Revenue Department.

No. 681

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 17th April 1871.

Read the following letter Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Requesting to sanction supply of water for sawd land in Kistna Distt., grat[illegible] as an general measure, under rules proposed by Collector.

(G.O. 22nd March 1871, No. 1248)

The Government sanction the free supply of surplus water when available for the saturation of "sawd" land in the tracts commanded by the Godavery and Kistna Anicut works for periods of 2 years on the understanding that any crops raised on the land during

during the period will
be charged with half water
rate in addition to the land
assessment, and that full
rates will be levied in and
from the third year. The
Officers of the D.P.W. will
determine in each case
whether water can be
spared for the purpose.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &

Dated April 17th.

Read. Encl.

G. O., 17th April 1871, No. 684.

APRIL.

Nos. 166-167.

Sowd land in Kistna District.—The free supply of water for its saturation sanctioned on the condition specified.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th April 1871.

No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd March 1871, No. 1,248 :—

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 Gudivada, 4th February 1871, No. 348.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 21st December 1870, No. 2,077, on Government Order, dated 19th December 1870, No. 2,061, requesting to know whether the Board and the Collector of Kistna are prepared to advocate, as a general measure, the supply of water for two years, free of charge, to holders of lands which are suffering from *Chavudu* (efflorescence of salt), with a view of endeavouring to reclaim such soils, I observe that the Superintending Engineer, in a letter, communicated to the Board of Revenue, with Government Order, dated 23rd January 1871, No. 142, Revenue Department, has expressed his opinion that water for the removal of the saline material from the soil may be furnished at times when there is abundance of water in the canal, and that he sees no objection to my proposal to supply water gratis whenever it can be afforded to land suffering under *Chavudu* in any part of the delta. I request, therefore, sanction to publish the following rules :—

1. Ryots holding lands in any part of the delta, which may be suffering from *Chavudu*, will, on application through the Tahsildar to the Department Public Works, be supplied, whenever there is abundance of water to spare in the channels, with a supply of water free for two years, for the purpose of thoroughly soaking the land and eradicating the saline deposit which has been brought to the surface.

2. If crops be raised on the soil during these two years, half water-rate will be charged.

3. From the third year full water-rate will be charged.

Submitted to Government with reference to Government Order, dated 19th December 1870, No. 2,061.

2. The Board think it very desirable to do all that can be done to eradicate the fear of "Sowdoo" which has done much to retard ryots from using anicut water, and as the Superintending Engineer has no objection to granting water free for "Sowd" land when there is more than is wanted for cultivation, the Board recommend that this be sanctioned *as a general measure* under the rules proposed by Mr. Boswell.

No. 167. Order thereon, 17th April 1871, No. 684.

Irrigation, No. 3.

The Government sanction the free supply of surplus water, when available, for the saturation of "Sowd" land in the tracts commanded by the Godavery and Kistna *anicut* works for periods of two years, on the understanding that any crops raised on the land during the period will be charged with half water-rate in addition to the land assessment, and that

full rates will be levied in and from the third year. The officers of the Department Public Works will determine in each case whether water can be spared for the purpose.

(True Extract.)

W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government