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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

G.O. No. 2363 Press Mis.

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Dated 18 August 1939

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No. 269. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd July 1869, No. 5,302 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 3rd June 1869, No. 131.

I HAVE the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, dated 31st ultimo, No. 76, together with a Statement showing the wells and tanks under construction or repairs in the Yernagudem Talook, in accordance with the Order of Government, dated 30th December 1868, No. 3,209.

2. From paragraph 3 of the above letter it will be seen that the Acting Sub-Collector sanctioned the repairs or construction of the above work on condition of the villagers contributing one-third only of the estimated expenditure in accordance with a suggestion of mine that that would be a sufficient share to be borne by the ryots; and as these works were commenced on the understanding that the ryots would have to contribute only this share, and from what the Acting Sub-Collector says of their ability to pay, I beg that sanction be accorded for only one-third the outlay being levied from them.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Sub-Collector of the Godavery District, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 31st May 1869, No. 76.

I HAVE the honour to forward, in continuation of my letter, No. 31, of the 13th March, three Statements for the Yernagudem Talook, showing the villagewar remissions, the irrigation tanks, etc., requiring repair, and the wells and drinking-water tanks that are being made or repaired under the Government grant of 15,000 Rupees.

2. The outturn of the crops both wet and dry throughout the Yernagudem Talook was poor, averaging barely one half that of an ordinary year; owing, however, to the comparatively small extent of land under wet cultivation, the remissions granted are trifling, reaching only 1¼ per cent. of the total demand. The assessment of the lands generally is light in this talook, and in many cases wet lands are held by the ryots for pasturage through unwillingness to relinquish them: they prefer to hold on hoping that the works under which they lie will be repaired and the lands supplied with water. Upon such lands no remission was granted.

3. The people and cattle suffered most severely from the unprecedented drought, the inhabitants of some villages had a distance of eight and even more miles to go to the nearest water, and the scarcity of this article was felt throughout. Prior to the receipt of Government Order, No. 1,110, of the 26th ultimo, and in accordance with the permission given in your letter of the 24th February, No. 28, I sanctioned the repairs to, or construction of, several wells and drinking-water tanks on condition of the villagers contributing one-third only of the estimated expenditure, two-thirds to be paid out of the Government grant. The total amount thus granted by me in excess is Rupees 1,025. Considering the nature of the season and the condition of the villages in which these works are being carried on, I can scarcely hope to recover a moiety of this amount from the inhabitants, and beg that you will be good enough to apply to Government to sanction this outlay.

4. I hope shortly to submit a report on the works now being carried on under me. Several of the wells sunk have turned out most successful, and the timely supply of water obtained thereby has proved a great boon to the people generally.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th August 1869.

Submitted for the Orders of Government.

2. In Government Order, dated 26th April 1869, No. 1,110, the Government approved of the Board's recommendation that one-half the cost of repairing or constructing some wells and tanks in the Peddapur Talook of the sub-division should be contributed by the people.

3. From the Collector's present communication it will be seen that both he and the Acting Sub-Collector are of opinion that the above proportion is decidedly too large for the people of the villages in the Yernagudem Talook, in which similar works are being carried on to bear, owing to their reduced condition and the nature of the season.

4. Under the above explanation, the Board support the Collector's recommendation that the people of this talook be required to contribute towards the cost of the works in question at the reduced rate of one-third.

5. As regards the wet lands referred to in paragraph 2 of the Acting Sub-Collector's letter, as being held by ryots for pasturage through unwillingness to relinquish them, and in the hope that the works under which they lie will be repaired and the lands supplied with water, the Board consider it both fair and expedient that the ryots holding such lands should be allowed remissi on of assessment, and the Collector should bear this in view in future settlement.

6. The remission rules are clear in providing remission when no water is supplied.

No. 270. Order thereon, 18th August 1869, No. 2,363.

Irrigation, No. 1.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing Proceedings, the Government sanction the reduction of the contribution by the ryots towards the construction of the wells and tanks in the Yernagudem Talook from one-half to one-third of the cost of these works.

2. The instructions contained in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Board's Proceedings are approved.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Accountant-General.

Exd. L. C. Shunker.

Revenue Despatch

No. 2363

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th August 1869.

Read the following Report from the Board of Revenue

Recommending that villagers be required to contribute only one-third of cost of repairs to embankments of tank in certain villages in Bhimavaram Taluq, Godavery District

M. 2 & 3rd July 1869, No 3302

Under the provisions contained in the foregoing Proceedings the Government sanction the reduction of the contribution by the ryots towards the cost of repairs to the embankments of the undermentioned tanks in the Bhimavaram Taluq of the Godavery District.

Court of [1869] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 1869.

Read ,, ,,

G. O., 18th August 1869, No. 2,363.

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Wells and Tanks in certain villages in Godavery District.—Sanction granted for the reduction of the contribution by the ryots towards the construction from one-half to one-third of the costs.

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2. The instructions contained in paras 5 & 6 of the Board's Proceedings are approved.







