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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st April 1869.*

No. 12. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th March 1869, No. 1,648:—

Read the following letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Ootacamund, 24th February 1869, No. 26.

With reference to Proceedings of Government, dated 21st January 1869, No. 188, and Board's Proceedings, No. 783, of the 4th instant, anent the consent of the late Mr. A. L. Brown's legal representatives to the terms of relinquishment of two-thirds of the deceased's estate at Kodanau, I have the honor to forward copy of letter from Messrs. Parry & Co., requesting that the matter might lie over until receipt by them of instructions from the late Mr. Brown's next-of-kin in England, whom they have addressed on the subject.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Messrs. PARRY & Co., to the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, dated Madras, 20th February 1869.

We have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 69, dated the 15th instant, giving cover to Proceedings of Government of the 21st January last, and to inform you, in reply, that we are in communication with the late Mr. A. L. Brown's next-of-kin, who are residents in England, on the subject of the proposals made by him to Government, and the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, with reference thereto, of the 17th November 1868, and expect to be in a position before long to let you know whether they will be prepared to carry them out or not.

2. We trust, therefore, that Government will not object, under these circumstances, to allow the matter to lie over until their reply is received.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. W. BREEKS,
Commissioner.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, dated 21st January 1869, No. 188.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1869, No. 871.

Miscellaneous.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F. R. Bantleman.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th March 1869.*

No. 464. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

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 conference, 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

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TO THE BOARD OF REVENUE

From Mr. J. L. S.

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*late Mr. Brown's letter on the N. 11th service.
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of relinquishing a portion of it, recorded.*

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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.

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.

No. 465.

ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1869, No. 870.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 67.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineers with reference to G. O. No. 54, dated 8th January 1869.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers.
To the Revenue Department. ✓

Exd. S. T. Augustin.



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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 11TH MARCH 1869, No. 1,648.

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No. 1,648.

Relinquishment of portion of Estate—of late Mr. A. L. Brown,—Letter from Neilgherry Commissioner forwarding communication from Messrs Parry and Co. requesting that subject of, may be allowed to lie over, until receipt by them of instructions from deceased's next-of-kin in England, submitted to Government.

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