

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th November 1870.*

No. 411. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1870, No. 6,127 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 18th July 1870, No. 209.

I HAVE the honour to state, in reply to the Order of Government, No. 1,374, of 2nd June 1870, Public Works Department, that a deficiency of water in the Godavery for navigation purposes is felt in the months of March, April, May, and first half of June, or till the early freshes came down. The amount of water then in the river in ordinary seasons does not suffice to keep all the navigable canals in good working order, and it would certainly be a great benefit to have an increase of the volume water in the river during these months, could it be obtained by a reasonable outlay of money.

WITH their Proceedings of 2nd June 1870, No. 1,374, Government forwarded an extract from the despatch of the Secretary of State, relative to the alleged insufficient supply of water in the Godavery District, and requested that the Board and the Collector would report on the advisability of increasing the water-supply, in view to the improvement of both cultivation and the means of communication.

2. The order was communicated to the Collector, and the foregoing letter is his reply.

3. It appears that the want of water is chiefly felt during the months of March, April, and May, and the first half of June, and that the navigation is then seriously impeded.

4. The sugar-cane and dalwa crops have also suffered from the same cause.

5. It is no doubt desirable that on these grounds an increased supply of water should be obtained, but the Board doubt whether the expenditure, which would be involved by the works necessary for this object, would be compensated for by the advantages gained.

6. It is certain that, unless an enormous accession of water were obtained, the work proposed would be useless.

7. The principal source of profit to be expected is from increased boat-traffic during the dry weather ; so far as agriculture is concerned, the results would not be remunerative, even if the outlay were very moderate.

8. Dalwa is not a profitable crop, and the falling off reported shows that it is not popular with the cultivators.

9. Sugar-cane cultivation is on the increase, but a fourfold or even tenfold increase would do little to compensate for a large outlay.

10. The Board regret that the Collector has not reported more fully, but, with the scanty information before them both as to the crops and the estimated cost of the proposed works, they are unable to offer any definite opinion at present, and can but submit the Collector's report to Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th November 1870.*

No. 412. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1870, No. 1,878.

Irrigation, No. 6.

THE Board of Revenue should require the Collector to report more completely on the important question referred for his opinion. He should also be called upon to forward the figured statements of actual cultivation, area available for cultivation, etc., on which his opinions are based.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
the Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 29th Nov: 1870

Read the following. Pro: of the Board
of Revenue.

Subj: Lett. from J.W. of
Godavery stating that a deficiency
of water for navigation purposes
is felt in certain months.

H.E. 14 Oct 1870, No 6127

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated 29th Nov: 1870.

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C. O. 29th Nov: 1870, No. 1, 878.

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Deficiency of water for navigation in the
Godavery. - Board of Revenue to require the Col-
lector to report on the question referred for his
opinion.