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No. 451. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 17th November 1864, No. 7,508.

Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 24th October 1864, No. 241 :—

1. In submitting copy of Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson's letter, and of its enclosures, regarding the liability of the Zemindar of Gudur Purganah to the payment of the charges incurred for clearing the channels which supply Kistna Anicut water to his own, as well as Government villages, I have the honor to forward a Map shewing the Zemindar's villages and the Government villages interspersed among them, as well as the channels which irrigate them both.

2. The Zemindar declines to pay the cost of clearing the branches or any channels which supply a share of water to Government villages. He argues that as the wet assessment of the irrigated lands was taken into calculation in fixing the assets of the Purganah, it is incumbent on Government to cause the channels that existed for the cultivation of the said wet lands to be repaired and water given. Translation of his Urzi on the subject is herein enclosed.

3. Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson says (paragraphs 4 and 5), that "as the Peshcush was fixed at three-fourths of the total assessment of the *dry* and *wet* lands, the Zemindar is paying only Rupees 2½ per acre, instead of 3 Rupees. Had the Peshcush been calculated on the dry assessment, and water-rate was separately fixed at 3 Rupees per acre, as in the case of Government lands according to the new settlement, there would have been no ground to demand from the Zemindar the payment of the charges alluded to. But as he is paying only a partial water-rate," I agree with Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson that the Zemindar should pay the proportionate cost for clearing the channels which irrigate his own as well as the Government villages. The ratio can be easily ascertained by calculating the area irrigated in the respective villages.

4. The channels which irrigate the Gudur Purganah are the Butlercodu, the Mamillacodu, the Malapabarecodu, the Nissankaroycodu, and the Yeddlacodu. Of these the Butlercodu is the chief, the remaining being branches of the Butlercodu. Strictly speaking the repairs of all these should, I think, be ratably divided between the Zemindar and the Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to G. THORNHILL, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 23rd January 1864, No. 53.

1. I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter* addressed to me by Captain Hasted, the Officer in charge of 7th Range, requesting instructions as to the extent to which the channels in the Gudur Purganah are to be cleared at the expense of Government.

2. The Gudur Purganah is watered chiefly by the Butlercodu, a branch from the Masulipatam canal, several secondary branches from that channel, and a number of smaller cuts. These channels supply Government villages in addition to those in the Purganah.

3. The Zemindar proposes to bear the expense of clearing the petty channels which supply his villages only; but objects to clear the branches or any channels which supply a share of water to Government villages.

4. If the Government, when ordering the transfer of the Purganah to the Rajah Nagannah Naidoo, had assigned the Peshcush on the cultivation assessed at dry rates, and had demanded in addition a water-rate of 3 Rupees on the lands irrigated, I conclude that they would have borne the entire cost of the maintenance of the channels.

Vide Government Order, No. 334, dated 14th February 1863, paragraph 5, Revenue Department.

* No. 82 of 19th January 1864.

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5. But the Peshcush has been fixed at three-fourths the total assessment on wet and dry cultivations; so that if the former includes a water-rate of 3 Rupees per acre, the Zemindar is called upon to pay only three-fourths instead of the whole of that amount or Rupees 2-4-0 per acre. The difference on the area of wet cultivation in excess of that of the average of five years preceding the construction of the Anicut, stated in the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 1,873, dated 20th March 1862, paragraph 3, to be 3,125 acres, amounts to Rupees 2,313-12-0, which will represent the sum annually sacrificed by Government if they defray the whole cost of the clearance of the channels in question.

6. The average annual expenditure on the Butlercodu and branches for the five years ending 1860-61 was Rupees 3,484,* the expenditure in the two following years on maintenance only was Rupees 3,120 and 2,604 respectively, but of course a proportion of the annual charge for repairs of anicut and clearance of the main channel would have to be added to this to show the total cost of the delivery of the water.

* Including new works.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

From Captain J. O. HASTED, R. E., Assistant Engineer, 1st Class, K. D., to Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, dated Masulipatam, 19th January 1864, No. 82.

1. I have the honor to bring to your notice the difficulty experienced in framing clearance estimates for Bunder Talook, now that the Gudur Purganah is handed over to the Rajah of Wullur, with a view to having some rules established with reference to all channels supplying Zemindary land.

2. The Gudur Purganah is principally supplied by three large channels taken off the Butlercodu; these channels supply Government lands as well both above and below the Gudur Purganah, and the Rajah of Wullur objects, with some reason I think, to clearing the portions of these channels in the Purganah. It seems to me but fair that as the channels must be cleared to supply Government villages below they should be cleared at Government expense, with the understanding that the Zemindary villages should be supplied in turns with the Government villages, as may be decided by this Department.

3. The Rajah of Wullur declares his readiness to clear all his small village channels, but objects to cleaning those that may supply partly Inam lands and partly his own lands. I would propose that all main channels should be cleared at Government expense, and all minor channels in the Zemindary at the Rajah's expense; by main channels, I mean that three branches of the Butlercodu above referred to and the Malabaharycodu, which is supplied by a sluice in the mean canal. The Rajah will evidently gain much by having his large channels cleared, and the expense of clearing minor channels which only benefit him partly, will be insignificant.

4. All channels irrigating the Zemindary directly from either the Poolairoo or main canal should, I think, be cleared at the Rajah's expense, as none of them are very extensive.

5. Another point that I should like to have settled is to what extent new channels should be dug in Zemindary lands at Government expense. I receive numerous applications for small channels, the cost of which would be about 200 or 300 Rupees. I have always understood that such channels should be excavated by the Zemindars, and except in the case of a small channel being dug with a view to extending it further when necessary, I have not recommended any for sanction.

6. I am anxious to have some fixed rules concerning all Zemindary channels, as it is probable that the irrigation between the main canal and river will be shortly very much extended,

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at present the main channels being dug and sluices built. I offer only to supply water, and leave the minor channels entirely to the Zemindars.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

(A true Copy.)

(Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Map.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

ABSTRACT.—Translation of an Urzi submitted to the Collector of the Kistna District by the Zemindar of Wallur.

Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.

No. 452.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1865, No. 669.

Land Revenue.

1. The Peshcush fixed on the Goodoor Estate is merely a temporary arrangement, pending the revision of the assessment of the District. As orders have now been passed on this revision, the Board and Mr. Master will report fully on the Peshcush to be permanently fixed, with reference to the Secretary of State's Despatch, dated 24th November 1863, No. 80.

2. The present Peshcush does not provide for payment for repairs to main channels being made by the Zemindar, the deduction of 25 per cent. on the assessment being intended to cover expenses of collecting the revenue, contingencies of season, &c., and to form the Zemindar's profit. In regard to minor channels, the usage of the District should be followed for the present. When the Peshcush is permanently fixed all matters of this nature will be clearly determined and declared.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
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(A true Copy) (Signed) G. THORNHILL, Collector.

Enclosure No. 2 - Map.

Enclosure No. 3.

Abstract - Translation of an Urz submitted to the Collector of the Krishna District by the
 Zemindar of Vallur.

Ordered to be submitted for the decision of Government.
 (True Copies and Extract)

Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.
 Copy to G. Thornhill, Esq., Collector of the Krishna District.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 17th November 1864.

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27th July/67 C^o 2097.

Submitting for decision letter from the Collector of the Kistna District requesting instructions as to the extent to which the channels in the Gudur Purganah are to be cleared at the expense of Government.

Government.
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With an Order

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