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## Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*17th August* 1868.

No. 264. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the Estimate, &c., submitted for restoring the Boilguntla tank in the Kurnool District. } (Here enter 8th August 1868, No. 2,547.)

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1868, No. 2,189.

Irrigation, No. 4.

1. Forwarded accordingly to the Board of Revenue for report.

2. It is observed however in this Department, that the G. O. under date 11th August 1865, No. 1,871, has declared that though the Government do not undertake to improve irrigation works for the benefit of Inamdars without any additional charge, an Inamdar is entitled to the full advantage which the repair of works may give to his Inam land, provided that land be entered as "irrigated" in his title deed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
*Acting Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,547.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th August 1868.*

No. 182. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Gooty, Bellary District, 21st July 1868, No. 1,396 :—

1. I have the honor to submit the accompanying estimate, &c., amounting to Rupees 4,010, for repairing the bund, &c., of the Boilguntla Streerungarazoo tank in the Sirwell Talook, in the Kurnool District. From the records I find that since May 1859 the only expenditure that has been incurred was in 1865-66, when Rupees 261-13-6 were spent in petty repairs. In September 1867 the bank was cut by the Curnum of the village, because the water stood on some lands of his in the bed of the tank; for this he was fined Rupees 500, and sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for one year. I inspected this tank very shortly after it had been thus damaged, and then directed Mr. Supervisor Howell to submit an estimate for its repair.

2. The principal item in the estimate is, you will observe, for stone revetment which however, Mr. Howell states, is necessary for the proper protection of the bank and putting it into thorough order; the expenditure on this account might, I think, be spread over some years, and if the ryots would only plant bushes and look after them, the amount of stone-work might be reduced; but I very much doubt if the villagers would bestow any attention to them.

3. You will observe that the Sircar assessment is only Rupees 280-2-0; it was reduced in Fusly 1276, the former assessment having been Rupees 409. From the Deputy Collector's letter, herewith forwarded in original along with a letter from the Collector of Kurnool, you will see that the Inam Ayacut is nearly double that of the Sircar Ayacut. I do not understand why the Inam assessment should be taken into consideration when calculating the period in which the expenditure will be recovered, *vide* paragraph 10 of the Deputy Collector's letter, as only quit-rent on this assessment comes to Government.

4. The tank is well situated for receiving drainage from the western side of the Nundy Canama Range near Gazerpully, but I cannot think that it would hold water sufficiently long for the second crop.

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MEMORANDUM.

1. From the correspondence which accompanies the foregoing letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, it appears that the present area of cultivation under the Boilguntla tank is about 141 Acres, of which 48 Acres are Government, assessed at Rupees 280, and 93 Acres Inam, assessed at Rupees 443; that the average assessment for the five years, 1271 to 1277, including Teervajasty,* amounted to Rupees 844, and the maximum in that period to Rupees 883. The falling off in revenue, as at present, is due to a reduction of assessment on the Sircar lands during Fusly 1276. The Deputy Collector is of opinion that if the tank is put into good order, the Teervajasty will be increased by 100 Rupees annually, and 20 Acres of waste land will be brought under cultivation. The Superintending Engineer is, however, doubtful of the additional Teervajasty being realized.

* Second crop assessment.

2. The repairs of the tank are now estimated to cost Rupees 4,010, which includes a sum of Rupees 2,715 for the restoration of the rough stone revetment. I see no reason to question the accuracy of the estimate, the various items of repair being fully particularized in the report attached to it. The rates are higher than those current in various other districts, but I conclude that this is sufficiently accounted for by the demand for labour for the Irrigation Company's works.

3. With the above information before them, I would solicit the Government to decide, whether they consider it expedient to incur so large an outlay as Rupees 4,010 for the maintenance of a tank, of which the assessment of the Sircar lands forms but a moderate per-centage of the amount. The Inam cultivation is assessed at 451 Rupees, but this does not represent the actual collections, which must be far less. A question of principle is thus involved, are the Government bound to maintain tanks, under which there are Inam lands, in a state of repair, and are they further bound to maintain them, irrespective of the outlay required, without throwing any additional charge on the Inamdars? It will be observed that the rate of assessment for the Sircar lands has been reduced, while the rates of labour and materials have, within the last few years, greatly increased, and are likely to go on increasing, so that the Government must in one form or another lose net revenue in this case and others of a similar character.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th July 1868.

(Signed) J. C. ANDERSON, Colonel, R. E.,
*Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

No. 183. ORDER THEREON, 8th August 1868, No. 2,547.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

Before taking into consideration the estimate for restoring the Boilguntla tank at so large an outlay as 4,010 Rupees, the Government wish to know the exact return which that expenditure is likely to secure, and to have the opinion of the Board of Revenue on the principle involved, as explained by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. These papers will therefore be communicated to the Revenue Department with a view to that opinion being obtained, and to the Collector of Kurnool being called upon to report what proportion of the assessment of 443 Rupees on the 93 Acres of Inam Nunjah land under the tank is collected on behalf of the public revenue, and what will probably be the net loss to that revenue if the tank be not restored, supposing the bed to be, in that case, cultivated, as it is presumed it will be, and that the whole acreage both of the tank and of the lands under it, be assessed at Poonjah rates.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division
" Revenue Department.
Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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