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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1874.*

No. 235. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1874, No. 206:—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 7th January 1874, No. 4:—

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2. I do not know if Colonel Fischer means to carry out his threat if the Curnams neglect to furnish returns. It is objectionable to stop the supply of water to ryots, if the Curnam omits to do his duty.

3. I may remark that I have not the means of compelling a Zemindari Curnam to render an account of irrigated areas, though I have asked the landlord to induce the Curnam to do this.

4. Certainly there would be loss from the absence of correct statistics, but the loss of Government revenue, if water is not supplied, would far exceed it. The matter, therefore, deserves sufficient timely attention.

5. It would be far better to have the Engineering Department keep to their proper business. The Collector certainly could get the accounts from the Curnams with less trouble than the District Engineer.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R. E., District Engineer, to W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Dowlaishwaram, 2nd January 1874, No. 2,890.

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SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the District Engineer would not be justified in withholding water from the lands of a Zemindar on the ground that his Curnam had neglected to furnish accounts; the Collector will do all he can to arrange with the proprietors for the submission of the required returns.

No. 236. ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1874, No. 261.

Irrigation, No. 1.

THE Government concur with the Board. The District Engineer's threatened proceedings will be noticed in the Department Public Works.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Edw. G. A. Turtton.

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(True Copies and Extract.)

J. Grose
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

1874

G. O. 206/1874, No. 206.

FEBRUARY.

No. 206/1874.

Returns of Irrigation from Zemindars and Mokhasa Villages in Godavery District. Curnams with Lands own on in the subject. Curnams to submit — and returns to the District Engineer. Threatened proceedings to be taken in the Public Works Department.

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Board of Revenue

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PROCEEDINGS, 3RD FEBRUARY 1874, No. 206

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FEBRUARY.
No. 206.

Returns of Irrigation—relating to Zemindari and Mookhasa Villages, in Godavery District.—Letter from Collector forwarding copy of one from District Engineer, requesting Collector to compel Curmaws to submit—and threatening to stop supply of water if they do not, submitted to Government, with remarks.

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At the 1st of Jan 1874
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26th Feb 1874

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