

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th April 1868.*

No. 554. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th April 1868, No. 2,743.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Kistna District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Circuit Cutcherry at Repalli, in Repalli Talook, 29th February 1868, No. 75 :—

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board, that, in the year 1864, on the recommendation of the then Range Officer, Department of Public Works, 42 acres of the eastern end of the tank bed, in Repalli village of this talook, were sold by auction on the supposition that the land was so much silted as to be useless for storing water.
2. The individuals mentioned in the accompanying list purchased the same in lots, and a sum of Rupees 1,559 was realized by the sale.
3. No provision for the embankment of this land, at Government expense, to exclude the tank water was made at the time of sale, and the consequence has been that, whenever the tank has been full, the land has been submerged.
4. The purchasers now beg that the purchase money may be refunded to them, or that the land may be embanked and protected from submersion every time the tank is filled.
5. There was no provision for embanking the land when it was sold, but the purchasers evidently were under the impression that it would be delivered to them in a cultivable state without further outlay on their part, and as they paid at the rate of Rupees 37-2-0 per acre for the land, I do not think their expectation unreasonable.
6. This tank is filled by a cut from the western bank channel, and as a calingulah has lately been constructed a short distance below the head of that cut, there are far greater facilities for keeping the tank full now, than when the land was sold, and as a rule the lands in question, unless they be embanked, will be submerged the greater part of the cultivating season.
7. I have consulted Lieutenant Vibart, R. E., the Range Officer on this point, and he is of opinion that it is desirable that the whole of the land in question should be retained as tank bed. I have had frequent opportunities of seeing the place myself, and quite concur with him. The wet Ayacut under this tank is A. 480, C. 95, and it is also a valuable reservoir for supplying drinking water to the neighbourhood, throughout the hot weather, as it can be filled from the channel quite late in the season.
8. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to request the Board will obtain sanction of Government, to refund the purchase money with interest for the last three years, as shewn in the margin, during which time they have realized no profit from the land.

Rupees 280-9-11.

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Statement shewing the extent of land in the bed of tank in Repalli village, sold by public auction, agreeably to an Order, No. 289, dated 28th June 1864.

Number of lots.	Length.		Name of purchasers.	Date of bid.	Amount of bid.	Date of purchase and value paid.	
						Dates.	Amount.
Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 6.	20	21	Vennam Appaya and Vennam Subbiah.	5th July.	762	9th July. ... 13th do. ... 20th do. ... 25th do. ...	387 212 111 52
							762
4 and 7.	5	7	Vennalaguntty Dakshana-murthy.	5th do.	355	11th do. ...	355
4.	5	9	Varecola Subramaneyem.	5th do.	100	11th do. ...	100
5.	5	17	Narvy Kandaya	5th do.	180	11th do. ... 23rd do. ...	120 60
							180
8.	5	26	Prabala Venkaya	5th do.	162	11th do. ... 26th do. ...	102 60
							162
					1,559	Total ..	1,559

NIZAMPATAM,
29th February 1868.

(Signed) G. THORNHILL,
Collector.

1. Submitted to Government, with the Board's recommendation that the Collector be authorized to refund, to the purchasers of the land in question, Rupees 1,839-10-0, being the amount of purchase money, *plus* interest (Rupees 280-10-0) on it, at six per cent. per annum for the three years that the land has been in their possession without being cultivated.

2. The land comprises 42 acres, and forms a part of a tank bed, and its sale was sanctioned by the Board in accordance with the principle laid down in paragraph 3 of Government Order, dated 7th September 1860, No. 1,545.

3. The Range Officer of the Department of Public Works recommended at that time that the land should be sold; but as Lieutenant Vibart and the Collector are now of opinion that it is very desirable on public grounds to retain it as part of the bed of the tank, the Board consider it best to cancel the sale.

4. The Collector will be requested to state from what source he proposed to make the charge, as only 500 Rupees have been provided for his district in the under the head of "Land Revenue Refunds."

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No. 555. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1868, No. 1,104.

Land Revenue.

Refund sanctioned with interest, Rupees
1,839-10-0.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Accountant General.
„ the Department Public Works.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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Refund sanctioned
in the amt. Rs. 1539.00.

14. Board of Directors
6. Audit Committee
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