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18th October 1872.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 315. From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Courtallum, 31st August 1872, No. 2,498.

In reference to your letter, No. 64, dated 7th May 1872, calling for a statement showing the correct Ayacut and Revenue for the last five years for the lands dependent upon the Tamariar anicut, distinguishing between Government and Chuttrum lands, I have the honour to

1 Statement.

1 Collector's letter, No. 306, dated 10th August 1872.

1 Sub-Collector's letter, No. 77, dated 6th August 1872.

forward herewith the statement above-mentioned, together with the Collector's letter on the subject.

2. In your letter you state that you "cannot but think that there is an error somewhere," and Mr. Brandt concurs with you in this opinion by stating that the error in question is in your assumption that 400 acres of the Chuttrum lands yield a revenue of Rupees 12,000.

From the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Tinnevely, 26th February 1872, No. 77.

I BEG to remind you of the pressing wants of the villages under the Tamariar anicut in the Nanguneri Taluq of this district.

2. It is but a petty work though very important to the people concerned, while the length of time that has elapsed since the form and shape of this anicut first came under consideration must seem interminable to the ryots who depend on the work for their scanty supply of water.

3. An earthen bank was thrown up this year which fortunately has not breached, but should it be swept away, some Rupees 12,000 of revenue on Chuttrum villages that now form part of our local fund assets will be jeopardized.

From the same Officer, dated Tinnevely, 6th April 1872, No. 117.

In reply to your letter, No. 4,981, dated 26th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that the Tamariar anicut irrigates 500 acres in ryotwar villages and 400 acres in Chuttrum villages; the cost of the work may, therefore, be borne by Imperial and Local Funds in equal proportions.

From the same Officer, dated Courtallum, 10th August 1872, No. 306.

I FORWARD herewith the statement called for in your letter, No. 608, dated 13th May last, together with a copy of a letter from the Sub-Collector on the subject.

2. I must, however, confess that this explanation seems to add to the intricacy of the calculation, and I think the round sum of Rupees 12,000 mentioned by me is sufficiently near the mark.

From the Sub-Collector of Tinnevely, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Nannagaram, 6th August 1872, No. 77.

With reference to your foot note on the copy of letter to you from the Superintending Engineer dated 12th May 1872, No. 608, I have the honour to forward herewith a statement showing the ayacut correct amount of cultivation and revenue for the last five years for Government and Chuttrum lands dependent upon the Tamariar anicut.

2. It will be seen from the statement that 553 acres of Government and 413 acres of Chuttrum lands are dependent upon the anicut.

3. The nominal assessment of the latter description of lands, taken for the purpose of deciding the amount to be paid for repairs of irrigation works by Government, is Rupees 5,871, and not Rupees 12,000 as Captain Oakes appears from your letter of 26th February 1872 to have taken it. This latter sum was, I believe, intended to represent the estimated receipts of the Chuttrum from the rental of the lands; the actual assets realized by the Chuttrum for the last fasli were Rupees 10,582.

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4. The ayacut area dependent for irrigation on this anicut is, as has been stated, 966 acres, which I suppose was roughly taken as 900 acres by yourself and by Captain Oakes. It was a mistake reckoning that 400 acres of the Chuttrum lands yield a revenue of Rupees 12,000. The quit-rent and fasaljasti on these 413 acres is Rupees 354, the assessment which it may be taken they would yield if Government lands is Rupees 5,870, and the actual rental, as above stated, Rupees 10,582.

Statement showing the Ayacut and actual Cultivation of Government and Chuttrum Lands dependent on Tamariar Anicut.

Name of Village.	GOVERNMENT.			CHUTTRUM.				
	Ayacut.	Cultivation for the last five years.	Assessment for the last five years.	Ayacut.	Cultivation for the last five years.	Nominal assessment at the rate prevalent in adjoining Ayacut villages.	Quit-rent and Fasaljasti paid to Government.	Actual income realized by the rental of Chuttrum lands.
	ACS.	ACS.	RS.	ACS.	ACS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Tenkareidavoyppuram ...	220	153	2,554	...	66	924	363	1,161
		152	2,535	...	66	935	374	1,188
		152	2,512	...	66	942	382	1,278
		152	2,346	...	66	918	357	1,127
		152	2,308	...	66	856	296	1,136
Total ...	...	761	12,255	...	330	4,575	1,772	5,890
Average...	...	152	2,451	...	66	915	354	1,178
Nambitalavanpattayam ...	398	353	4,169	...	...	...	...	...
		353	4,240	...	...	...	...	...
		353	4,175	...	...	...	...	...
		353	3,971	...	...	...	...	...
		353	4,008	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	1,765	20,563	...	...	...	...	...
Average...	...	353	4,112	...	...	...	...	...
Tirukurungudi Chuttrum Inam lands ...	...	...	...	367	337	4,787	...	9,345
		...	...		339	4,868	...	9,396
		...	...		344	4,091	...	9,609
		...	...		352	4,990	...	8,495
		...	...		367	5,145	...	9,446
Total ...	...	...	...	...	1,739	24,781	...	46,291
Average...	...	...	...	...	347	4,956	...	9,258
Ponnakurichi ...	...	48	313	...	...	...	...	...
		49	262	...	...	...	...	...
		49	362	...	...	...	...	...
		49	347	...	...	...	...	...
		49	319	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	244	1,703	...	...	...	...	...
Average...	...	48	340	...	...	...	...	...
Total of the above four...	667	554	7,036	...	403	5,711	363	10,506
		554	7,137	...	405	5,803	374	10,584
		554	7,049	...	410	5,933	382	10,887
		554	6,664	...	418	5,908	357	9,622
		553	6,635	...	423	6,001	296	10,582
Total ...	...	2,769	34,521	367	2,069	29,356	1,772	52,181
Average...	...	553	6,904	...	413	5,871	354	10,436

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Sub-Collector.

(Signed) R. K. PUCKLE,
Collector.

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No. 195.

Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

In my note dated 15th March on which G. O., No. 1,027, dated 20th April was passed, I stated that a reference had been made to the Superintending Engineer relative to the source from which funds should be provided for the construction of a dam in the Tamariar river, as it appeared that a large area dependent upon the old anicut appertained to Chuttrum villages, the revenues from which now form a part of the local fund assets.

2. A reference to the local officers was necessary, because their statements relative to the area, etc., dependent upon the old anicut differed; for, while the

No. 3,104, 17th November 1871.

No. 77, 26th February 1872.

Superintending Engineer stated that 1,200 acres, yielding a revenue of 12,421, depended upon the anicut, the Collector had stated that should an earthen bank which had been placed across the river be swept away "some Rupees 12,000 of revenue on Chuttrum villages" would be jeopardized; while in a subsequent letter,

No. 117, 6th April 1872.

he stated that the area dependent upon the Tamariar anicut was 900 acres, 500 in ryotwar villages, and 400 in Chuttrum villages; and he proposed that the cost of the work should be borne by Imperial and Local Funds in equal proportions.

3. From the statement, etc., now submitted, it would appear that the average area and assessment from the Government villages under the anicut during the last five years has been 553 acres and Rupees 6,904 respectively, while the area in Chuttrum villages dependent upon the anicut has been 413 acres during the same period; the average income realized by the rental thereof has been Rupees 10,436, while a quit-rent of Rupees 354 has been paid to Government; though so large a rental as Rupees 10,436 has been obtained from the Chuttrum lands the Sub.

No. 77, 6th August 1872.

Collector states that Rupees 5,870 may be regarded as the assessment the lands would yield if they appertained to Government. Under these circumstances, I would suggest that the cost of the new dam, namely, Rupees 8,570, should be borne in equal proportions by Imperial and Local Funds as suggested by the Collector.

OOTACAMUND,
18th September 1872.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Major, R.E.,
Ag. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 316. ORDER THEREON, 18th October 1872, No. 2,453.

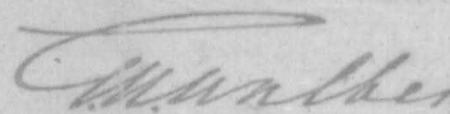
IRRIGATION, No. 21.

In their Order, No. 1,027, dated 20th April, the Government sanctioned an estimate of Rupees 8,570 for building a dam in the Tamariar river and provided for the work from the Reserve under Agricultural. It appears that a large extent of Chuttrum lands is dependent upon the dam; and the Board of Revenue will report with reference to their Proceedings dated 10th February 1871, No. 644, whether half the cost of the work may not justly be defrayed from Chuttrum funds. Meanwhile a moiety of the cost (i. e. Rupees 4,285) is sanctioned under Agricultural.

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2. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes with displeasure the tone of the 2nd paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's letter on a reference by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation which was rendered necessary owing to the contradictory statements relative to the area dependent upon the dam and to the assessment derived therefrom.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
„ Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department,
„ Board of Revenue.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

SHT DIVISION.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October 18th.

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G. O., 18th October 1872, No. 2,453.

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Dam in the Tamariar River, Tinnevely District.—Board of Revenue to report whether a moiety of the cost of building a dam in the Tamariar river cannot be defrayed from Chuttrum Funds; Rs. 4,285 sanctioned for the work under "Agricultural," and the tone of Colonel Roberts' letter to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation noticed with displeasure.

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