

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th August 1873.*

No. 139. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 18th August 1873 :—

Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 13th August 1873, No. 429.

In carrying out the instructions conveyed in the order of Government noted in the margin, regarding the capitalisation of assessment on lands taken up for railway purposes, a question has risen as to how cultivable waste land is to be treated. The Collector of Bellary states that he is in doubt whether the assessment of such land should be entered as loss to Government or not; for, although no rent has been received from it, it might be brought under cultivation and contribute its share to the revenue. So far as I understand, it has not hitherto been customary to enter any sums on account of waste land taken up for railways in the half-yearly returns submitted by Collectors of districts, but I request that the instructions of the Government of India may be obtained upon the point.

2. In acknowledging receipt of the order of Government, dated the 12th instant, No. 73, I have the honour to observe that the information required by the Government of India cannot be immediately furnished. As was explained in my letter, dated the 6th March 1873, No. 139, in the statements submitted by the Revenue Authorities, and from which the Abstract Register is compiled in this Office, the abatement of assessment upon A, B, and D land is shown under one heading; but in order to carry out the instructions contained in the letter from the Government of India, No. 763, dated 31st May 1873, it is necessary that the loss of assessment on Class B land should be separately shown. This information has been asked for from the Revenue-officers, and upon its receipt the return called for by the Government of India shall be submitted.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department, with reference to the orders quoted by the Consulting Engineer.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1873, No. 868.

Land Revenue.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue for an expression of their opinion on the point raised by the Consulting Engineer for Railways. In the recent settlement with the Inamdars of this Presi-

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dency the cultivable waste included in their Title-deeds was taken as an asset in
fixing the new quit-rents.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue,
,, the Public Works Department.

Railway Department.

CONSULTING ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

No. 429

From

LIEUT.-COLONEL J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R.E.,

Consulting Engineer for Railways,

To

COLONEL G. W. WALKER, R.E.,

Secretary to Government,

Public Works Department,

Fort Saint George.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Dated August 19th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 19th August 1873 No. 568.

AUGUST.

Nos. 139-140.

Lands taken up for Railway purposes.
Forwarding to the Board of Revenue for an expression of their opinion letter from the Consulting Engineer for Railways, requesting to know how cultivable waste land included in — is to be treated with reference to the capitalisation of assessment.

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