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No. 55. Read the following letter fr[om] Cuddapah, to Colonel G. W. W[ilbraham], Public Works Department, dat[ed] No. 23.—

"I HAVE the honour to forward d[uplicates] as per margin from which you [will] see there is a dispute between the [ry]ots of Muddoor and Toodoor; my [letter], I think, explains the matter fully.

2. With reference to the above, I [have] the honour to inform you the [Tood]oor people have instituted a suit [in the] matter, and have made the Taluq [Cutch]e. I have, therefore, the honour [to] defend the suit. If I can, can the [Pleader], if available, be made use of; if

No. 10 of 24th January 1873, from Acting Head Assistant Collector, to District Engineer.
Memorandum from the Tahsildar.
No 474 of 25th February 1873, from District Engineer, to Acting Head Assistant Collector.

against the Toodoor people regarding [the] Overseer and Range Officer defendants[,] to request your instructions as to whether [the] services of the Government Pleader at [Cud]dapah, to G. S. SAGE, Esq., District Engineer not available can I employ another ple[ader].

From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Cuddapah, to G. S. SAGE, Esq., District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated 24th January 1873, No. 10.

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, for your information, copy of a memorandum received from the Tahsildar of Sidhout connected with a long pending dispute between the ryots of Toodoor and Muddoor regarding the extent to which the present tank of Toodoor should receive water from its main supply channel.

2. It appears that there is a bank between the bed of the said tank and the Muddoor wet fields. The ryots of Muddoor claim that; when the supply of water into the tank reaches the top of the bank, the main supply channel should be to go into the Sagilair through a gap called Barlagoontagardi, so that the bank may not be and their lands on the other side of it submerged. The ryots of Toodoor complain that in this case the supply of water into the tank will not suffice for the irrigation of their lands even the crop. This dispute has been running for many years, and the tank also is in great need of [re]pa[irs].

No.

Memorandum regarding the dispute between Toodoor and Muddoor people.

THE village of Muddoor is situated on the side of Toodoor at a distance of only a mile and a half from the latter. On the north side of village of Muddoor there are some Circar and Dasarandum tanks belonging to Muddoor and other villages. The surplus water of the paddy fields belonging to these tanks forms together the calingulah of Muddoor Dasavandum tank and runs as a supply channel for Toodoor for a long time as shown in the enclosed plan No. 1. This is considered to be an important sort of bund said to have been constructed are of no consequence. The place marked No. 1 by Government showing the boundary between channel of the Toodoor tank, and the others people admit that the channel No. 1 is no doubt ply channel of Toodoor tank; but they say that when the water in the tank reaches the bund, the Toodoor people must let the water of the supply channel go to Sagilair through a gap so that their lands situated on the north side of Barlagoontagardi marked No. 3 in the plan, Toodoor people say that if they retain water in the and No. 2 may not be inundated; whereas be sufficient to the ayacut under the tank. Moreover only as far the bund No. 2, they will not the bund No. 2, having been said to be tank bed Muddoor lands, situated north side of they are usually liable to be inundated by their the Pymaish Accounts of their village, the Muddoor people do not admit.

2. This is the chief dispute between th wo villagers. Muddoor people further say that a Punchayet has been held some years ago betwe hem and Toodoor people, and it was decided that the channel water should not be left to Sagilai hen the tank water reaches the bund No. 2, and that the Toodoor people are now doing against t e said Punchayet's decision. The Toodoor people do not admit that any Punchayet to that effect as ever taken place.

3. The matter was referred once in th 68 for the orders of Mr. Hardinge, who issued an order to the late Tahsildar that both parti ld agree to a fresh Punchayet, and that if they do not do so refer them to the Civil Courts. hey did neither the one nor the other. The Toodoor tank has been in bad order for a lon , and it has no proper calingulahs at all.

4. The Public Works Department ap have sent in an estimate for its repairs some time ago. If they (Public Works Departm to construct proper calingulahs for Toodoor tank, taking into consideration the depth required for it, sufficient to its ayacut, the dispute which is going on for years together easily settled.

17th December 1872. (Signed) B. VENKATA ROW, *Tahsildar.*

From G. S. SAGE, Esq., District Engineer h, to the Head Assistant Collector, Cuddapah, dated Cuddapah, ruary 1873, No. 473.

I have the honour, with reference o. 10 of 24th ultimo, to inform you that I inspected the Toodoor tank, etc., etc., then d to on 20th instant; the whole affair appears to me to be a private quarrel between the two ges, and, as far as I can make out, the Tahsildar's statements are not exactly correct.

2. The channel marked No. 1 in Tahsil sketch I believe to be, as stated, a channel for supplying Toodoor tank by surplus water fr Voricoonta tank, and picks up any surplus there may be from Muddoor lands on route, ev ring it to be, as stated by Muddoor people, a channel dug by themselves to irrigate thei which I doubt, as it can only be so used when Muddoor tank is very full, or by baling wate it from wells the Muddoor people have; and in latter case they would only bale as much as solutely necessary on account of the expense, and there would be no water going to Toodoor which was the case when I saw the channel; there was also no cultivation going on under onta tank. At such time as there is water in the channel of any use to Toodoor tank, t ivation under Woricoonta tank must be in full progress.

3. At the place I have marked on T dar's sketch with a • in red pencil, there was formerly an Indigo Factory of Messrs. Arbu t and Company, and the 4 vent culvert at that place was built to enable their carts to get t factory, showing the place was used as a supply channel to Toodoor tank at that time; and t d marked No. II. on Tahsildar's sketch I believe to have been a road made for the same purpo d not to define limits of Toodoor tank as stated; the boundary shown between the two villa es run alongside the road or bund and to the north of it.

4. The dispute made before me was that he Muddoor ryots had made a breach at the place marked No. III. on Tahsildar's sketch, which s all surplus water into Sagilair instead of allowing it to flow into Toodoor tank, which, to say the s, was an unnecessary waste of water, a valuable commodity in this country. I have directed t breach to be closed.

5. If a small calingulah crest on leve h Muddoor fields is built here it will turn all water into Toodoor tank and prevent Muddo d flooding, and if another calingulah at proper level is built at a spot marked on Tahsi sketch ring bund between Toodoor Circar and Desavandam tanks, the water can be kept ch a level as will permit of flooding of Muddoor lands; the road or bund marked II. in Tahsi sketch might also be repaired.

6. Regarding the Toodoor tank itself, would not recommend any heavy repair being done to it at present, but merely the tank Varavu ping cleared out to allow a free flow of water from north to south and bank repaired with e tained from the same.

7. I have ordered necessary surve cycle to be taken for the above purpose as soon as possible. The Tahsildar's sketch is her ttained.

No. 56. ORDER THEREON, day 1873, No. 1,268.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 10.

THE Government consider that, as been in existence for many years, and as the dispute between the villagers of settle it, the District Engineer would hav Toodoor and Muddoor had confessedly open. The levels which he has directe Revenue Officers had been unable to be devised to secure the supply of water ed more wisely in leaving the breach inconvenience to the Muddoor lands. taken will show whether means can will no doubt be satisfied; but, if not, Toodoor tank, without occasioning whether the Toodoor villagers are en n be done the Muddoor villagers channel referred to without interference be decided in the Civil Courts,

2. The suit, if persevered with, utilize the supply carried by the public expense, leaving it to be herea efended in the first instance at the borne by Government. cided whether the expense will be

3. The Government Pleader will quested to instruct the Government Vakeel at Cuddapah to defend the suit, due course the District Engineer will, in communication with the Vakeel, mit a copy of the answer to the suit which it may be proposed to make.

(True Ex t.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineer, Cuddapah.
" Controller of Public Works Account
" Government Pleader.
" Judicial Department.
" Revenue "

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