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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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7th December 1870.*

No. 158. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1870, No. 6,537 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 11th October 1870, No. 4,490 :—

I HAVE already reported to the Board the heavy floods in this district on the 3rd August. I beg now to submit, for their information, a statement prepared by the Tahsildar of Repalli, showing the estimated amount of the losses sustained by the villagers residing near the river in this taluq in 1868 and in 1870.

Repalli Taluq.—Loss of all kinds in 1868, Rupees 16,695-14-10, and in 1870, Rupees 11,232-12-1.

2. With reference to these unprotected villages of the Repalli Taluq, I submit, for sanction, proposals for the removal of certain villages and hamlets to places better protected than the position they now occupy, and hope soon to send up proposals for strengthening the embankments round the remaining ones. These were called for by the Board in their Proceedings, dated 9th April 1870, No. 2,409, and I am only waiting for the estimates with which I have requested the Superintending Engineer to be good enough to furnish me. I trust that the work may be executed at an early date, and that the villagers may not be exposed to the same result another year. I have also asked the Superintending Engineer to check the Tahsildar's estimates for the cost of removing these villages when removal is agreed to.

3. With regard to the floods in Repalli, the Tahsildar reports that the river rose to an unusual height on the 2nd, and subsided on the 5th August. He sent a message to the Public Works Overseer to request him to accompany him in visiting the villages and examining the state of the river and channel-banks, but the latter was not able to come. He then sent boats for the relief of these villages, which were submerged or surrounded by water, and on the 7th, the Range Officer allowed a breach to be made in the western channel-bank to let off the surplus water which had over-topped it, and which was lying in the villages unable to escape. The channel-bank also breached itself in some other places. Subsequently, the Tahsildar, in communication with the Department Public Works, put Act I. of 1858 in force, and collected all the available labour for closing the breaches with ring-bunds.

4. The Tahsildar has used his utmost exertions to induce the residents in the unprotected villages to remove to safe quarters, and with considerable success. I have sanctioned the grant of palmyra trees free within a certain limit, and as proposed by Government, I trust sanction may be accorded for defraying also a part of the cost incurred for removing these houses. The Board recently sanctioned the sale of the bed of Kamarazgaddu tank. Part of it has been sold, acres 68-50 realized Rupees 3,095-8-6, but acres 43-23 have been expressly reserved, and I request the sanction of Government for granting building sites out of this to the residents of adjoining villages in a dangerous locality, who may be willing to come and build here. I propose to lay out the plot in streets, and to require any person

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receiving a plot to build within six months on the penalty of having the grant resumed. The villagers who have agreed to come and build houses are those of—

Kamarazgaddu	Population 280.	Ask for 8 acres.
Malapalli of Kamarazgaddu...	do. 80.	do. 2 do.
Mortota, hamlet of Kamarazgaddu...	do. 700.	do. 15 do.
Malapalli of Mortota... ..	do. 100.	do. 4 do.
Kanagalavaripalem, hamlet of Ka- marazgaddu	do. 400.	do. 5 do.
Mevanivaripalem, hamlet of Chatra- gadda	do. 351.	do. 8 do.
Munupallavaulla Malapalli, hamlet of Chatragadda... ..	do. 50.	do. 2 do.

5. I would also request sanction for granting 10 acres of Poramboke in the bed of Tallacheruvu near the bank of Andracheruvu, as a new building site for the residents of Malapalli of Chodayapalem, hamlet of Kaitepalli. Population 290.

6. The bed of Killacheruvu has also been sanctioned to be sold. Out of this I would request sanction to grant—

To the inhabitants of Malapalli of Perat- lanka	10 acres.	Population 246.
To those of Mammireddipalem of Kaite- palli	12 do.	do. 112.
To those of Madigepalem of Mammireddi- palem	5 do.	do. 50.
To those of Gollapalem of Kaitepalli ...	19 do.	do. 120.

7. It remains to consider now cultivated lands proposed to be given in exchange.

Villagers of Attaburrivaripalem, hamlet of Vallabhapuram, relinquish acres 3 for Nos. 393, 394, 395, and 396, measuring acres 4, assessed at Rupees 13-1-0, which the present holders give up for the old village site in exchange.

8. Villagers of Bommuvaripalem, hamlet of Kollipara, relinquish acres 8-68 for Nos. 617, 618, 619, and 681. Extent acres 10-98, assessed at Rupees 18-13-6. The holders of Nos. 617 and 619 agree, but the holders of Nos. 618 and 681 will not give up his land. It is proposed to take it up under Act X. of 1870.

9. Half the villagers of Chilmur have agreed to relinquish acres 6-0 for Nos. 114, 115, 67, 46, and 48, extent acres 9-03, assessed at Rupees 20-14-11, which the holders give up for half the old village site in exchange.

10. The inhabitants of Malapalli, hamlet of Donepudi, have agreed to give up acres 1-60 in exchange for No. 518, extent acres 1-31, assessed at Rupees 3-9-9, which the present holders give up for the old village site in exchange.

11. The inhabitants of Kolapalem of Peddapulivarru have agreed to relinquish acres 4-52 in exchange for Nos. 842, 833, measuring acres 4-48, assessed at Rupees 15-4-2, which the holders agree to give up in exchange for the old village site.

12. The residents of Hanumaulapalem, hamlet of Annavaram, ask in exchange for the village site acres 5-68 certain garden lands, which the owners

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will not give up, but they offer instead Nos. 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86, dry lands measuring acres 5-68, assessed at Rupees 14-14-6, which the villagers refuse to take as being too far for their cultivation. It is proposed to take up the garden-land under Act X. of 1870.

13. The residents of Gavalaipalem, hamlet of Annavaram, whose village site is acres 4-57, were trying to arrange the purchase of an Inam Nos. 119 and 120, extent 2-67 acres for a new village site, but they have ceased all further proceedings since they learn that the authorities are taking steps for their interest. The Inamdar refuses to give up his Inam for the old village site, which is likely to be soon washed away. It is proposed to take it up under Act X. of 1870, or give other land in exchange.

14. The villagers of Malapalli of Chilmur village site, acres 2-19, desire to be given a piece of land to build on, out of the acres 9-03 proposed to be taken up for Chilmur (above), but the holder of the land objects to its occupation by pariahs, as he proposes to build his house there also. It is proposed to give land, if possible, out of this quantity, otherwise suitable adjoining lands.

15. The following villagers will not be persuaded to remove, and I have asked the Superintending Engineer to furnish estimates for protecting them by embankments—

1. Polikondur Virapalem.
2. Godavarru Agraharam.
3. Vellatur.
4. Pedda Pulivarru.
5. Pallipalem, Turpupalem, hamlets of Voleru.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to Government Order, 19th March 1870, No. 374.

2. Mr. Boswell has been successful in inducing the inhabitants of most of the villages in Repalli now exposed to inundation to remove to safer sites.

3. He proposes that 43-23 acres in the abandoned Kamarazgaddu tank-bed, and 46 acres in the bed of the Tallacheruvu, should be granted for building sites. This land is valuable; some that has been sold in the Kamarazgaddu tank-bed realized Rupees 45 an acre; but, under the circumstances, the Board support the Collector's proposal.

4. In the cases of eight other villages, owners of cultivated land are willing to give it in exchange for the old sites, and this arrangement should be made at once.

5. Where the owners of the land on which the villagers wish to build are unwilling to give it up, the Collector proposes to resort to Act X. of 1870; further inquiry is necessary as to whether the land is really wanted, and as to whether any land in the neighbourhood can be obtained without compulsion. If necessary, Act X. of 1870 must be put in force.

6. The Collector trusts that sanction will be accorded for defraying a part of the cost of the removal of the villages, the sites of which are to be removed, and he points out that embankments will have to be raised partly at the public expense

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for the protection of five villages, the inhabitants of which cannot be persuaded to leave them. In Government Order, 19th March 1870, No. 374, the Government authorized this expenditure, but directed that in consequence of "the present condition of imperial finances," the amount should be provided from Local Funds. The condition of the finances has since altered for the better, and as Government have ruled distinctly that the work is properly Imperial, the Board hope they will be able to provide for it without crippling the Road Fund.

No. 159. ORDER THEREON, 7th December 1870, No. 1,966.

Miscellaneous.

THE proposed assignment of building sites is sanctioned, but the distribution appears to the Government to be very arbitrary as regards the population and the area; *e. g.*, 10 acres are assigned to 246 population, and 19 acres to 120 population, being about twice the area to half the population. Some explanation should have been given of the apparent inconsistency. The Government approve the Board's remarks as to the need for very clearly establishing the propriety of applying Act. X. of 1870 to this case. The Government do not see their way at present to assigning imperial funds for the embanking of those villages whose inhabitants decline to move, but the question will be again considered when the estimates for the work are submitted.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Erd. F R. Bantleman.

Gobt. of 1870 Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated December, 7th.

Recd.

By

G. O., 7th December 1870, No. 1,966.

DECEMBER.
Nos. 158-159.

*Building sites for villagers who suffered
by the floods in Kistna District.—Assignment
of land proposed by the Collector for this purpose,
sanctioned.*

Revenue Department 4E
No. 1966

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 7th Decemr 1870

Read the following Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

Subm^d letter from Collector
of Thistua Dist forwarding a
Statement shewing estimated
amount of losses sustained by
villagers residing near river
in Repalli Taluk in 1868 & 1870
owing to floods

H. 5th Nov. 1870, No. 6337

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