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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd February 1873.*

No. 55. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 10th January 1873, No. 29.

Read the following papers:—

Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 29th January 1872.

Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Dowlaishweram, 18th January 1872, No. 3,183.

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith copy of a letter received from Captain Beckley, Executive Engineer on special duty, Ganjam, relative to a complaint made by the ryots of Poorooshotapore regarding the non-clearance of the Heeradara channel which irrigates their lands.

2. As the question, whether the Public Works Department is to clear out silt and keep all works in which the ryots are interested in proper order, when they are only assessed at the ordinary water-rate, is one to be decided by the Revenue Department, I beg that the orders of Government in that department may be obtained.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Captain T. BECKLEY, R.E., Executive Engineer on Special Duty, Ganjam, to the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, dated 27th December 1871, No. 251.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that lately when at Poorooshotapore with Mr. Harris, Executive Engineer, the Poorooshotapore ryots came and complained that the Heeradara channel that irrigates their lands had not been cleared of silt. I told them that, even when ryots paid a full water-cess, it was often usual for them to clear out silt themselves, to which they replied they were not dry land ryots but paid a water-rate; in fact, one rupee dry-rent for rich alluvial land along the river bank, and one rupee water-rate for river-channel and tank-irrigation combined, total 2 Rupees; now the question is, are we to clear out silt and keep all the works in order for ryots who would only be assessed at the ordinary rate if they got no water at all.

2. I enclose two Urzees from these people, one direct to myself, the other received by Executive Engineer through the Assistant Collector.

3. The ryots certainly expressed themselves willing to pay double their present water-rate, or whatever the Government chooses to fix, but the Executive Engineer has no guarantee whatever that if he expends money on these irrigation works, the expenditure will be in the slightest degree remunerative, nor probably can even the Collector, without orders from Government, do much towards remedying the present state of affairs.

REFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Col., R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

REFERRED to the Collector for report through the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government, R.D.

30th January 1872.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, GANJAM

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Heeradara Channel.—Proceedings in the Revenue Department relative to the required clearing of the Heeradara channel in the Ganjam District, communicated with remarks to the District Engineer.

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