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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th August 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 303. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th June 1866, No. 4,320.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th May 1866, No. 109.

1. I have the honor to request the instructions of the Board on the following point.
2. Upwards of 250 acres were, two years ago, made over to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, under Classes A. and B., but up to the present time have not been used for the purposes for which they were transferred. They have, however, been rented out by two Officers of the Company to Ryots who have cultivated them. Is assessment to be collected on these lands or not?

1. The orders of Government will be requested on the point raised by the Acting Collector.
2. Meantime Mr. Sullivan will be requested to report under what circumstances the land was made over to the Company so long before it was required.
3. It certainly was not the intention of the rules that land should be made over to the Company in anticipation of its requirements, or that pending the occupation of land by the Company, for its works, a revenue should be obtained by the Company from the land supplied gratis by Government for a specific purpose.

Forwarded to the Consulting Engineer Irrigation Works for explanation.

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

28th June 1866.

No. 303A. From the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 1st August 1866, No. 43:—

1. With reference to your docket of the 28th June last, forwarding, for explanation, the Proceedings, No. 4,320, of the 25th idem, of the Revenue Board, I have the honor to inform you that I have ascertained from the Collector of Kurnool the numbers of the land plans on which the land, reported to have been rented for cultivation by the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, was made over, and I find that the 114th to the 122nd, and the 126th to the 130th miles of the main canal are those to which these plans relate.

2. My last inspection of that part of the canal was made in March 1865, and then three-tenths of the 114th mile had not been commenced, and the same was the case for the lower half of the 120th mile, about half the 121st mile, three-fourths of the 122nd mile, the last half of the 126th mile, seven-eighths of the 127th mile, about half the 128th mile, seven-eighths of the 129th mile, and rather more than half the 130th mile. The unbroken ground in these miles amounts to a length of 5½ miles, and the average width being about 110 yards would give 212 acres as the area

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which was capable of cultivation, and it is not at all unlikely, therefore, that about 250 acres were cultivated, as the Collector reports.

3. The land was made over, in the usual course, after the eighth section estimates had been sanctioned by Government, and ground was broken over a considerable length of the section without any unusual delay. / Latterly, circumstances have arisen which have tended first to restrict, and afterwards to stop the works in the lower sections of the canal, otherwise in all probability no part of the ground would have remained fit for cultivation.

• Its total length is 28 miles.

4. Under the circumstances, I think it would be the best plan not to take any official notice of the fact of the cultivation on land made over. After estimates are sanctioned, and the land for them is applied for, it becomes my duty to pass the plans if correct, unless there is any doubt as to the intention of commencing work, and the intention to commence and to push on the works no doubt existed when the land referred to was made over. When once land has been transferred, it would occasion inconvenience to resume it for a time, and probably such re-transfer would be objected to by the Company. On the other hand, if the land remain in the Company's possession, no beneficial result would be obtained by insisting on its being left waste until occupied by the works.

5. Should it, however, be considered necessary to notice the circumstances at all, I would suggest that the Company be called upon to pay the rents received into the Treasury to the credit of the Company's Irrigation Revenue Account. Probably this would be acceded to without objection, and practically the Government would be as much benefited as if the transfer of the land had immediately preceded the commencement of work. The sum involved is but trifling, and the contract makes no provision for any such contingency.

No. 304. ORDER THEREON, 13th August 1866, No. 2,056.

Miscellaneous.

Under the circumstances reported in the foregoing letter, the Government approve of the course recommended by the Consulting Engineer in paragraph 5 to call upon the Company to pay the rents of the lands in question into the Government Treasury to be credited to the Company's Irrigation Revenue Account.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

.. the Public Works Department.

.. the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company.

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Under the circumstances reported in the foregoing letter, the Government approve of the course recommended by the Consulting Engineer in para 5 to call upon the Company to pay the rents of the lands made over to them and rents out by them, into the Govt Treasury to be credited to Govt under the head of Revenue.

To The Bd of Pub Works
21 " P.W. Dept.
7 " Govt. Eng. & C. V.

13th Aug 1866

Ac. B. 7 Rev. dated
14 August 1866 No. 2657.
Ac. B. of Revenue dated
26 September 1866 No. 3306.

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From of Court for
The Consulting Engineer
J. 8 Feb.

The Secretary to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

Dated 17
Rec 32 August 1866
P. 113.

Enclosure one.

No. 2055-10 Aug 1866

Informing with reference to the
docket of the 28 June last
forwarding for explanation
to the Secy of the Board of Revenue
that he has ascertained
from the Collector of the district
the No. of the land plans
on which the land reported
to have been rented for cul-
tivation by the Mr. J. B. 1866
was made over.

With an order