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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th October 1864.

No. 319. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th October 1864, No. 6,512.

Read the following letter from J. FRASER, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 4th August 1864, No. 200:—

1. With reference to my letter to the Board noted in the margin, I have the honor to observe, that if the course laid down in paragraph 13 of the Order of Government, No. 325, dated 23rd February 1864, be considered imperative, a separate officer must be appointed to this District to settle the claims of Inámdars and proprietors to compensation for their lands occupied for irrigation works.

Dated 22nd July 1864, No. 186.

2. In writing my letter above referred to, I fear that I did not sufficiently consider this point, viz., that Government might *insist* on the plan laid down by them in paragraph 13 being strictly followed. As the Board are aware, there is no Officer now in the District who could leave his present head quarters, and devote himself entirely to this inquiry for the whole District. The Collector, Sub-Collector, and Head Assistant, can carry out the necessary inquiries, each in his own Talooks, if that course be approved of.

3. The taking of land has been confined almost entirely to the Collector's Talooks (Ramachendrapur and Amalapur) and the Sub-division. Villagewar accounts have been received for the whole of this land, *i. e.*, accounts which show that in so many villages so many acres of Inám or proprietary land have been taken for public purposes, and the quantity taken from each Inámdar or proprietor with the assessment payable on it. The same accounts show the amount of waste in each village.

4. What I propose therefore to do is, in the case of Ináms, wherever there is available culturable waste in a village in which an Inámdar, whose land has been taken, resides, to give him such land in compensation at once, not allowing him the option of the four modes proposed by the Board; where culturable waste is available in an adjoining village only, to give the Inámdar the option of taking it, or the value in cash, of the land lost.

5. Inámdars seldom hold Jirayati lands in addition to their Ináms; and in regard to assignments of revenue from occupied lands, if these lands should happen to be relinquished by the present holders, and not at once taken up again, fresh assignments would be necessary. I think therefore that modes 1 and 4 of those referred to by Government in paragraph 12 of the Order already referred to, must be those to be generally acted on in this District.

6. In regard to proprietary lands taken for public purposes, I have informed the proprietors, that amounts equivalent to the assessments lost by them will be deducted from their Peishcush in future, so that they will have no claim for annual compensation subsequent to Fusly 1273. I hope the Board will approve of this course. Of the 4,000 acres referred to in paragraph 10 of the Government Order already quoted, compensation had been awarded, prior to the date of that Order, for all but 3,149; of which 1,486 are proprietary, and are therefore disposed of under the course I have just mentioned.

7. There remain 1,663 acres of Inám land taken up to Fusly 1270, and bearing an annual assessment of 5,975 Rupees, for which compensation has still to be awarded; and I hope to do this speedily, if myself and the Sub-Collector are allowed to dispose of the cases, each in his own Talooks.

8. There remains the land taken up to the end of Fusly 1273. I regret to say that in many cases in the Sub-division, the officers of the Department of Public Works neglected to measure the quantity of land taken in Fuslies 1270, 1271, 1272 and 1273, and now this work must be done by some one. The Curnums are hard pressed with business there now owing to the correction of the Settlement Registers which is going on, and the inquiries regarding "Mamool Nunjah;" and I think therefore, that to avoid much delay, the present Engineer Officers should now be directed to do what they or their predecessors have improperly neglected to do, viz., to

measure and send up Memorandums of all Inám lands taken by them for public purposes in Fuslies 1270, 1271, 1272 and 1273, and which have hitherto not been measured by their Department, or by any other competent persons.

1. Ordered to be submitted to Government with reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 13th August 1864, No. 5,205.

2. The Board do not doubt that Government will be satisfied with Mr. Fraser's plan of operations, viz., that the Collector and Sub-Collector shall respectively dispose of the cases occurring within their several charges, instead of deputing a single officer for the sole performance of this duty as originally suggested in the Government Order, to which the Collector refers.

3. The Board approve the Collector's proposals in regard to the offer of waste land to Inámdars on the understanding that, as in the case of the commutation of Temple allowances, an additional percentage of area is to be granted in consideration of the cost and labor of bringing waste land into cultivation.

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5. The proposal that the necessary measurement of the land taken up shall now be made by the Officers of the Department Public Works, by which Department it should originally have been made, appears to the Board perfectly unobjectionable.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1864, No. 1,971.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve of the work being done by the District officers in their respective divisions, and concur in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Board's Proceedings.

2. Paragraph 5 will be communicated to the Department Public Works in view to the necessary orders being issued for the immediate measurement of the lands referred to in the concluding paragraph of the Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Submitting with remarks, letter from the Officiating Collector of the Godavery District suggesting that the Collector, Sub Collector, and Head Assistant ought to settle each in his own Taluqs all claims to compensation for lands occupied for irrigation works.

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The pet. applicable to the work being done by the District officers in their respective Division, and concur in para 3 & 4 of the Vth Proc: Para 5 will be carried out in lieu of the necessary orders being issued for the immediate measurement of the lands referred to in the Concluding para of the Collr's letter

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To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. Fraser, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Godavery District.

Secretary.

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