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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th October 1865.*

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1862-63	101 12 6
1863-64	105 7 7

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No. 234. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1865, No. 2,484.

Land Revenue.

1. Sanctioned as proposed.
2. The case seems to come within the rules, as the tank was breached ten years ago, and no repairs have since been made by Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 4,701.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th August 1865.

Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to R. A. DAL-YELL, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1865, No. 156 :—

1. In my letter to the Board of the 25th March last, No. 58,* I proposed to transfer to the Ryots, with certain exceptions, the irrigation works in the Kanigiri Taluk for the reasons therein given. Among the exceptions was the Tank of the village of Senkhavaram, commonly known as the Senkhavaram Nagula Cheruvu, which was, as I stated† at the time, under consideration as a ruined tank, and it is with reference to this tank, that I now do myself the honor to address the Board.

2. The particulars of the case are briefly these, and I enclose for reference, if necessary, copies of the correspondence, as per margin, in extenso.

From Collector to Acting Sub-Collector, No. 196, 30th December 1864.	
To do. from do. No. 5, 10th January 1865.	
To do. from do. No. 8, 9th February 1865.	
From do. to do. No. 40, 23rd March 1865.	
From do. to Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, No. 59, 23rd March 1865.	
To do. from do. do. „ 90, 19th April 1865.	
From do. to do. do. „ 82, 1st May 1865.	
To do. from do. do. „ 21, 15th June 1865.	

3. The late Sub-Collector, Mr. Morris, under a misconception apparently of the orders of Government of the 23rd December 1862, Revenue Department, No. 2,673, (Board's Standing Circular No. II. of 1863,) made over the tank in question to the Ryots of the village in consideration of their having spent, in 1862-63, a sum of Rupees six-hundred in its repair. Mr. Morris made no reference to the District Engineer or Superintending Engineer of the Division as to the propriety of transferring the tank to private enterprise, as is required by the Government Order aforesaid, which moreover applies only to *bond-fide* ruined tanks which have been abandoned for at least five years, and in which category the tank in question would not come; and on the matter coming to my notice, after rectifying a mistake he had made in the assessment, I upheld the order† thus modified, pending the prescribed reference‡ to the Superintending Engineer, for his opinion.

† Collector's letter to Acting Sub-Collector, No. 43, of 23rd March 1865.

‡ Collector's letter to Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, No. 59 of 23rd March 1865.

4. The Superintending Engineer in reply§ to my reference observed that he was only at liberty to give an opinion within the limits of the Order of Government, and as the tank in question was not a ruined tank, and the Government Order did not, therefore, apply, he suggested that an approximate estimate should be made of the value of the repairs done by the Ryots prior to the transfer to them of the tank, and that it be submitted for the decision of Government as to whether the tank should remain with the Ryots or otherwise.

5. A carefully prepared approximate estimate of the work done having accordingly at my request been furnished|| by the Superintending Engineer, I do myself the honor to submit it for the consideration of the Board, and request that they will be pleased to obtain the sanction of Government for re-imbursing the amount, viz., Rupees 453, to the Ryots with interest at 20 per cent. from the date of outlay till now, as particularized in the margin, the area in occupation being charged at the class assessment and arrears, minus collections to date at the favorable rates alluded to being recovered from the occupants, on which point, on receipt of the Board's orders, the requisite steps shall be taken.

Value of repairs done as estimated by the villagers ...	RS. A.
Interest for two years, at 20 per cent. per annum.....	453 0
	181 3
Total...	634 3

6. With regard to the future maintenance of the tank, the Board will observe that the Superintending Engineer estimates that a further expenditure of Rupees 514 is necessary to put the tank in thorough repair, and as the tank is immediately adjacent to Kanigiri, has an area of 68 acres, and could be kept in repair with the Kanigiri tank, I propose to have the requisite measures taken for such further repair at the Government expense as may be actually found requisite.

ENCLOSURE No. 15

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Honorable J. C. St. CLAIR, Acting Sub-Collector of Nellore, dated 30th December 1864, No. 106.

1. I have the honor to annex copy of the remarks on the Sankavaram Nagula Cheruvu in the Taluk of Kanigiri, and request you will be good enough to furnish me with a copy of the order in question.

This tank was heretofore repaired at the cost of the State, but the villagers having laid out 600 Rupees in 1862-63 in its repair, the Sub-Collector by his order, No. 27 of the 1st June 1864, directed 56 acres of the irrigable area under it to be made over to the villagers at a fixed rate of Rupees 2-10-0 per acre, the remaining 18 acres out of a total irrigable area of 74 acres being garden land within the reach of wells were not so treated, it may, therefore, now be considered a private tank.

2. The information required in such cases should be given in the prescribed form herewith annexed.

3. And I shall be obliged by your informing me how many tanks have been so made over to date.

From the Honorable J. C. St. CLAIR, Acting Sub-Collector of Nellore, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Kavali, 10th January 1865, No. 5.

1. In reply to your letter, No. 169, dated 30th December 1864, I have the honor to enclose a copy of the order of the late Acting Sub-Collector making over the Sankavaram Nagula Cheruvu tank to Sakam Anki Reddy and others on the condition that they should pay the assessment on 56 acres at Rupees 2-10-0 per acre, whether the lands were cultivated or not.

2. It was reported by the Supervisor of the Range that the restoration of the tank would not in any way affect existing works, the rights of Government or of any private individuals. The original record connected with the matter is also forwarded, but as the form which accompanied your letter under reply differs from that prescribed by the Board of Revenue, I am at present unable, without previous reference to the Tahsildar of Kanigiri, to furnish the additional information required by it.

3. In reply to paragraph 3 of your letter, I have the honor to inform you, that this is the only tank made over to private individuals in accordance with the orders of Government published in the year 1863, without previous reference to the Board of Revenue. Since the promulgation of that order, the only tanks made over besides the present one, are the tank at Kanigiri given to Pirzada Syed Nabli Hussien, and the tank at Yerragudipad in the Ongole Taluk of which the transfer to Kappu Ravuri Tataya was sanctioned by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings, dated 25th November 1863, No. 7,461.

From the Honorable J. C. St. CLAIR, Acting Sub-Collector of Nellore, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Udayagiri, 9th February 1865, No. 8.

In continuation of my letter, dated 10th ultimo, No. 5, I have the honor to forward a Telugu Statement prepared by the Tahsildar of Kanigiri with regard to the Nagula Cheruvu at Sankavaram according to the form forwarded with your letter, No. 106 of the 30th December 1864.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to the Honorable J. C. St. CLAIR, Acting Sub-Collector of Nellore, dated Kristnapatnam, 23rd March 1865, No. 40.

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 10th January 1865, No. 5, forwarding records connected with the Sankavaram Nagula Cheruvu Tank in Kanigiri Taluk, together with the copy of Mr. Morris's Takeed,* as requested in my letter of the 30th December last, No. 196.

* No. 27, dated 1st June 1864.

2. From the above Takeed it appears that the tank, which is fed by two hill streams, reached in Fasli 1265, and that Mr. Morris directed 56 acres of land under it to be made over to Anki Reddi and others at Rupees 2-10-0 per acre.

	A.	K.	V.	P.
Total registered area...	74	25	9	8
Entered in Fasli 1273 ..	19	11	11	8
Entered as "Minaha" in the Demarcation ..	0	15	0	0
Field Register ..	6	17	7	4
Extent included in a Vagu ..	26	4	2	12
Remainder...	48	21	6	12
Add Mogani Poramboke included in Demarcation No. 83...	0	12	0	0
Total...	48	33	6	12

3. The total registered area under the tank is A. 74, K. 25, V. 9, P. 8, at the ordinary rates of assessment. Deducting from the extent in occupation up to Fasli 1273, as also land not available for cultivation, there are only A. 48, K. 33, V. 6, P. 12, as shown in the margin, available to the applicants, and not 56 acres as stated in the Takeed alluded to.

4. The rate sanctioned by the Board is Rupees 2-8-0 per acre, and the prescribed reference to the Engineer Department (Order of Government, dated 23rd December 1862, No. 2,673) does not appear to have been made. I have, therefore, modified Mr. Morris's order, and will make the prescribed reference, and pending the receipt of a reply from the Superintending Engineer, will uphold Mr. Morris's order thus modified.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to Lieut. Colonel G. V. WINSOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated 23rd March 1865, No. 59.

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to furnish me with your professional opinion whether the Nagula Cheruvu tank* of Sankavaram in the Kanigiri Taluk may be made over to certain Ryots who have repaired it at their own expense, and been put in possession by the late Sub-Collector in apprehension of the Government orders on the subject.

* Details received from Acting Sub-Collector, forwarded with copy of his letter, and another from myself to the said Officer.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Masulipatam, 19th April 1865, No. 90.

In reply to your letter, No. 59, dated 23rd ultimo, on the subject of Nagula Cheruvu Tank of Sankavaram in the Kanigiri Taluk, I have the honor to state that I can only express an opinion within the limits of the Government's Order.

In the case in question the tank has been handed over to the Ryots under the impression that the Government had given the necessary authority, but as the Government have only authorized the transfer to private individuals of "ruined" tanks within which category the tank in question does not fall, I am of opinion that an approximate estimate had better be prepared by this department of the value of the repairs executed by the Ryots before the transfer was made, leaving it to Government to decide whether the tank should remain in the hands of the Ryots, or in the event of its being resumed, whether the amount disbursed should be re-paid to them.

From J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated 1st May 1865, No. 82.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 90 of the 9th ultimo, and to request that an approximate estimate be prepared, as proposed by you, of the value of the repairs

done by the Ryots to the Nagula Cheruvu Tank of Sankavaram in the Kanigiri Taluk before the tank was transferred to them.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated Masulipatam, 15th June 1865, No. 21.

In reply to your letter, No. 82 of 1st May 1865, I have the honor to forward an approximate estimate framed, however, with much care, by Mr. Supervisor O'Connor of the value of the repairs executed by the Ryots to the Nagula Cheruvu Tank, amounting to Rupees 453. Mr. O'Connor has sent in another estimate showing the amount which it would be desirable for the Government to lay out upon the tank to put it into a thoroughly efficient state, amounting to Rupees 514. How far it is desirable that this should be done, must depend upon the revenue obtainable concerning which I have no accurate information.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) J. W. B. DYKES,
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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Approximate Estimate of the probable expense of repairs done by the Ryots to Nagala Cheruvu Tank of Sankavaram.

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1. The Board do not understand what is the real value to Government of the Sankavaram Tank referred to by the Collector. In the Estimate furnished by the Superintending Engineer for the future maintenance of this tank, it is stated that it has a revenue of only 52 Rupees on an average of last five years, and that "previous year's expenditure" is "none."

2. It appears from the Statement of Irrigation works, submitted with the Collector's letter, dated 25th March 1865, that the area irrigated by the tank is Acres 68, with an assessment of Rupees 481; and that the whole area was occupied in Fasli 1274 or 1864-65, in the manner noted in the margin, paying an assessment of Rupees 226. Thus the revenue derived from the tank is only Rupees 144. The outlay required for expenditure on the tank at present amounts to

	Area.	Assessment.
	Acres.	Rupees.
W.	49	132
Irrig.	4	22
only...	15	82
	68	226

Rupees 1,148, inclusive of the amount to be re-imbursed to the Ryots, who repaired it in 1862-63. The interest on this sum at 12 per cent. would be Rupees 138. There is also the risk of season, &c., to be taken into account. It, therefore, appears to the Board that the tank is of a description that can, with advantage, be made over to the Ryots, but before passing final orders on the subject, the Board wish to be informed when the tank was breached, what was the amount usually collected from the lands irrigated from it before it was breached, and in what year any expenditure was last incurred on it. The amount of expenditure also should be stated. An early reply is requested to these Proceedings.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) B. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

To J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

Exd. J. Wright.

Requesting further particulars regarding the
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No. 4,701.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

M. A. Dalrymple

Acting Secretary.

To W. Hudleston, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.,
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Copy to J. W. B. Dykes, Esq., Collector of Nellore.

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