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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th October 1870.

No. 319. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1870, No. 5,990:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 12th September 1870, No. 301.

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on the prospects of the cultivation under the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Canal for the present season, in reply to Proceedings of the Board, dated 15th August 1870, No. 5,316.

2. The Proceedings reached me just as the Special Test Examinations were about to take place, and which, owing to my having no Assistant, I had to superintend myself, so far as the giving out of the papers at the appointed hours each day was concerned. I had on hand at about the same time a very heavy case of embezzlement, in which about 24,000 Rupees were involved, to try magisterially, and was also occupied with the preparation of the Imperial and Local Fund Budgets, which have since been sent in, and am now taken up in obtaining information in reply to Government Order, dated 23rd August 1870, No. 140, Legislative Department, regarding the Municipal Bill as amended in Committee.

3. This will explain why I have not been able to make the inquiry in person, and the Board will see below that owing to the canal having breached, and being unable to supply for so large an extent as the Company's Chief Engineer anticipated, that the personal inquiry was not so emergent as the Board considered when they issued their Proceedings.

Reported in my letters, Nos. 261 and 284, dated 13th August and 2nd September 1870.

4. At the time I had no Covenanted Assistant in the district, except Mr. McCarthy, the Acting Head Assistant, who could not be spared out of his division, as I had no officer to take charge of his own immediate work.

5. To examine the breaches which took place on the night of the 6th and day of the 7th August, I had called in Deputy-Collector Ramachendra Row, who has charge of the special establishment, for giving over charge of land to the Company, and as I consider him, and have found him trustworthy, I deputed him at once to report on the extent of land which could be brought under irrigation during the present revenue year 1870-71.

6. The Chief Engineer estimates that the channels command a total area of 75,983 acres, and a gross revenue of Rupees 4,55,898. The present inquiries since the breaches took place show that in Ramalkota 792·42 acres, the water assessment on which is Rupees 4,754-7-11, and in Nandikotkur 90·11 acres, assessed at Rupees 540-10-7; making a total of 882·53 acres, assessed at only Rs. 5,295-2-6, can be irrigated—*Vide* Statement A.

7. I cannot help expressing an opinion that the Chief Engineer's hopes were too sanguine when he estimated that 75,983 acres could be irrigated from the canal during the present year, even if the canal had not breached.

8. I forward a Statement B., which shows the progress made in the transfer of lands required for the excavation of the distribution channels.

9. The number of plans for distribution channels is 62; out of that number the land of 23 has been made over to the Company, the land of 18 the Tahsildar has been ordered to measure and send accounts of, and the land of 21 the Tahsildar has been ordered to measure and hand over at once.

10. But in the 2nd Range of the 4th Section, and in the 6th Range, the lands of 24 plans, or rather more than one-third of the plans received, cannot be measured, because they have not yet been marked out and lockspitted by the Company's officers.

2nd Range, 4th Section	... ...	8 Plans.
6th Section 11+5=	... ...	16 ,,
	Total...	24

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board will make no remarks on the subject, as doubtless Government are in possession of intelligence from the department most directly concerned in the works.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1870, No. 1,656.

Irrigation, No. ——— ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Govt. of [1870] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated October, 28th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 28th October 1870, *No.* 1,656,

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A. 3126.

For orders.

It is believed that Col. Carpendale will shortly report at length upon the matter referred to in these Proceedings.

Perhaps they may be transferred to the P.W.D. for disposal after receiving the Report of the Ag. Consulting Engr. for the Irrigation Comp.y.

I would kindly recommit it

R.R.

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