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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 262

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th January 1869.*

No. 542. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 8,996 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 30th October 1868, No. 382.

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 6,203, dated 28th August 1868, forwarding for full report the Proceedings of Government, in the Revenue Department, No. 2,189, dated 17th idem, regarding the restoration of the Boyalakuntla tank, in the Sirwell Talook, I have the honor to enclose the accompanying Statement, shewing the amount of quit-rent levied on the Inams situated under the tank, and the loss that will accrue to Government in case the tank is not restored.

2. It will be seen that the revenue at present derived from the lands under the tank, both Cirkar and Inam, amounts to Rupees 537-3-8, and that in the event of the tank not being restored, it will be reduced to Rupees 258-7-3, after making allowance for the cultivation of the bed. To the net loss of Rupees 264-14-5 thus arising, must be added the water-rate on the extent of waste that will be brought under irrigation, if the tank be repaired. This the Deputy Collector in charge of the talook estimates at Rupees 180, which makes the total loss more than 440 Rs., or 11 per cent. of the estimated cost of repair.

3. In his Memorandum, recorded in the Proceedings under reply, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation raises two questions :—

1st.—Are the Government bound to maintain tanks under which there are Inam lands in a state of repair ?

2nd.—Whether it is not fair to throw an additional charge on the Inamdars when the outlay required for repair is large ?

4. I beg to observe that both these questions have been already discussed and set at rest—*Vide* Board's Standing Orders, Nos. 172 and 173. There it is clearly stated, that there is no obligation on the part of Government to protect the Inamdars from any losses other than those

* *Vide* Government Order, dated 11th August 1865, No 1,871.

occasioned by some act of Government, and that* they do not undertake to im-

prove irrigation works for their (Inamdars') benefit, without an additional charge, but that when an Inam land is registered as Nunjah, as is the case with the Inams under consideration, it is but just to allow the Inamdars to receive their share of the water free of all charge, and irrespective of the cost of repair.

5. Considering the right the Inamdars have, to a certain extent, to expect the tank to be kept in repair, the loss that will be sustained if the tank is not restored, and the chance of an additional revenue in case of repair, I beg to recommend the work for the sanction of Government.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Statement.

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SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to paragraph 1 of Government Order, dated 17th August 1868, No. 2,189.

2. In the above Order, Government forwarded, for the report of the Board, a Government Order in the Public Works Department on an estimate received from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, amounting to Rupees 4,010, for repairing the bund, etc., of the Boyalakuntla Streerungarazoo Tank, in the Sirwell Talook of Kurnool; and the Board having referred the matter for the Collector's opinion, his reply is herewith submitted.

3. The points on which Government called for report in their Order in the Public Works Department, (dated 8th August 1868, No. 2,547,) are "the exact return which the outlay of Rupees 4,010 is likely to secure;" and "whether the Government are bound to maintain tanks, under which there are Inam lands, in a state of repair;" and further "to maintain them, irrespective of the outlay required, without throwing any additional charge on the Inamdars."

4. As regards the first point, Mr. Chase's Statement, of which an abstract

Description of land.	Extent.	Revenue now derived.	Revenue that will be derived if the tank be not restored.	Revenue that will have to be relinquished.
Inam	Acos.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Government	92-64 43-27	207 4 8 329 15 0	51 13 3 206 12 0	155 7 5 123 3 0
Total	140-91	537 3 8	258 9 3	278 10 5

is given in the margin, shows that the revenue at present derived from the Government and Inam lands under the tank in question is Rupees 537-3-8, and that if the tank be not restored, but its bed be cultivated and dry assessment levied on the extent now paying teerwajsty, there will be a loss of Rupees 155-7-5 of the Inam revenue and Rupees

123-3-0 of the Ryotwary revenue, making a total actual loss of Rupees 278-10-5, (and not Rupees 264-10-5 as erroneously entered in column 20 of the Statement), and a probable loss of Rupees 180 more from land likely to be brought under

cultivation if the tank be restored, making a total loss of 444 Rupees, or more than 11 per cent.* of the estimated cost of repair.

$$\frac{* 444 \times 100}{4,010} = 11.07.$$

5. Besides this, the Board observe that there is the broad question of the benefit conferred on the country, and the indirect advantage thus derived by the keeping in good order of the existing sources of irrigation. These indirect advantages are more than the addition of a few Rupees to the revenue. Seasons of famine and scarcity bring them prominently to light.

6. In respect of the second point, the Government, in the Revenue Department, in their Order forwarding the Estimate for the Board's report, have already remarked that it has been declared in Government Order, under date 11th August 1865, No. 1,871, 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 such land be entered as "irrigated" in his Title-deed.

7. In the present case, the Inams being registered as Nunjah, the Board consider that the Inamdars are entitled to use the water from the tank in question free,

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notwithstanding the outlay that is now required to repair it, and that Government are under obligation to keep the tank in effective repair, or to compensate the holders, whether Government ryots or Inamdars, of land registered as Nunjah under it for the reduced value of their land, consequent on the loss of irrigation.

8. Under the circumstances, the Board strongly support Mr. Chase's recommendation that the tank be repaired.

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ORDER THEREON, 29th January 1869, No. 262.

Irrigation No. 16.

The Government concur with the Board of Revenue in considering that the Collector's report, now submitted, shows sufficient grounds for sanctioning the estimate for the repair of the Boyalakuntla Tank in the Sirwell Talook, and desire that provision be made in the Department Public Works for carrying out the necessary repairs estimated for by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
.. the Public Works Department.

Erd. G. A. Turton.

Pro. 11 Aug / 15 No 192-3
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BOARD OF REVENUE, MADRAS.
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PROCEEDINGS, 22ND DECEMBER 1868, No. 8,996.

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DECEMBER.
No. 8,996.

Boylakunla Streerungarazoo tank—in Sirwell
Taluk, Kurnool District.—Government recom-
mended to sanction repair of,

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

20th January, 1869.

G. O. No. 20th January 1869, No. 262.

JANUARY.

No. 643-513.

Boylakunla tank in Kurnool District.
—Estimated for its repair, approved. Funds to be
provided by the Public Works Department.

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Dated the 29th Jan 1869.

Read the following
Pro: of the P. of Revenue

Recommending the repair
of Royalakutitta Steerunga-
-puzoo tank in Sirivella Taluk
Purnool District-

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