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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
15th July 1873.

No. 264. Read the following docket of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Guaranteed Railway,) dated Simla, 21st June 1873, No. 313 A—G. R.:-

COPY of the following forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras for information and guidance.

(By Order.)

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Jfg. Deputy Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Proceedings of the Government of India, the Financial Department, dated Simla, the 9th June 1873, No. 866.

Read again Financial Resolution, No. 2, dated 18th July 1872, deciding that rents realised from Railway Class C. lands and the proceeds from sale of plots of such lands shall be credited to "Land Revenue."

Read an Office Memorandum from the Public Works Department, No. 2,869 S. R., dated 26th May 1873, inquiring whether the decision, above adverted to, is to be considered applicable to rents of buildings situated on lands purchased for Guaranteed Railways and to sale proceeds of old materials from dismantled buildings and of trees on such lands.

RESOLUTION.—The Governor General in Council is pleased to decide that all such receipts shall be credited as Miscellaneous Land Revenue.

ORDER.—Ordered that the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the Public Works Department and the Comptroller General for information and further orders.

No. 265. ORDER THEREON, 15th July 1873, No. 1,810.

RAILWAY, No. 29.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways and to the Financial and Revenue Departments.

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for
" Examiner of Railway Ac
" Financial Department.
" Revenue do.

Exd. S. T. Austin

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To
THE CONSULTING ENGINEER
FOR RAILWAYS

Dated July 15th.
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G. O., 15th July 1873. No. 1,810.

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Receipts from Buildings and Trees
from the Government of India
copy of Resolution deciding
receipts from buildings and trees
purchased by Government for
Railways be credited as Mis-
Land Revenue, communicated
and departments concerned.

23 July 1870
London

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th July 1873.*

No. 202. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
dated Ootacamund, 23rd July 1873, No. 376:—

From C. DAWSON, Esq., for Chief Eng.
J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief En.
June 1873, No. 20.

Manager, to Lieutenant-Colonel
Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 13th

I BEG to forward herewith copy of
May 1873.

Engineer's Report for the month of

Chief Engineer's Report to accompany

In the lower part of the canal the
May was not felt. About 3 inches more
on the 8th and 9th instant, and the weath

2. The canal filled sufficiently for
sluices, but until the 10th the Toombud

3. Ploughing is going on extensively
applications are made. I hear of none made
made through the Company's officers. It is not that the ryots doubt the waters
coming down the canal, but before applying they want to see and judge of the
security of the channels which will be made to supply their fields. These are in a
wretched state, far too few to be called fairly within the reach of the cultivating
public; and those few so insecure as to breach in every heavy shower.

4. My Overseers have orders to enter upon any land necessary for making
channels to supply demand, on the strength of a Government order recently issued,
indicating a wish that a regular permission to do this should be obtained from the
Revenue Board. They will assure the ryots of compensation for the land so
occupied. There is some risk of this leading to an appeal to law or violence, but
I feel assured of all the assistance the higher English and Native Revenue Authori-
ties can give to secure peace, and my own men are strongly cautioned.

5. Further than this it seems not only unwarrantable but impolitic to go.
The least such a course could result in would be confusion. The only remaining
course under existing arrangements is to give every facility for applications, and
to hold out every inducement to apply. Almost the sole positive inducement is
the promise to make the necessary channels thoroughly efficient upon their appli-
cation, and the negative ones are that if the channels be made on the spur of the
moment they will not be so secure as if made with plenty of time and the charge
of double water-rate, which is imminent over those who do not apply.

6. But this last is exactly counterbalanced by another effect of applying.
There is no rule to permit the withdrawal of an application; and experience shows
ryots that it is far more certain that they will have to pay Rupees 6 per acre if,
after an application and a month or more's waiting in vain for channels, or
disgusted with the evident insecurity of those made, they give up irrigation
and cultivate a dry crop, than it is that, if they leave a final decision till the last
moment and then sow rice without application, they will have to pay Rupees 12
per acre.

Divisional Reports for May.

In which burst here at the end of
fell between Soonkasala and Jupad
now cloudy all day, windy and fine.
water to run out at the open head
too low for any to run in.

but until the water arrives few
direct to the Curnums, and but few
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7. In fact this attempt to compel the ryots to an early decision as to what they intend to cultivate, and the pressure to hold them to it, has a very deterrent effect on the extension of irrigation. It causes, yearly in geometrical progression, a serious loss to the Government and the Company, and, of course, to the country.

8. The Acting Collector of Kurnool (Mr. James Hope) has taken great interest in this point of the double payment of water-rate, which, trying to do so many things at once, misses doing any effectually. On this I will make the following remarks:—

I.—There should properly be a complete set of channels extending to every field, so that there should be no question of the ryots running risks and the Company losing credit by hastily constructed channels. Then, were that the case, and water became scarce on account of extensive cultivation, applicants would receive water next after old customers, and new men not applying would be worst off.

9. I may here say that where *A*, living in Kurnool, Madras, or Hyderabad, takes a field and puts *B* in as his gardener, or cultivator, with leave to keep a proportion of the profits as his pay—a very common sort of arrangement—it will often happen that from sheer inadvertence a regular customer, even anxious enough to keep the rules, will neglect to apply. Many residents in Kurnool had neglected to apply for their compounds, and it is only by taking particular care that I have partly remembered to do it. But I forgot the second crop.

II.—And this brings me to another point—the excessive penalty. Since it would never do to let fraud go unpunished, and non-applicants have put themselves on the wrong side of the rules, the latter are whipped all round by a sort of barbarous Mahomedan justice, *i. e.*, are fined *punitively*, where justice would rather require that the fine should be estimated as simple compensation for the extra trouble, staff, and expense it brought upon the Company to meet.

III.—But where fraud has to be dealt with, of course punishment must be inflicted, and since it is out of the question to prove fraud legally certain acts or omissions of a fraudulent complexion should have penalties attached to them. The only act of such a kind I will mention here is one of great importance. No one is likely to attempt to rear a crop in secret under constant irrigation; but many so lay out their field, with a border of rice perhaps along the higher side, that occasional irrigation can be secretly given to the dry crops with a very small chance of detection. This would probably be efficiently checked if floodings at 1 Rupee an acre were never given but on a ticket or application to the Overseer. As to the Curnums they are at the bottom of most of the tricks. Then, if water were found on a man's land, not being an authorized flooding, he would have to pay Rupees 6, and would be free to irrigate as much as he liked.

"Floodings" should be given to fields only, not to small plots or garden.

It is, I believe, quite possible that these objections may be removed, and irrigation made safer and more attractive before the end of the current month.

CAMP PATAKOTA, NANDIKOTAKUR,
KURNOOL,
11th June 1873.

(Signed) J. H. LATHAM,
Chief Engineer and Manager.

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SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The action taken by the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Company, as mentioned in the fourth part of paragraph 29th April 1873. It would have been better had Mr. Latham waited until Revenue Officers had moved in the matter; it is presumed, however, that the action will be done towards making field channels on land not made over to the Company, if the owners raise any objection to the proceeding.

3. The remarks on the subject of drawing up the revised rules and regulations referred to in G. O., No. 1,500, dated 6th June 1873.

MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 203.

ORDER THEREON, 12th July 1873, No. 1,797.

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

Communicated to the Revenue Department in continuation of G. O., No. 1,218, dated 29th April 1873.

(True Extract)

W. H. Latham

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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13th Dec 1873 No. 25/1873

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14th May 1873 No. 87-
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To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR

IRRIGATION.

No. No. No.

Dated July 12th.

Recd July 18th

Encl.

G. O., 12th July 1873, No. 1,797.

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Nos. 202 203

Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's
Canal.—Report submitted by the Chief
Engineer for Irrigation from the Chief
Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company on the canal for May 1873,
communicated to the Revenue Department.

With Order

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