

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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24th June 1870.*

No. 298. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th April 1870, No. 2,316 :—

Read the following letter from J. A. C. BOSWELL, Esq., Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 11th February 1870, No. 629.

With reference to paragraph 7 of the Teerwajasty Rules, which requires that applications for converting dry lands into wet should be made within the 31st of March, I have the honour to state that in the settlement of the Gudiwada Talook I charged all lands, converted into wet during this year without making the applications, with double water-rate, or Rupees 8 for an acre.

2. The ryots not only complained to me verbally at the time, but also presented a Mahazar Arzi, begging that the time for making the applications might be extended to August or September, as the 31st of March was too early to decide for converting dry lands into wet, because they could not by that time foresee what lands it would be advisable to bring under irrigation. They also stated that during the month of March they are engaged in reaping, threshing, and otherwise disposing of their produce; and they could not therefore leave their homes in this most busy part of the year to present their applications to the Collector or to the Tahsildar.

3. As I saw no objection to extend the time, I wrote to the Superintending Engineer to favour me with his opinion in the matter. His reply I beg to enclose for the information of the Board. In it he states that the wet cultivation of the district ought to be well advanced by the 30th of June; that he cannot therefore understand why the ryots should require till 30th September to decide whether they will take up wet or dry cultivation; that any information a ryot requires as to the level of his land and the command of water available can be given as easily in February as in August; and that he is not therefore inclined to the extension of the period now given for decision.

4. In my opinion the end of March is too early for reasons given above in paragraph 2, and I concur in the Superintending Engineer's opinion that ryots ought to be able to decide by the 30th of June what lands they wish to convert into wet. I accordingly request that the time for receiving applications for converting dry lands into wet may be extended to the 30th of June for this district.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, dated Masulipatam, 2nd February 1870, No. 296.

REFERRING to your No. 326, 22nd January 1870, (Arzee herewith returned,) I have the honour to observe that the wet cultivation of the district ought to be well advanced by the 30th June. I cannot therefore understand why the ryots should require till 30th September to decide whether they will take up wet or dry cultivation.

2. Seeing how great expenditure has been made on the anicut works, I am of opinion that ryots should be compelled to cultivate as wet all land that is irrigable.

3. It appears to me that in the very liberal concessions lately made the Board of Revenue have lost sight of the fact that there was a great deal of wet cultivation carried on before the

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anicut was built from tanks, etc., filled by freshes, and that the anicut and channels have in very many cases made certain what was formerly a precarious supply.

4. I have reason to believe that in many cases where the ryot cultivates a dry crop, others would, if they were allowed, irrigate: the State does not therefore benefit by the improvements made at very great expense.

5. I do not know whether the Revenue Department has power already to amend these matters, but I am satisfied that the returns from the works can never be fairly estimated under the present system. We can tell how many acres of land can be irrigated under a given channel, but we cannot come to any conclusion as to how many acres will actually be taken up as wet or dry.

6. Any information a ryot requires as to the level of his land and the command of water available can be as easily given by this department in February as in August; and I conclude that remission would be made if, from circumstances beyond control, which would be easily certified, a ryot, after agreeing to take up wet cultivation, did not get the supply promised.

7. I would therefore be inclined to oppose any extension of the period now given for decision.

The Board resolve to submit these papers for the orders of Government.

2. Under Rule 7 of the Teerwajasty Rules, published with Government Order, 31st October 1865, No. 2,665, it is provided that when ryots desire to convert dry into wet, they should apply to the Collector before the 31st March.

3. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule is double water-rate.

4. The Collector reports that the ryots complain of the inconvenience of this, alleging that in March they are engaged in reaping, threshing, and otherwise disposing of their produce, and that they have not therefore time to leave their houses at this period of the year.

5. The Superintending Engineer to whom the Collector referred the proposal gives his opinion against any concession, and advocates the principle that all persons whose land is commanded by channel-irrigation should be compelled to pay for water.

6. The Secretary of State has, however, directed that option should be given, and the Board do not therefore think it necessary to discuss this point at present.

7. The only question is as to whether the date now fixed is such as really to leave the ryot sufficient freedom of choice.

8. The Board are of opinion that it is too early, and that the agricultural prospects of the season are not at this date sufficiently advanced.

9. They support the Collector's recommendation that the date should be postponed to the 30th June.

No. 299. ORDER THEREON, 24th June 1870, No. 937.

Land Revenue.

UNDER the circumstances represented by the Acting Collector and the Board of Revenue, the Right Honourable the Governor in Council authorizes the proposed change of date. The date for application to convert dry land into wet will be fixed at 30th June, and Rule 7 of the Water-rate Rules will be modified accordingly.

2. The Government observe from paragraph 2 of Mr. Boswell's letter that the ryots make the necessity of leaving their homes for the purpose of presenting

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applications to the Collector or Tahsildar on ground of complaint. The personal attendance of the ryots for this purpose is uncalled for, and the Board should issue instructions to the Collector in order that this point may be thoroughly understood.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. S. ELLIS,
Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Jan 2/70

Rev^d Department
No. 937.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 24th June /70.

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue.

Subs. for order letter
from Col^l of Hichin Dist^s
recommending that 30th of June
be fixed as date within which
application for conversion of
dry lands into wet, should be
made instead of 31st of March
as required by rule 7 of Ser.
wagasy Rules.

(H. 7th April /70 No. 2316)

Under the cir-
cumstances represented
by the Acting Collector
and the Board of Revenue,
The Right Honorable the
Governor in Council
authorizes

J. D. S. M. A.

I would draw the
Attn of the Hon^{ble} Secy to the
Govt to the statement that
they have to go to the
Sdho or Chy with
their applications.

No. 1000
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GOVT. OF INDIA	
REVENUE.	
THE BOARD OF REVENUE.	
Date Recd., 21/7.	Recd.
O. G. 2116, 700 1870, No. 497.	
H. 1870, No. 2000.	

Conversion of dry lands into wet in
District—20th June fixed as the date within
which application for this purpose should be made
and the Water-rate Rules ordered to be modified
accordingly. Collector to be informed that it is
personal attendance of the applicant is not necessary in
making these applications.

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Shu. [Signature]

14. Letter No. 10 of 1901, Dec 11/28

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The purpose of this report is to
 present the results of the
 study of the effect of the
 conversion of the
 land into wet
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 area of the
 study. The results
 of the study are
 presented in the
 following table.

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