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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 131 Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 17—1— 1866.

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No. 256. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 19th December 1865, No. 130 :—

1. In acknowledging the receipt of the Order of Government, No. 3,029 of the 14th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I do not clearly understand in what respect the proportion of loss occasioned by the remission of the water rate should be borne by the Government and by the Company, and to which the Secretary of State refers in paragraph 3 of the Despatch communicated with that order, remains to be settled.

2. In commenting on Rule XII. of the original Draft Rules submitted by the Board of Revenue, the Government, in paragraph 2 of their Order, No. 1,084, of the 22nd June 1864, expressed the opinion that, if the Company failed to supply water to bring a crop to maturity, it would only be just that the necessary remission should come out of the water cess to its full extent, *i. e.*, as I suppose, that the whole remission both of land tax and water cess should be borne by the Company, to the extent of the whole water cess if necessary.

3. In the latter Order of the 30th May last, No. 1,148, however, it was ruled that the Government, in case of failure of crop to an extent necessitating remission, would bear any loss of the land assessment, and that the Company would lose the same proportion of the water cess that the Government had to relinquish of the land assessment.

4. Paragraph 3 of the same Order also settled the question of "Sowd" lands, but, with regard to these, I have asked the Agent whether he has as yet received any instructions from the Board of Directors, with reference to paragraph 8 of his letter No. 2,768 of the 1st April last, to the Collector of Kurnool.

Proceedings of Board of Revenue, communicated with G. O. No. 1,148 of 30th May 1865.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

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

Fort Saint George,
22*nd December* 1865.

No. 257. Order thereon, 17th January 1866, No. 131.

Miscellaneous.

The Government are of opinion that paragraph 3 of the Despatch of the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India (Revenue, No. 51, dated 25th October 1865,) refers only to " Sowd " lands.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Rx 30 May 1865 Nº 525-6
22 June 65 " 303-304
14 Oct 1865 " 98-99.

Referred to the
Revenue Department.

Capt. A. Tilly Col. AA
Secretary to Govt.

Fort St George
22nd December 1865

Nº 256 & 257.

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Entd 22.12.65-87

1865 Despatch
No: of Govr Sir J. Lany
from Rx " Rx. 3673 / 66.
The Consulting Engineer
To S.W.C.
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Nº 5113

Dated 19 December 1865
Rec'd Rx
2 Nº

Acknowledges receipt
of the order of Govt. Nº 3029
of the 14th Instant & informs
that he does not clearly understand in what respect the
proportion of loss occasioned
by the remission of the water
rate remains to be settled.

With our Order
Referred
Nº 131 17 Jany 1866

Rx 131

The 1st Para of Govt
that Para 3 of the
Despatch of the R. &
the Sec. of State for Ind
Ref. Nº 51. of 25 Oct 65
refers only to the "Sou
Canals.

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7 to the Consulting Engr. W.C. Campbell Dec 19 Jany 66
14 " the Board of Revenue "
21 " the P.W. Dept "

17th Day / 66.