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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 21st July 1864.

No. 353. Read the following letter from Major-General S. O. E. LUDLOW, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 8th April 1864, No. 180 :—

SIR,

Vide Agent's No. 2,460 of 24th March 1864.

* *Communicating to the Consulting Engineer the G. O. dated 29th February 1864, No. 360, Revenue Department.*

1. In his letter to the Agent No. 1,451, dated 15th March 1864, herewith forwarded, the Chief Engineer of the Company solicits a re-consideration by Government of their decision regarding the transfer of the Nundial Tank, given in Government Proceedings No. 115, dated 5th* March 1864.

2. Colonel Cotton in his letter points out that it never was intended that the canal should pass through the tank, and that the proposition for the transfer was not made on that ground, but with a view to save the construction of a difficult and expensive aqueduct, to secure a more certain supply for second crop lands, and to prevent confusion and conflict in collecting the Government revenue and Company's water-rate.

3. In my letter to Government No. 60, dated 9th September 1863, I explained that the canal was not intended to pass through the tank, and detailed the objects and advantages to be gained by the transfer in nearly the same terms as those now used by the Chief Engineer. I have therefore no further information to give or explanation to offer on the subject.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

Chepauk,
9th April 1864.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, *Colonel*, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 354. ORDER THEREON, 21st July 1864, No. 1,293.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government observe that Colonel Cotton has somewhat misapprehended their Order of 29th February last. It was there stated that "as it now appears that the canal is *not* to pass through the tank the transfer is unnecessary, and there are difficulties connected with the assessment of the lands under it, the Government resolve to retain the tank." Colonel Cotton explains that he never intended to carry the canal through the tank, and he therefore wishes the subject re-considered. But it is clear that though the intention of carrying the canal through the tank might have been a reason for giving over the tank, the absence of that intention is no reason for so doing.

2. Now, however, that the assessment has been revised, the other difficulties do not exist, and as the Company will be saved a considerable expense, the Government are willing to make the tank over to the Company on the understanding that they are to keep it in repair and supply the area irrigated on an average of the last five years with water, the Government receiving credit for the cess chargeable on the area, and the determination of the quantity of water to be given per acre, and of the cess resting, as regards these lands, absolutely with them. The cess will of course be collected from the Ryots with the land assessment by the Officers of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Executive Council

Under date the 29th July 1864

Forwarding a letter from the Agent requesting a reconsideration of the decision passed by Govt. regard ing the transfer of the Mud Island

Read the following letter from the Comptroller of C.C.
Dated Office 8th April 1864 No. 180/
Col Cotton requests his right to have the Meredial Bank made over to the Irr: Co.

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the Canal should not
be made over - in
this case - that the
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to keep the Canal in repair &
to supply
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to the (water) cess
on the area ac-
tually irrigated
& on an average, &c.
being the last 5
years - and that
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the first step to
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proportion of the la-
shall be given per
acre and the price
of the same. And

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st July 1864.

Read the following
letter from the Com. Engineer
for Irrigation and Canal Com-
pany —

Forwards a letter from the
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(Revenue 8th Sept 1864
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(Transferring to the
E. I. C. Company certain
lands considered the
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To the Board of Revenue Comptroller's Office
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Letter on Secretariat