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No. 611. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 19th June 1865, No. 3,329.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DALYELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Krishnapatam, 25th March 1865, No. 58:—

SIR,

1. On making the Jummahbundy of the Kanigiri Talook this year, I found that with one or two exceptions nothing had been done to the tanks since the villages in question, the Dupad villages, were transferred to this District, and that owing to the position of these villages there is little likelihood of any thing more being done.

2. The Venkatagiri Zemindar, the Kalahastri Zemindar, and the ninety-nine Dupad villages occupy an area of nearly 1,000 square miles at the back of the Sundi Zemindary. All three classes of villages are mixed together. Generally speaking if you see a comparatively well placed village, it belongs to one of the Zemindaries, if the reverse it is held direct to Government; and when I add that the whole revenue of the ninety-nine villages thus scattered is only Rupees 46,000, an idea may be formed of their importance, and the propriety of the Officers of the Public Works Department leaving the Coast Talooks to search for such outlying claims on their attention, even if the irrigation works were of an importance not to be inferred from the general revenue.

3. So far, however, from the irrigation works being of importance, they are what might be expected from the bare uplying nature of the Talook. They are, as a rule, very small; and knowing further, that these tanks were to a great extent supplemented by wells, that there can be equally little doubt, were dug at the private cost of the people who live in this unfavorable country, I gave orders for a Statement to be drawn out, which I now do myself the honor to submit for the Board's consideration, and shows the name of each irrigation work, its registered irrigable area, area in occupation, and of this how much is irrigated without the aid of wells, how much with, and how much by wells only, the tanks being breached, &c.

4. From this Statement it will be seen that there are thirty-five tanks, that their total irrigable area is only 838 acres, that altogether only half this area is in occupation, and of this occupied area about a half is all that is cultivated without the aid of wells.

Name of the Irrigation Works and Villages.			
1. Gudipadu.	Circar Cheruvu.		
2. Guruvajapeta.	Do.	Pedda Cheruvu.	
3. Inimerla.	Do.	do.	do.
	Do.	Chinna	do.
4. Irlapad	Do.		do.
5. Kanigiri	Do.		do.
6. Nandanavanam.	Do.		do.
7. Peda Cherlopallo.	Do.	Pedda	do.
	Do.	Chinna	do.
8. Senkavaram.	Nagula		do.

5. Deducting the irrigation works in the eight villages noted marginally, as being exceptions to the general rule, and works that should be maintained, leaves an area of 342 acres, assessed at Rupees 553, of which at present 68 acres are in occupation, and an assessment due thereon when the tanks are full of Rupees 321, the number of irrigation works being twenty-five, and the average assessment per tank about 12 Rupees.

6. I may further mention, that this bare tract suffers sadly for want of rain, and that it is of the utmost importance that the people should be encouraged to dig wells; and under these circumstances, considering the position of the villages, the disproportionate expense to the revenue involved that it would be for an Engineer to visit them, and the impossibility there is of his repairing them save by the aid of the villagers themselves, I beg to request the Board's permission to hand them over to the Ryots at the prescribed rate for ruined tanks, and subject to the approval of the Superintending Engineer.

7. Looking through the list, it will be seen a common area in occupation is an acre. Jillelapad, for instance, has an irrigable area altogether of one acre all in occupation, and returning a revenue of 2 Rupees. Would it be wise for an Engineer to travel forty miles to look at this tank? Sanichennupalli has again two acres in occupation, revenue 5 Rupees, and so on; and in expressing my hope that the Board will be pleased to favor me with early orders on this subject, I have further to state, that amongst the tanks excepted, one, Senkavaram, is now under consideration as a ruined tank, and one village, Musunuru, has been excluded, because under the Veligondlas, and so surrounded by Zemindary tracts that the Ryots must be left to their own resources.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT shewing the Irrigation works, and their registered area, with details of occupation for Fasly 1274.

Name of the Irrigation Work and Village.		Registered area of irrigation and assessment.		Area occupied in 1864-65.								Remarks.
				Without wells.		With wells.		Irrigated from wells only.		Total.		
Villages.	Irrigation.	Acres.	as.	Acres.	as.	Acres.	as.	Acres.	as.	Acres.	as.	
1. *Ayyavaripallo* ...	Vagu	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No cultivation under this Vagu.
2. *Bala Vankatapuram*	Ura Vagu	2	10	1	4	...	...	...	...	1	4	
3. *Challagarigala* ...	Machararam Tippannakunta ...	4	12	4	12	...	...	...	...	4	12	
4. *Chencharedipallo* ..	Circar Cheruvu	11	49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
5. *Doddichintala* ...	Domala Vagu	2	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. *Gudipadu*	Circar Cheruvu	47	160	43	144	...	...	...	...	43	144	
7. *Gudipatipallo* ...	Do.	5	54	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	3	
8. *Gundlapalam* ...	Swanta Cheruvu	20	57	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	
9. *Gunturu Lingavapalem*	Circar do.	6	14	3	6	1	4	...	...	4	10	
10. *Guruvajipeta* ...	Do. Pedda Cheruvu	23	196	...	...	22	186	...	...	22	186	
11. *Inimerla*	Do.	68	483	19	154	...	...	...	...	19	154	
12. *Inimerla*	Do. Chinna Cheruvu	29	177	25	148	...	...	...	...	25	148	
13. *Irlapadu*	Do. Cheruvu	43	306	22	110	13	176	...	...	35	286	
14. *Isullapallo*	Imasabandham Cheruvu	7	47	...	...	5	36	...	...	5	36	
15. *Jillelapadu*	Medem Musalreddi Gunta	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	
16. *Kammampadu* ...	Swanta Cheruvu	5	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
17. *Kanigiri*	Circar do.	62	751	39	482	19	240	...	...	58	722	
18. *Kanigiri*	Utla Vagu	1	5	1	5	...	...	...	...	1	5	
19. *Kattakindipalli* ...	Circar Cheruvu	2	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
20. *Kodandaramapuram*	Do.	2	10	...	...	1	5	...	...	1	5	
21. *Mirapuram*	Nerella Vagu...	8	45	3	14	...	...	...	...	3	14	
22. *Musunuru*	Bava Narayanappa Kotta Cheruvu, and Manneti Kotta Kalava ...	4	12	...	...	4	12	...	...	4	12	

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23. Musunuru.	Anumula Brahmaya, and Somayajula Pedda Cheruvu	7	20	7	20	...	...	...	...	7	20	
24. Do.	Manneti Pata Kalavas	17	76	10	43	7	33	...	...	17	76	
25. Nallagandla	Swanta Cheruvu	4	12	4	12	...	...	...	...	4	12	
26. Nandanavanam ...	Circar Cheruvu	59	644	...	...	37	419	...	...	37	419	
27. Peda Alamalapadu.	Do. Pata Cheruvu	129	673	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
28. Peda Charlopalle ...	Do. Peda do.	67	459	50	361	9	24	...	...	59	385	
29. Do. do. ...	Do. Chinna do.	30	41	5	15	25	26	...	...	30	41	
30. Sanichennupallo ...	Do. Cheruvu	8	29	2	5	...	...	...	...	2	5	
31. Senkavaram	Nagula do.	68	461	49	122	4	22	15	82	68	226	
32. Velicherla	Circar Puli Cheruvu	65	425	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
33. Virabadrapuram ...	Gramastula Swanta Cheruvu ...	2	7	2	7	...	...	...	...	2	7	
34. Veligandla	Sure Narsireddi Kotta Gunta ...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	
35. Ummanapalle ...	Circar Cheruvu	28	323	...	...	9	94	...	...	9	94	
	Total...	838	5,631	293	1,673	156	1,277	15	82	464	3,032	

KRISHNAPATAM,
25th March 1865.

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES, *Collector.*

1. Ordered that the foregoing communication be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector of Nellore submits a List of thirty-five tanks in the Dupad Talook of his District, and proposes to make over twenty-five of them to the Ryots at the prescribed rate for ruined tanks, and subject to the approval of the Superintending Engineer.

3. The tanks in question, it appears, are not ruined tanks; but in consequence of their very small size; their peculiar position, situated as they are among Zemindary and Government villages in an outlying Talook; the trifling revenue dependent on them; the disproportionate expense as to this revenue which the Engineer would have to incur in visiting them, &c., &c., Mr. Dykes considers that it would be expedient to make them over to the Ryots, who, perhaps, would thus be encouraged to dig more wells in a part of his District in which rain is remarkably scarce.

4. On a scrutiny of the List, the Board observe that there are nineteen tanks which are capable of irrigating less than 2 acres each; seven tanks have irrigable areas of from 11 to 30 acres; eight tanks have from 47 to 68 acres; and one tank has 129 acres. The total irrigable area under all the tanks is acres 838, subject to an assessment (when the tanks are full) of Rupees 5,631, of which only 464 acres, assessed at Rupees 3,032, have been cultivated in 1864-65. Of this extent also, only 293 acres, assessed at Rupees 1,673, are irrigated independent of wells; acres 156 assessed at Rupees 1,277, are irrigated with the aid of wells dug at the private cost of the Ryots; and 15 acres, assessed at Rupees 82, are irrigated entirely by such wells.

5. From the subjoined Memorandum prepared in the Board's Office, the Government will perceive that if the irrigable area (496 acres) under the ten comparatively large tanks noted in the margin of paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter, and which it is proposed should be retained under the management of Government be deducted from the total irrigable area under all the tanks, there will remain an area of 342 acres, of which only 68 acres were cultivated in 1864-65, and that, on this extent, the loss of revenue that will immediately accrue to Government by relinquishing the tanks, and levying a uniform rate of assessment at Rupees 2-8-0 per acre (which is the rate sanctioned by the Board in their Proceedings, No. 6,250, dated 2nd October 1863, for land under ruined tanks in the Nellore District) will be very trifling, namely, 151 Rupees. Had the whole irrigable extent (acres 342) under these twenty-five tanks been occupied at the full assessment, the revenue which the Government would have had to relinquish would have been Rupees 1,098.

6. Under all the circumstances of the case, the Board approve of Mr. Dykes's proposition, and recommend that he may be authorized to give it effect.

7. The Collector will be requested to explain why he has not included tank No. 27, in the village of Peda Alamalipadu, among those to be retained under Government management. The irrigable area under this tank is 129 acres, and the assessment amounts to 673 Rupees.

8. The Board are at a loss to understand the Collector's remarks at the conclusion of his letter in respect of the village Musunuru, as the irrigable area under the tank in this village appears to be only 7 acres, with an aggregate assessment of 20 Rupees, for which reason, the Board consider, that the village has been properly included in the List of those to be left entirely to the Ryots as to irrigation. It is also not found among those entered in the margin of paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter.

Memorandum.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
For thirty-five Irrigation works	838	5,631	464	3,032	2,095	1,160	3,536	1,872
Deduct for ten Irrigation works	496	3,678	396	2,711	1,240	990	2,438	1,721
Remaining for twenty-five Irrigation works.	342	1,953	68	321	855	170	1,098	151

No. 612. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1865, No. 1,470.

Miscellaneous.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore:

Ed. R. H. Lee.

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Pro. of Govt. for June

No. 1673.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated 19th June 1865.

Pro. B. of Rev. 4 5 July 65 No. 1839.

No 3,329.

Submitting letter from the Collector of Nellore and recommending that sanction be granted for the proposed transfer of 25 of the tanks in the Duped Taluk to the Ryots.

No. 1670-29 Ditto

P. 611 & 612.