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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 656. Press ~~Mis.~~

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Dated 11th March 1869.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 11th March 1869.

No. 291. Read the following letter from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 22nd January 1869:—

1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to solicit a reconsideration of the ruling contained in the Order of Government, dated 8th January 1869, No. 54, Public Works Department.

2. In their letter of the 22nd October last, No. 7,580, the Board wrote as follows:—

"In every district (notably in the Deltas of the Godavery, Kistna, and "Tanjore) the expense of road-making is considerably enhanced by the necessity "of bridging canals of Irrigation and Navigation belonging to the State, and "paying a large revenue to it. The Board consider it only equitable that in such "cases Government should contribute towards the additional expenses which their "own operations entail on the Road Fund, and they recommend that at least a "moiety of the cost of such works be borne by the State."

3. The point was urged by the Board at their conference, and admitted by Government in the following unreserved terms:—

"The Board's further proposal however, that half the cost of bridges over "Irrigation channels on District roads should be contributed from Imperial Funds, "commends itself to Government, and in future the charge will accordingly be "provided for in the Budgets for Irrigation Works."

4. The Board would respectfully point out that there is no restriction here to channels "across previously existing established lines of communication," and the Board certainly understood the intention of Government, as verbally expressed at the conferences, to be that the State would pay a moiety of the cost of bridging all Irrigation channels.

5. The Board would submit that, were the Government to cut a channel across an existing line, they are in justice bound to pay the whole cost of restoring the communication, and that in all other cases they should pay a moiety, as laid down in the order already quoted. A glance at the Irrigation maps of the Godavery and Kistna Deltas or of Tanjore will shew the Government, how these tracts are intersected by channels cut by Government, and from which they derive a large revenue. If the Government had been able to perform the obligation hitherto resting on the State, of making all roads, the cost of the bridges over these works would have fallen wholly on them. It seems to the Board very hard on the people that now they have relieved the State of most of this obligation of making roads by an additional tax, they should also be saddled with the whole cost of works necessitated by the action of Government, and yielding it a large revenue. The Government are aware that want of communications has lately been assigned by the Superintending Engineer of the Kistna District, and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, as one of the reasons why Nunjah cultivation has not increased so largely as was expected.

6. The principle for which the Board contend is admitted and enforced in the Railway Companies and the Irrigation Company, who are required to provide means of transit wherever their works intercept the means of communications between villages. The Board understood from Colonel Strachey that, in Bengal, under similar circumstances the *whole* cost of bridges would be borne by the State.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
11th March 1869.

No. 292. ORDER THEREON, 11th March 1869, No. 656.

Irrigation, No. 7.

On a reconsideration of the question brought forward in the foregoing letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is of opinion that the Order in the Public Works Department, dated 8th January 1869, No. 54, to which exception is taken by the Board of Revenue is too restrictive in its application, and he is now pleased to direct that the assistance to be afforded from Imperial Funds, towards the cost of bridging artificial Navigation or Irrigation canals or channels on District Roads, shall be extended to *all* canals and channels, which have been constructed during the present century.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Extd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of India

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Read &c.

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Nos. 231-232.

Bridging Canals and Channels constructed during the present century.—Passing orders with reference to the cost being met from Imperial Funds.

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following unreserved terms.

"The Board's further proposal however that half the cost of bridges over irrigation Channels on District roads should be contributed from Imperial Funds commends itself to Government and in future the charge will accordingly be provided for in the Budgets for Irrigation Works."

4. The Board would respectfully point out that there is no restriction here to Channels across previously existing established lines of communication and the Board certainly understood the intention of Government as verbally expressed at the conference to be that the state would pay a Moiety of the cost of bridging all irrigation channels

5. The Board would submit that where the Government cut a Channel across an existing line they are in justice bound to pay the whole cost of restoring the communication and that in all other cases they should pay a moiety as laid down in the order already quoted — A glance at the Irrigation maps of the Godavery and Kistna Deltas or of Tanjore will show the Government how these tracts are intersected by Channels cut by Government and from which they derive a large revenue. If the Government had been able to perform the obligations hitherto resting on the state of

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The Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue.

To. The Ag Secretary to
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Revenue Department

Dated 22d January 1869
Despd 22d "
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Bridges over Irrigation
channels on District Roads
Government requested to re-
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respecting provision of fund
for, Recommendation that
when Channels are cut
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Revenue Dept.

No. 195

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In their Proceedings regarding classification of Roads in the Kistna & Godavery Dists., recorded in the G.O. dated 11th Nov. 1868 No. 283, the Board of Revenue observed that in para 2 of the order under date 1st Novr. 1867 No. 2574 the Govt. had already admitted the principle that where a Govt. Canal intersects a pre-existing road, the cost of restoring communication by the erection of a bridge should be borne by Imperial funds. In consideration, however, of the largeness of the two Districts and of their being intersected by numerous irrigation and Navigation Canals, which

yielded

I agree with the views expressed in this memorandum.

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Jr. W.N.

yielded the Government a large revenue and heavily increased the cost of road-making, they recommended that in future, half the cost of all bridges which cost more than Rs. 2,500 over such canals on all Districts Roads, ~~whether they pass through towns~~ to be there after constructed, should also be met from Imperial funds.

In para: 9 of their letter under date 22 Oct: 68 recorded in the G.O. under date 11 Nov: 68, No: 2832 the Bd requested that in every Dist: the Govt would contribute half the expense of bridging canals of irrigation & navigation, on the ground that it was only fair that the State

should

should contribute towards the additional expenses which its own operations entailed upon the Road Funds.

The Bd also stated in their present letter brought forward the results of the Conferences held by them with Officers deputed by the Govts to confer with them on the subject of the letter recommendations, pointing out where they differed from the final orders on their proposals, the reasons quoted by

by the Board recommended by Govt in the G.O. quoted date 18 Nov 1868 No 2831.

In his letter dated 3 Dec 1868 No 956, the Supy Engineer 6th Dr referred to the Govt in the P.W. Dept the Rule in precisely what Irrigation Channels are referred to in the G.O. i.e. whether artificial Channels only or all Irrigation Channels whether natural or artificial. In reply, the Supy Engr was informed by a G.O in the P.W. Dept that the Rule in question was to apply solely to "artificial channels opened or to be opened hereafter by Govt" "existing established lines of Communication"

As Mr Lacy & the Revd Dr Jetherell (members with them Board in considering the case) are incorrect interpretations of the rule for Sir Charles before the Board in application, as shown

Interpretation of rules proposed in Govt. Board in Govt. Engineer in which Govt. sanction without a previous reference to the Secretary of such Dept. in original rules proposed.

W A.

My dear Baby

I've not much
I have not any thing
to this communication.

Jimmy

Uncle Sam

Monday.

Paper

per exception per
taken

thereon alone it had
been ruled that the
State was to bear
the whole cost of
bridges over channels
of the description
stated wherein the
said question
referred to Cases in
which the State was
to bear only half the
cost of the bridges. It
is submitted that the
last eight lines of the
order should have
been omitted, and
perhaps the following
words substituted for them
"Constructed during the
present Century" -

Pltf
Defts

No 656.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 11th March 69.

Read the following Letter of the Bd of Revenue -

Regulating to reconsider the decision of Govt. respecting provision of funds for embankments Bridges and Irrigation channels on the Coast, and recommending that when channels are cut by Govt across the existing Roads, the whole cost of bridges should be borne by Govt.

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Collector
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