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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th July 1867.

No. 489. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 11th July 1867, No. 44 :—

1. Last year there was some correspondence between the Chief Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, and the Collector of Kurnool, regarding certain supplementary arrangements, which the former Officer thought it would be advisable to introduce in order to make the rules relating to the supply of water for irrigation from the Company's canal, practically more efficient than it was thought they had been found to be.

3 Board's Proceedings in original, General Nos. 417, 499, and 515.
3 Agent's letters in original, General Nos. 534, 146, and 265, with Forms.
2 Copies of letters.

2. This correspondence was reviewed in the Proceedings* of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th September last, No. 6,897, and those Proceedings were sent to the Agent and to this Office for remarks.

* Enclosed.

3. From Mr. Henslowe's reply,† it appeared that the subject had been prematurely brought forward for consideration, and the Agent wished to wait until he had obtained the views of the Board of Directors.

† Board's Proes., No. 7,875 of 31st October.

4. My answer‡ to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue having, however, been communicated to the Agent, Mr. Henslowe, in the letter, as per margin,§ I took the opportunity of explaining more fully his views, both as to the defects of the system in force under the rules, for communicating to officers of the Company the particulars of the demand for water, and as to the difficulties met with in ascertaining that the water used was in accordance with the applications which had been received. Attached to this letter is a form of Irrigation Permit,‖ the object of which would be to give the ryot authority for using water, the Divisional Officer of the Company intimation of the position and area of land to be irrigated, and the Agent full particulars of every separate application for water.

‡ Board's Proes., No 8,033, of 6th November.
§ No. 314, 16th November.

‖ In quadruplicate.

5. Subsequently the correspondence marginally noted¶ has taken place between the Agent and myself, and, with his last letter, Mr. Henslowe has transmitted a revised form of Irrigation voucher in quadruplicate, for the introduction of which he desires the sanction of Government.

¶ To Agent, No. 202 of the 19th November.
From do. ,, 94 ,, 29th May 1867.
To do. ,, 63 ,, 31st ,, ,,
From do. ,, 156 ,, 5th July ,,

6. The arrangement now recommended by the Agent will, I think, be likely, if efficiently carried out, to be of considerable utility, and though, as I have pointed out in the correspondence, I do not anticipate that it will be practicable by the use of such vouchers or tickets to prevent the fraudulent or irregular use of water, it will be at least convenient, that the ryot should possess a document shewing that his application for water has been duly recorded; that the Engineers

immediately responsible for the sufficiency of the supply should receive early notice of the registration of the applications, and that the Agent should obtain, in a form which he considers adapted for the purposes he has in view, similar information. The completion of the Revenue Survey, and the organization of an Irrigation Establishment will, in due course, enable the whole area of irrigation to be compared as frequently as may be deemed advisable with the registered applications for water; in the meantime less perfect arrangements can alone be hoped for.

7. Should the Government be pleased to accede to the Agent's request, there are two points of detail on which it will be necessary that orders should be given; first, whether any, and, if so, what remuneration should be given to the Village Curnums for the additional work which they will have to perform in preparing the water tickets in quadruplicate; secondly, whether the Company should be left to arrange for the collection of the triplicates and quadruplicates of the tickets, or whether the ryot should be required to convey them to the Divisional Office. Perhaps, for some little time, it may be convenient that the latter arrangement should be sanctioned, and in that case the duplicate, which is to remain in the possession of the ryot, should be required to be stamped or marked at the Divisional Office in order to entitle the holder to use the water. When, however, the distribution establishments shall have been got into working order, it will be an easy matter to collect, through the Company's Peons, those copies of the tickets which are intended to afford information to the officers of the Company.

Referred to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) CHARLES ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

16*th July* 1867.

No. 490. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1867, No. 1,689.

Miscellaneous.

Referred to the Board of Revenue, who will obtain and submit the Collector's opinion with their own remarks on the proposed system.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
„ the Public Works Department.

Exd S T Augustin

Consulting Engineer to Govt
No. 1689.
Referred to the Board of Rev. with
Collr's opinion & remarks on the
proposed system
C.R.
25th July 1867.
Revenue Dept. No. 250
Read 26th July 67

Reported to England
10th Augt No 5 of 1869 Comm Rec

Referred to the
Secretary
Colonial Office
Downing Street
16th Jan 1870

Rec'd 27 July 1869
Read 29 July 1869
Forwarded
From 31 July 1869
The Govr Cayman Islands
To
The Secretary to Govt
Dated 11 July 1869
Rec'd 17 Aug
Ans 2 Sept
Copied
Transmitted
2nd 1869 25th July
Forwarded certain correspondence
which Esquires on their departure
arrangements which the Chief Engr
thought advisable to introduce in
order to make the Water tight
to the supply of water for irriga-
tion from the Coal Canal
Practically more effectual
than the means that at present
exist. Forwarded to the Secretary
that the introduction of the
proposed water tanks
Referred

Rec'd from the Board of Works
8th August 1868 Encl 1 & 2

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