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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 puttas 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.

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

No. 163. ORDER THEREON, 30th November 1874, No. 1,161.

Irrigation No. 12.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to the Proceedings 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.
" the Board of Revenue.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 12th November 1874

Read Proceedings of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Government of Revenue Department, dated 16th

October 1874, No. 76, communicating to Government

Board's Proceedings on Public Works Department

Report on the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

on the inspection of the Kistna Delta made

between 20th November and 15th December 1873.

Communicated to the Collector

of the Kistna district.

The subjects referred to the Board

for Revenue for report are:-

1. The proposal to sell by the Collector

Lake lands lies adjacent to

2. The proposal to provide for

irrigating the Gemindary Canals under the Bank

Canal on a new limited scale.

3. The question whether the amount

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Nos. 162-163.

Kistna 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 the —.

cultivation of dry crops in the Devi Purgunah.

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. 7th 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 margins 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 on the cultivators if the cultivation were stopped. The lands are not held on pattas but on yearly leases so that claims to compensation would not arise. The land which would be reclaimed by drawing the Lake would probably grow good dry crops.

With regard to the Zemindary 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 Devarakotta Zemindary fit for wet crops and nothing else.

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Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue

Dated 12 November 1874.
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Western Delta –

Government Order on report of Chief Engineer for Irrigation on inspection of communicated to the Collr. Questions whether amount of wet assessment prevents dry cultivation in Devi Perganah and how Colair lake should be dealt with and so what irrigation of Zemindari lands under Bank canal referred for Collrs report with Board's remarks.
Wt. order

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Communicated to the Chf. Engr. Department with reference to the Order in that Dept. dated 29 Septr and 7 Octr 1874 No 2732 & 2844

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