

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th December 1870.*

No. 356. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd November 1870, No. 6,779 :—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 26th October 1870, No. 4,723.

I HAVE the honour to report that Dantu Ramakristnama of Masulipatam took up for dry cultivation acres 11-28 of swamp land adjoining the town. The assessment thereof is Rupees 12-4-0. This land has never hitherto been cultivated. It is situated on a low level, and is submerged by rain-water so much so that it is quite impossible to raise any dry crops. The applicant has requested that a gratuitous supply of the anicut channel-water may be allowed to this land for two years to eradicate the *Chavadu*, and by this means he anticipates that he will be able to prepare the land for wet cultivation from the third year. The Tahsildar of Bunder Taluq supports this application. I therefore request the sanction of the Board to accede to this proposal. Water-rate will be levied from the third year, and if the party cultivates crops during the first two years, I would not charge the full water-rate but half only.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Collector requests permission to grant a supply of channel-water free of water-rate for two years to a tract of swampy land near Masulipatam to enable the Puttahdar to prepare the land for wet cultivation. He proposes to charge half water-rate only on any portion of the land that may be cultivated for those two years, and full water-rate for the third year.

3. The Board support this proposal on the condition that water can be spared.

4. It is politic to help in the reclamation of saline soils, and it is desirable to try the experiment whether this can be done by freely supplying water.

5. The Board resolve to forward these Proceedings to the Superintendent of the Government Farm, and request him to supply them with any information he may possess as to the way in which land of this description should be treated.

No. 357. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1870, No. 2,061.

Irrigation, No. 2.

THE Government will not withhold sanction in this instance from the Board's proposal, on the condition stated, viz.,

that the water can be spared ; but they apprehend that the concession recommended is likely to be converted into a precedent of very extensive application, and they desire to know whether the Acting Collector and the Board are prepared to advocate it as a general measure, and whether, in the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, it is likely to cause inconvenience as regards the supply of water to actual cultivation in land of superior quality.

2. There does not seem to be any reason why "sowd" land in the neighbourhood of the outfall of the delta works should be treated more favourably than

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similar land elsewhere, within reach of irrigation from the canal works, unless the supply of water, which it is proposed to devote to its reclamation, would otherwise run to waste.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

the Public Works Department.

Ed. F. R. Gentleman.

Revenue Department

N^o 2061

Pros of the Madras Gov^t

Under date the 19th Decem^r. 1870

Read the following
Pros of the Bd. of Rev.

Subm^t: for orders collector's
application for permission to
grant a supply of channel
water, free of charge for two
years, to certain swamp land
adjoining town of Musalipetam
in Krishna District.

N^o 22nd Nov^r. 1870, N^o 5779

A.A.
There is some per-
mission correspondence
on record which I shall like
see.

I rather think the per-
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on the water free, in
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alt.

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50th Dec