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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 29. 2. ~~19~~ 1864

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 29th February 1864.

No. 396. Read the following letter from Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, Acting Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Saint Thomé, 9th September 1863, No. 60 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for the information of Government, a letter* from the Agent, conveying his opinion on the subject of the proposed transfer of the Nundial tank to the Company, and detailing the terms on which he thinks such transfer should be made.

* Dated 4th September 1863, No. 948, to be kindly returned.

2. There has been some misconception on both parts with regard to the circumstances of this case, which it appears hardly necessary to remark upon further than that the intention of the Chief Engineer does not appear to be to carry the canal through the tank, but above it, and the main advantage which he has in view by obtaining possession of the tank, is to avoid the construction of a costly and inconvenient aqueduct across its present supply channel. Another advantage would of course be the possession of a reservoir, which, commanded by the canal, could be kept full to the close of the season, thus affording the means of irrigating a much larger extent of second crop land than is now the case.

3. It appears to be pretty certain, as Mr. Minchin observes in paragraph 11 of his letter, No. 32, to the Board, dated 2nd March 1863, that the operations of the Company will eventually necessitate the lowering of the present wet assessment, and when this comes to pass, the revenue at present derived by Government from the Nundial tank will be materially diminished.

4. I think, therefore, that it would be practicable and fair to effect the transfer of the tank to the Company on the terms proposed by Mr. Minchin (*vide* paragraph 19 of his letter†) in the case of the Byapgoodoor tank, viz., that the Company should be bound to provide Government free of charge with water for the cultivation of the existing Ayacut, and that they should be credited with the water rate for any after increase of irrigation.

† To the Board, referred to in Proceedings of Government, dated 1st May 1863, No. 1,104.

5. The Company in consideration of the advantages which they would receive by the transfer, to undertake to keep the tank in repair.

6. Government would lose nothing by this arrangement as they would be furnished with water for all land now cultivated, for which they can charge the Ryot at existing rates as long as they may think fit, and they would further be relieved of the expense of repairing the tank.

Referred to the Revenue Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 13th June 1863, No. 1,033.

Chepauk,
12th September 1863.

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

No. 397. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1864, No. 360.

As it now appears that the Irrigation Company's Canal is not to pass through the Nundial Tank, the transfer of the latter to the Company is no longer necessary, and as there are considerable difficulties connected with the assessment levied on the lands irrigated by it, the Government resolve to retain it in their own hands.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
„ Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Secretary's note on Revenue No 2172.

Vide reference to the Revenue attached to G.O. 25th April and 13th Oct last for details regarding these Rates.

The fairest arrangement I think will be to take the area as the basis of calculation - i.e. the Co. must supply irrigation (first and second crop) for the area actually watered on an average of 5 or 7 years past, that irrigation being assessed at the rates actually leviable under the new settlement (less the average cost of repairs on the same principles.

Signed H.D.F.

Remarks by the Honble Mr Bycroft

Why should there be any valuation at all. Let the Company supply gratis water enough for the average cultivation and let Govt collect their assessment as they please. The Company

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Company might be required to keep the Lands
in repair on account of the benefit which
they will derive from the transfer - This is
Saddam's plan and seems simple - If
the Company object to bear the cost of the
repairs Govt. might make them a yearly
allowance, equal to the average expenditure
upon the Lands -

(Signed) J. T. P.

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Ref. reference to the Memo attached to G.O. 25 April 4 last for details regarding K.

The fairest arrangement will be to take the ~~K~~ on the basis of Calculation 2. The Co must supply first & second crop/ actually watered average of 5 or 7 years back, at irrigation being valued at the 2 rates actually levied under the new settlement, for cotton & average cost of repairs on the same principle - JRS

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant
J. R. Madden Colonel C.
Consulting Engineer P.W.D.

To
The Accountant
Public Works Dept.

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From Superintending Engr Trichinopoly No 2172 Dated 9 Sept 1863.

The Chief Consulting Engineer to Govt
Madras

Sir

The Secretary to Govt
P. W. Dept

Dated 9 Sept 1863
Recd 12 Sept 1863

Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer P. W. Dept No 360.

Enclosures 2

Forwards with his remarks a letter from the Agent conveying his opinion on the subject of the proposed transfer of the Nundidroog Tank to the Irrigation Company and detailing the terms on which such transfer should be made.

Revenue Department

No 360.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 29th July 1864.

Read the following letter from the Acting Consulting Engineer P. W. Dept.

As ordered in Council
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No 360.

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Dated 29th February 1864.

Forwarding Consultation Extract
in Pub Dept Feby 1864 Enclosing Engcy.

The proposal
of the Agent of the
G I P & C. Company to
transfer the Sundial
tank to the Company
not entertained.

No 396 & 397.