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17th January 1871.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 229. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd June 1869,
No. 4,497.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting
Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 27th May 1869,
No. 121.

In forwarding herewith copies of the two letters noted in the margin, received
from the Superintending Engineer of the
16th July 1868, No. 70. 1st Division, asking permission to keep
17th May 1869, „ 671. in the possession of the Public Works

Department, for the protection of the anicut, the lunka land therein referred to,
I have the honour to request the instructions of the Board on the subject.

2. The whole lunka land which is required by the Public Works Department
is estimated to be about 700 acres in extent, of which 250 acres belong to the
Zemindars of Nidadavole estate, and 450 belong to Government. The annual
assessment of the whole land would be five or six thousands of Rs. Of the Govern-
ment land, acres 170, assessed at about Rs. 1,000, are held by ryots under Ryotwar
system, and the rest which has not been permanently assessed by the Settlement
Department is rented out to individuals on annual leases. The latter are not
considered to have any proprietary right in the land, as possession of it may be,
and is in other cases, often resumed by Government at the end of the existing
annual lease. The former will have to be compensated for their Ryotwar lands,
and the Zemindars will have to get a reduction of the full annual value of the land
from their annual peishcush.

3. I have written to the Tahsildars to ascertain and inform me of the exact
amount of annual assessment payable to Zemindars as well as to Government on
the whole area of land required to be occupied by Public Works Department, who
have been requested to furnish an accurate survey, showing the exact quantity of
land taken, both Zemindari and Government.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated
Dowlaiswaram, 16th July 1868, No. 70.

I HAVE the honour to apply to you to obtain for the Public Works Department possession of
the lunkas on which the four branches of the Godavery anicut abut (1) from 600 feet in rear or
south of the anicut to their northern or up streamward limits, including of course all future
accretions ; (2) a margin of 100 feet width along the down stream edges of each of the lunkas,
within 1½ miles from the anicut. It is absolutely necessary for the safety of the anicut and delta
head works that the lunkas to the extent above specified should be entirely under the control of
the Engineer's Department.

2. I have the honour to request you to inform me whether there is any objection of import-
ance to immediate possession being taken by you ; the purchasers of this Fasli's use of the lunkas
could raise the usual crops or receive back the money paid by them.

3. Estimated roughly, the area of land to be occupied is about 545 acres, of which 288 are
in front and the remainder in rear of the anicut.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishwaram, 17th May 1869, No. 671.

ADVERTING to your letter of the 13th instant, No. 57, I have the honour to inform you that the lunka land applied for by my predecessor may be let for grazing cattle only.

2. The objection to the Revenue authorities having the control of the land in question is to letting people cultivate land in places where accumulations can be formed and the current of the river diverted in a dangerous manner towards the anicut; as the authorities are not professionally acquainted with the matter, it has been long urged that this department should control the cultivation of the lands in the vicinity of this work.

3. As the responsibility of keeping the anicut in good order rests with this department, it is but fair all means for protecting the work should be in its hands.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division considers it absolutely necessary to the safety of the Godavery anicut that the cultivation of 700 acres of valuable lunka land should be stopped and the land made over to the Public Works Department.

2. The reason stated for this requisition is given in the following extract from Captain Fischer's letter:—"The objection to the Revenue authorities having the control of the land in question is to letting people cultivate land in places where accumulations can be formed and the current of the river diverted in a dangerous manner towards the anicut, as the authorities are not professionally acquainted with the matter."

3. The Board consider that the Public Works Department should be allowed the control of all now accumulating accretions to these lunkas; but they do not understand why it is essential to this control that so much land, which was probably under cultivation previous to the construction of the anicut should be given up.

4. The cost of the proposed measure will evidently be a serious consideration, and the Collector should make an approximate calculation of it as soon as possible.

5. He should also request the Superintending Engineer to explain the necessity of stopping cultivation more in detail, and state whether a sufficiently stringent control over the accretions could not be exercised under proper regulation, although cultivation should be permitted within 100 feet of the edge of the lunka.

No. 230. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1869, No. 6,773.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 6th August 1869, No. 188.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of the Board's Proceedings, dated 22nd June 1869, No. 4,497, and to forward copies of the Superintending Engineer's letter, (31st July, No. 1,725,) and of that of the Executive Engineer, together with two surveys (sent by banghy.) Captain Fischer in his letter gives what seem

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to me good reasons for the necessity of stopping cultivation of the lunka land, and I trust that his explanation will prove satisfactory.

2. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings under acknowledgment, I have written to the Tahsildars concerned on the subject therein mentioned, and on receipt of the information required, it shall be communicated to the Board.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishwaram, 31st July 1869, No. 1,725.

ADVERTING to the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 4,497, dated 22nd June 1869, I have the honour to forward copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer in charge of the anicut, number and date as per margin, together with two surveys furnished by that officer—one on paper exhibiting the extent of land about 291

acres, which I propose should be made over to this department for certain purposes to be detailed hereafter, and the other on tracing cloth, showing the manner in which the sand banks and half-formed lunkas have shifted in the last three years. I will proceed to explain as fully as I can the arrangements I have had in view whilst these plans were being prepared.

2. Commencing on the Vejaiswaram side, I propose taking up fifty yards on either side of the embankment and a border of about 50 feet in width all round the head of the lunka below the anicut, except the fifty yards abovementioned; we do not, I think, require any of the land; at all events not at present. It is very necessary to have earth available on either side for the annual repairs of these embankments, and this earth should not be constantly loosened by the cultivators; these people, moreover, will carry up the cultivation as far as they possibly can to the foot even of the embankments, and it is not at all advisable to allow this to be done. The border we propose to plant with bamboos to preserve the lunka as much as possible. In the event of any accident occurring to the anicut, the bamboos would be of the greatest use for filling in breaches with, etc.

3. On the Maddoor lunka, it is proposed to mark off the land in the same manner and for similar purposes.

4. At Bobber lunka, a good deal more land is proposed to be taken up both above and below the anicut at this place, as will be seen from the survey there is but a narrow neck of land through which the Rali main canal irrigating the whole central delta is cut; it is, therefore, of the greatest importance to guard this point most carefully and prevent at once any encroachments being made which would be likely to diminish this very small area, already a great deal narrower than one likes to look at, considering the interests at stake below.

5. At Pitchika lunka the land is proposed to be taken up for the embankment; as for the other lunkas, this land appears to have been always more or less in the hands of this department, and Government now derive a revenue from it as well as from some other lands in Bobber lunka; the extent of these is given by Mr. Sage at 120 acres, and the amount of the revenue at Rs. 1,080, or Rs. 9 per acre.

6. At all available sites on the lands made over to this department, I propose having bamboo plantations, the rest of the land will be let as grazing grounds; and if we do as well with these as we have done heretofore, there will be no great loss to complain of, as the rate per acre is more than double the water-rate levied for the anicut water.

7. I would recommend the absolute control of the sand lunkas should be made over to this department; these are marked A. to G. on the map, and it is very necessary we should be able to stop at as early a period as possible any planting of grass, etc., on them; already a great deal of mischief has been done; I do not say intentionally, but a glance will show that if these are allowed

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to be increased, a great deal of damage must be done to other parts of the river-banks and probably to the anicut and other head works.

8. For example, if A. is made to join to B. and the point of the latter to the west be increased, the river-channel down the Vejaiswaram branch will be considerably narrowed; the velocity of the floods increased, when, if the river-banks are not eroded to the danger of the adjacent embankments, the river-bed will be scoured out and deepened—a result which cannot be contemplated with any satisfaction; even now the velocity of the water in this branch of the river is greater than we should care to have it.

9. The Maddoor and Rali branches are so silted up; the former has no passage to it at all after the floods, and in the event of any accident taking place, it would be a difficult thing to get stone dam to it; and to the latter there is a narrow passage round the head of Pitchika lunka and along that branch of the anicut itself all above is silted up, and if any grass is allowed to be planted hereabouts, these passages will be completely choked up.

10. The position of lunka G. and its close proximity to the anicut will at once show how necessary it is this should be got rid of as soon as possible, and it would be as well to move F. too; there is a deep hole in front of the Dowlaishwaram branch of the anicut between Pitchika lunka and lunka G. caused I suspect a good deal by the natural river-bed being occupied by the sand banks and so considerably narrowed and deepened, and I would like to get these removed and the place filled up as fast as possible.

11. In conclusion, I would explain that at first I adopted the data given by Captain Ryves, as to the extent of land which should be made over to us, but after the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, under reply, I came to the conclusion it would be far better to take as little land as we could possibly do with, (1), because it would apparently cause some considerable loss to the Government and other landowners; (2), it added something more than is absolutely necessary to the duties of the Executive Officer in charge; and (3), after the matter had been once arranged and the boundaries fixed, it would be easy enough to send in every year a survey showing the encroachments to be removed or the additional lands required by us; I trust, therefore, under the explanations now given, the arrangements may be approved of. I have only to add, I shall be quite prepared to make any alterations hereafter which may be considered necessary, but at present it is very advisable some definite conclusions should be arrived at as early as possible.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the Executive Engineer in charge of No. 1, or E. D. Range, Godavery District, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated Dowlaishwaram, 30th July 1869, No. 175.

With reference to your memorandum,* No. 1,544, dated 19th instant, I have the honour to

* Revenue Board's Proceedings, returned herewith.
† In separate packet.

Enclosures.
1 Survey.
1 Tracing
1 Board's Proceedings.

forward herewith, 1 Survey† on paper, showing land which ought to be in charge and under control of Department Public Works for the safety of anicut; also on tracing cloth a map showing the position of lunkas for last three years.

2. The quantity of land required is as follows:—

Vejaiswaram lunka...	..	...	...	...	...	22	78
Maddoor do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	23	78
Bobber do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	173	06
Pitchika do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	71	54
Total...						291	16

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Of this area, the whole of Pitchika lunka and part of Bobber lunka are at present in charge of Department Public Works, say 120 acres, and which are rented for grazing for Rs. 1,080, so that sanction for only 171 acres is required.

3. The sand lunkas marked A., B., C., D., E., F., and G., ought also to be in charge of department, as steps for decreasing their growth are required; and if not handed over now, will have to be at some future period.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 and 4.—Plans.

THE Board approve of the arrangements now proposed by the Superintending Engineer.

2. On receipt of the information which is promised by the Collector as to the cost which will be incurred, the sanction of Government will be applied for.

No. 231. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st September 1870, No. 5,551.

Read again Board's Proceedings, 22nd June 1869, No. 4,497.

Do. do. 9th Sept. „ „ 6,773.

Read also the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 16th July 1870, No. 208.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th September 1869, No. 6,773, I have the honour to forward herewith a Statement showing the lunka lands required for the safety of the anicut, from which it will be seen that the Government Ziroyti land, assessed with the settlement rates under occupation of ryots, is A. 64 C. 66, bearing an annual assessment of Rs. 360-2-0, and that the Zemindari land is A. 82 C. 52, bearing an annual assessment of Rs. 907-3-5. The Inam land in the Government village is A. 2 C. 27, assessed at Rs. 11-9-0 according to the new settlement rates. The Government assessed lunka land not occupied and unassessed lunka land under rents for one year is A. 197, C. 56, assessed at Rs. 974-12-0.

2. I think that ten times* the assessment of the Government assessed land would be a fair compensation to be paid to the ryots, and twenty times† the assessment of the Inam may be paid to the Inamdars as usual. I believe that the

* Rs. 3,601-4-0.

† Rs. 231-4-0.

Zemindarnis of the Nidadavole estate will have no objection to give up the land if a permanent reduction of the assessment of Rs. 907-3-5 is made from their annual poishcush.

3. No compensation is necessary for the Government land unoccupied and leased out on annual rents.

Statement showing the lunka lands required for the safety of the Anicut, Godavery District.

Statement showing the lunka lands required for the safety of the line, boundary

Description.	Villages.	LAND ASSESSED WITH THE SETTLEMENT RATES UNDER OCCUPATION.						Zemindari land.		Government assessed land unoccupied.		Unassessed land under rents for one year.		Total of columns 9, 10, 11, and 12.	
		Government Zirotyi.		Inam.											
		Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.	Ex- tent.	Assessment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
Government villages.	1. Peravaram ..	A. C.	Rs. 42	349 0 0	2 27	11 9 0	.....	30 39	408 2 0	.....	.....	80 39	408 2 0		
	2. Rajavaram ...	2 24	11 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 0	50 0 0	107 17	516 10 0	117 17	566 10 0		
	3. Rajahmundry.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
Zemindari land of Nidadavole estate.	1. Madloor lunka	64 66	360 2 0	2 27	11 9 0	.....	.....	90 39	458 2 0	107 17	516 10 0	197 56	974 12 0		
	2. Cheguru lunka	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 1	447 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	3. Purushotapally lunka ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 4	383 4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Total..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 47	74 11 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	Grand Total..	64 66	360 2 0	2 27	11 9 0	82 52	907 3 5	39 590	39 458 2 0	107 17	516 10 0	197 56	974 12 0		

(Signed) J. FRASER,
Collector.

COCANADA,

16th July 1870.

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IN May 1869, the Collector of the Godavery District informed the Board that the Public Works Department had applied for 700 acres of land assessed at between five and six thousand Rs. as necessary for the protection of the anicut.

2. The cost of the assignment was so great that the Board called for further information, and in August the Collector forwarded a letter from the Superintending Engineer showing that acres 291 were required. The Board acquiesced and called for a statement of the cost which is now submitted.

3. It now appears that the real extent of the land is acres 347, classed as follows:—

	Acres.	RS.	A.	P.
Government land ...	64.66	360	2	0
Zemindari ...	82.52	907	3	5
Inam ...	2.27	11	9	0
Government land unoccupied or held on annual leases...	197.56	974	12	0

347.01 2,253 10 5,

and that it may be secured by a payment of Rs. 3,832-8-0 down and a reduction of Rs. 907-3-5 in the peishcush of the Nidadavole estate.

4. The Collector does not state what the quit-rent of the Inam is; but taking it to be half the assessment, and taking the present value of the revenue surrendered as twenty times its annual amount, the total cost of the land to Government will be Rs. 45,180. This is a large sum, but it must be surrendered if the safety of the anicut requires it. Of course, a small revenue can be realized by the Department if they allow cattle to graze on the land, etc.

5. The orders of Government are requested as to whether the Collector shall proceed to secure the land for the Department Public Works.

No. 232. Official memorandum from the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, to the Under-Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated Madras, 4th October 1870, No. 1,149.

WITH reference to Mr. Under-Secretary Stokes's official memorandum of the 26th September, the undersigned is directed to explain as follows:—

2. If the land applied for by the Public Works Department is given to them, Government will have to pay compensation to the owners and to surrender prospective revenue, and the total cost of the measure will be made up of the money paid for compensation and the value of the revenue sacrificed.

3. The sum to be paid as compensation is Rs. 3,832.5.

* Annual revenue sacrificed.		RS.	4.
Occupied Government land ...	360.125		sacrificed is calculated by the Board at Rs. 41,347.5, a sum which, at 5 per cent. interest, would yield Rs. 2,067.375*.
Unoccupied do. assessed at Rs. 458 ...	277.629		
Occupied unassessed Government land.	516.625		5. The total cost of the land is, therefore, Rs. 3,832.5 + Rs. 41,347.5 = Rs. 45,180.
Zemindari Peishcush ...	907.215		
Inam quit-rent. ...	5.781		6. Of course the figure taken as
	2,067.375		

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the value of the sacrifice of revenue on Government lunka lands now unoccupied is a mere estimate.

(By Order.)

(Signed)

J. GROSE,
Acting Secretary.

No. 233.

ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1871, No. 112.

Irrigation. No. 2.

It appears from the foregoing papers that the land required for the protection of the Godavery anicut can be obtained by an immediate payment of Rs. 3,832-5-0 and the remission of Rs. 907-3-5 from the annual Peishcush of the Nidadavole estate.

2. The Right Honourable the Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to authorize the acquisition of the land on these terms. The funds for the payment to be made to the ryot-occupants and to the Inamdars will of course be provided from the Budget provision of the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Accountant-General.

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Under date the 17th Day 1871

Read the following

Papers:-

Pro: of the 13th of Rev.
Submitting letter from Collr
forwarding a statement showing
extent of Lanka land required
by P. W. Dept. for protection of
Godavery Ancient.

H. E. 1st September 1870 No. 5551

Official Memo from the Secy. to the
13th of Rev.
Furnishing explanation called
for by Govt. in their Under Secretary
O. M. of 26th Sept/70 regarding
certain land applied for by
P. W. Department.

" " 4th October 70 No. 1149

It appears from
the foregoing papers that the
land required for the protection
of the Godavery Ancient, can
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But the D. W. leaf
should be consulted
as to the necessity
of the matter. L. D. R. P.

entirely correct and should be forwarded. 1871

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

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Dated January 17th.

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JANUARY.
Nos. 229-233.

Land required for the protection of the
Godavery Ancient.—Passing orders with reference
to its acquisition on the terms specified.

be obtained by an immediate
payment of Rs. 3832.5. and
the remission of Rs. 907.3.5
from the annual peshkash of
the Kidadahole estate.

2. The Right Honorable
the Governor in Council is
accordingly pleased to
authorize the acquisition of
the land on these terms. The
funds for the payment to be
made to the ryot occupants and
to the Inamdar will, of course,
be provided from the
Budget provision of the
Public Works Department.

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