

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 478

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th March 1865.*

No. 66. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1865.
Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 6th February 1865,
No. 18:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward, for consideration and submission to Government, a letter from the late Deputy Collector on special duty, B. Gopalaya, urging a reconsideration of the Government Order dated 7th April 1862, No. 704, Public Works Department, which while permitting the diversion of the Toombadra water into the Company's canal throughout the year, for the supply of the town of Kurnool, forbids the use of the water for irrigation after the month of December.

2. I have waited to forward this letter until I had an opportunity of inspecting the villages in question, and having done so, have no hesitation in supporting the Deputy Collector's recommendation.

3. In the first place the extent of land to be irrigated is so small (200 acres have been brought under wet cultivation this year) that the diversion of the water for this purpose can very slightly affect the supply at the Bezwara anicut.

4. In the next place the prohibition is almost nugatory. There will always be so much leakage from the bank of the canal and its surplus channels, owing to the nature of the soil in this part of the country, that the fields of these villages will become swamps, only fit for wet cultivation. So porous is the soil, that an irrigation channel 6 inches in width, makes a rotten bog, dangerous to cross on horseback, for 12 feet on each side of it.

5. The water at present thus destroys a great portion of the land, wherever its surplus is let out of the canal into the river, and its use for cultivation would make but little additional expenditure.

6. Under these circumstances, I beg that the Government may be moved to reconsider their order, and permit the canal water to be used for irrigation throughout the year in the five villages between Soonkasala and Kurnool.

7. The Government interests at Bezwara will be sufficiently protected by an order prohibiting the Toombadra water being carried across the Hindry aqueduct after the 31st January until the freshes in June.

The Board observe that the order referred to by Mr. Minchin was not communicated to them; but his letter will be submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that under the circumstances stated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of his letter, the supply of water may be continued throughout the year to the five villages in question.

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ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1865, No. 478.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Public Works Department, with reference to
their order quoted in the Collector's letter.
(True Extract.)

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

To the Department Public Works.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Recommending
that the supply of
water from Poon
boda channel
be continued to the
five villages between
Poonkesora and
Kurnool throughout
the year.

With an order

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