioned in Government Order, No. 1,413, dated 16th July 1861, was settled irrespectively of such lands, on the principle which the Board now recommend should be followed in the case of the Dharacotta Zemindar.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1864, No. 10.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Board of Revenue, viz., Rupees 1,900.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Paymaster.
" Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

IN CON. 10TH DECEMBER 1860, No. 6,452.

From G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,
dated Chetterpore, 28th November 1860, No. 316.

I have the honor to lay before the Board a claim preferred by the Zemindar of Daracotta to compensation on account of land occupied by the Aska road. The Zemindar has included in his claim embankments, excavations for the same, space between the river and the embankments, side channels of the road and also certain inam land, making in all upwards of 139 acres, valued at a yearly assessment of Rupees 568-15 6. Knowing this claim to be grossly exaggerated, I requested the District Engineer to cause the land to be measured in the presence of a servant of the Zemindar's. In the accompanying letter Captain Harington gives the total extent occupied by roads and embankments, &c., at 61½ acres out of which 14 are occupied by embankments and their side [illegible].

As there was always a high road passing through the Zemindar's territories and as the old line became available for cultivation when the new road was made, and as the estate reaps the benefit of improved communications, I should not have been disposed to recommend any compensation; a similar claim has, however, been allowed in the case of the Aska Malikdar, and I conclude the Board will be disposed to treat both cases alike. Under any circumstances, however, I think that the claim on account of embankments must be disallowed as the Zemindar might with more justice be called in to contribute a quota towards their cost. The remaining land, acres 47 and coontas 20 might, I think, be paid for at twenty years' purchase at an average of Rupees 2 per acre.

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ENC. 1.

From CAPTAIN E. H. HARINGTON, District Engineer of GANJAM,
To G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of GANJAM,
dated Chicacole, 21st November 1860, No. 285.

I have the honor to return the Daracotta Zemindar's statement, showing extent and kist of lands said to have been taken up by the Berampore and Russelcondah road, and river embank-

2. I have caused the land, really taken up, to be carefully measured by members of my department, accompanied by a Goomastah deputed by the Zemindar.

3. I enclose statements of the land thus measured, showing its description whether wet, dry, or waste.

4. The Zemindar claims for *land taken up by road* about 32 acres, paying kist Rupees 136 or Rupees 4¼ per acre; for *land taken up by side trenches* 24 acres, kist Rupees 102 at Rupees 4¼ per acre; for *land taken up by embankments* about 7½ acres, kist Rupees 32¼ at Rupees 4¼ per acre; for *land taken up by embankment trenches* about 5 acres, kist Rupees 25 at about 5 Rupees per acre; for "*land taken up by river*" (meaning between embankment and river) 39½ acres, kist Rupees 146½ at nearly 4 Rupees per acre, or a total of Jerayety land 108 acres, 2 coontas, 11 visams, kist Rupees 442-12-1. To these, he adds on account of inam lands, without specifying details, 31 acres, 29 coontas, 14 visams, kist Rupees 126-3-5, being a total acres 139, coontas 32, visams 9, kist Rupees 568-15-6.

5. The measurements prove land to have been taken up by road, as 2,30,351 square yards =47¼ acres of kinds, as detailed in the enclosed statement. Claim for *land taken up by side trenches* should not, I think, be allowed as they can be cultivated at pleasure, and often are so, producing luxuriant paddy in wet lands, from better supply of water. The *Land taken up by embankments and embankment trenches* amounts, on measurement, to 69,477 square yards=14 acres, 1,717 square yards; of which about 13 acres are dry, sandy soil, and nearly 1 acre paddy land. Considering that these embankments protect the Zemindar's wet lands from river floods for above 1½ mile in length, by at least half mile, on an average, in breadth; and that the soil composing them is sandy and not valuable, I think he should forego this claim.

6. The claim for "land taken up between the embankments and the river" is, I think, most unfair and unreasonable. It can be, and is, cultivated as much now, as ever. The embankments do not interfere with the cultivation at all. Overseer Lever, whom I sent to measure the claimed lands, reports "that the land between embankments and river is now under cultivation, and the embankments have done no harm to that land."

7. Thus, after very accurate and careful measurements, I am of opinion that 61½ acres of the Zemindar's land have been taken for road and embankments; but that of this amount, he should not press a claim to 14 acres.

8. I may remark that considering the great advantage resulting to Zemindars, when roads are made and maintained through their estates by Government, it would be a good spirit, and a wise policy on their part to *grant* their lands so taken up. The money spent in construction is circulated in their estates, and enriches their tenants. Their lands are rendered more valuable, as the produce can more readily be transported to port or factory.

9. With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter, I beg to state that the old and generally impassable bandy track was not followed in tracing the new road.

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ENC. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of land taken up by the Mahanuddy river embankments in the Daracotta Zemindary.

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ENC. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Statement of land taken up by Berhampore and Russelcondah road in Daracotta Zemindary.

Exd. J, Tulloch.

No. 5,901.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 17th September 1863.

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 21st August 1863, No. 157:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 25th January last No. 439, I have the honor to report that the exact amount payable to the Dharacote Zemindar on account of 47½ acres of land taken up for the roads at the rate proposed by me will be Rupees 950.

2. The value of the land was calculated at 20 years' purchase on the assessment because the Government lands were then sold at that rate.

3. The rate of assessment recommended by me, viz, Rupees 2 per acre, is the minimum rate of wet assessment obtaining in the District.

4. Should the Board have any objection to authorize compensation on the above principle, an equal extent of similar land may be made over to him from villages in the Goomsur or Berhampore Taluks adjoining the Dharacote Zemindary.

6. The present Puttah holders will of course be ordered only to pay their cist to the Zemindar instead of to Government Officers, as was done in the case of the Proprietor of Aska.

7. If the Board approve, I will offer the Zemindar his choice.

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1. The Board have no objection to the amount of compensation proposed for the Daracotta Zemindar, but the Collector must report whether he has funds to meet the charge.

2 The Board observe that their Proceedings to which he replies are dated January 1861, and not January *last*, and they request him to avoid any further delay in submitting his further report.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

No. 7,139.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th November 1863.

Read the following letter from G. S. FORBES, Esq., Collector of Ganjam, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chetterpore, 8th October 1863, No. 202:—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 17th ultimo, No. 5,901, I have the honor to report that the compensation of Rupees 950 proposed to be made to the Zomindar of Dharacote can be met from the provision of Rupees 2,000 made under I Allowances, Refunds and Drawbacks, II Refunds, 1 Land Revenue in the Budget for 1863-64.

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1. Before submitting the case, to which the above recorded letter refers, for the orders of Government, the Board request the Collector to explain on what extent of land, and at what rate the compensation of 950 Rupees is calculated. The result of the particulars given in Mr. Forbes's letter, No. 157, dated 21st August 1863, would appear to be Rupees 1,900, as thus:

Acres.	Rs.		Rs.	Years' purchase.	Rs.
47½	at 2 assessment per Acre	= 95	×	20	= 1,900

2. The assessment on the whole extent of land appears to have been taken at 1 Rupee per Acre all round including jungle, dry land, and garden, or else the rate of compensation is ten and not twenty years' purchase.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary.

To G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Exd. J. Wright.

Enclosure with the Board's Letter to Revenue Department, dated 18th December 1863.

No. 8002.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 17th September 1863.

No. 5,901.

Stating that there is no objection to the amount of compensation proposed for the Dharacota Zomindar, and requesting to know whether there are funds to meet the charge.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D., with copies of Collector's letters, dated 28th November 1860, and 21st August, and 8th October 1863.

Copy to G. S. Forbes, Esq., Collector of Ganjam.

Ed. J. Wright.

No. 7,139.

Dated 10th November 1863.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE

No.

1863. Department.

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Requesting to explain on what extent of land and at what rate the compensation of Rupees 950 proposed to be made to the Dharacote Zemindar is calculated.

Rec. 16th July/61 Nos 218-219

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No. 3153.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 18th December 1863.

From the Controller & Audr. of P.W. Accts
by 20 April/64
C no. 1043.

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No. 8,032.

Recommending that the Collector of Ganjam be permitted to pay to the Zemindar of Dharacottah Rupees 1900 as compensation for 47½ Acres of Wet land taken up for the Berhampoor and Russelcondah road.

Sd. H. S. Lamb
With Order

No. 18019.

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No. 10.

Sanctioned as proposed by the Bd of Revl. viz. Rs. 1,900.—

From Govt. George
5th January/64

Sd. W.

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3 — Accountant General
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