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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th November 1874.*

No. 162. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th November 1874, No. 3,260 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 10th October 1874, No. 76, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—*Kistna Delta*.—Proceedings, Public Works Department, on report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on an inspection of the—made between 20th November and 15th December 1873, communicated to Revenue Board.

COMMUNICATED to the Collector of the Kistna District.

2. The subjects referred to the Board of Revenue for report are—

(1.) The way in which the Colair Lake should be dealt with.
(2.) The proposal to provide for irrigating the Zemindari lands under the Bank Canal on a very limited scale.

(3.) The question whether the amount of the wet assessment prevents the occasional cultivation of dry crops in the Divi-Purganah.

3. The Board are also directed to submit the detailed revenue statements for the delta at an early date, but this has been already done and the statements have been reviewed in G. O., dated 7th October 1874, No. 2,844, Public Works Department.

4. The questions with regard to the Colair Lake, the Bank Canal, and the Divi-Purganah will be referred to the Collector for report.

5. The average revenue derived from the Dalwa or *hot* weather crop (sown in February and reaped in April or May) grown on the margin of the lake and islands should be reported. As at present informed, the Board are decidedly of opinion that the lake should be drained to as low a level as possible. As Colonel Mullins points out, the Dalwa crop produces a very inferior kind of grain, and there is so much work to be had in the neighborhood during the time it is being cultivated that no hardship would be inflicted on the cultivators if the cultivation were stopped. The lands are not held on puttis but on yearly leases, so that claims to compensation would not arise. The land which would be reclaimed by draining the lake would probably grow good dry crops.

6. With regard to the Zemindari land under the Bank Canal, the Board are of opinion that the refusal to take water will not be persisted in long. There is a great deal of good Cholum land for which irrigation will never be taken, but there are thousands of acres in the Divaracota Zemindari fit for wet crops and nothing else.

7. The rule now in force is that dry rates of assessment are to be charged when dry crops are grown on wet land for want of irrigation, and this is clearly laid down in Standing Order XVII. of 1873. The reason why dry crops are not cultivated in Divi (paragraph 46 of Colonel Mullin's Report) when irrigation fails is probably that the people wait in the hope of freshes till it is too late.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
30th November 1874.*

No. 163.

ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1874, No. 1,464.

Irrigation No. 12.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Department with reference to the Pro-
ceedings in that department, dated 29th

September and 7th October 1874, Nos. 2,732 and 2,844.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 12th November 1874

Read Proceedings of the Madras
Government, Revenue Department, dated 10th
October 1874, No. 76, communicating to Revenue
Board, Proceedings of Public Works Department
on report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
on an inspection of the Krishna Delta made
between 20th November and 15th December 1873.

Communicated to the Collector
of the Krishna district.

The subjects referred to the Board
of Revenue for report are:-

1. The way in which the Colair
Lake should be dealt with.

2. The proposal to provide for
irrigating the Zemindari lands under the Banks
canal on a very limited scale.

3. The question whether the amount
of the well apportionment prevents the occasional
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated November 30th.

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Krishna Delta.—Communicating to the Public
Works Department Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue, recording certain observations on the
points referred to them in connection with the
report of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation on
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cultivation of dry crops in the Devi Purganah.

The Board are also directed to submit the detailed revenue statements for the Delta at an early date, but this has been already done and the Statements have been received in G. O. of October 1874, No 2844, Public Works Department.

The questions with regard to the Colair Lake, the Bank canal, and the Devi Purganah will be referred to the Collector for report.

The average revenue derived from the Dalwa or hot weather crop (sown in February and reaped in April or May) grown on the margin of the Lake and islands should be reported. As at present informed the Board are decidedly of opinion that the Lake should be drained to as low a level as possible. As Colonel Mullins points out the Dalwa crop produces a very inferior kind of grain, and there is so much work to be had in the neighbourhood during the time it is being cultivated that no hardship would be inflicted

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The rule now in force is that dry rates of assessment are to be charged when dry crops are grown on wet land for want of irrigation and this is clearly laid down in Standing Order No. XVII of 1873. The reason why dry crops are not cultivated in Devi

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