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Revenue DEPARTMENT

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No. 45. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th September 1875, No. 2,548 :—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 26th August 1875, No. 503.

IN reply to Board's endorsement on G.O., dated 24th July 1875, No. 1,556, Miscellaneous No. 7,219, I have the honor to state that in June last notice was given to all villagers through the Tahsildars that claims to remissions would be disallowed in cases where the villagers had neglected to open the calingulahs of irrigation tanks.

2 I am of opinion that it is very necessary that power should be conferred by the Legislature on Collectors to enable them to compel the villagers to carry out this and similar works connected with the irrigation of their lands. At present no such power exists as such cases cannot by any stretching of the law be considered to come under Act I. of 1858. The only means now at a Collector's disposal is the issue of reiterated orders, which are disregarded as often as not. The threat of withholding remission seems to have but little effect. Power should be given to Collectors to have calingulahs cleared; when this has not been done by the villagers, the cost of such clearing to be recovered in the same manner as revenue arrears.

3. In conclusion, I would beg to call the attention of the Board to the refusal of the memorandum by the Officiating Chief Engineer, which has apparently escaped the notice of Government. That officer takes upon himself to sit in judgment and to censure, in terms the reverse of courteous, the revenue officials of this district, which is surely not part of the duties of his office.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 24th July 1875, No. 4,556, Revenue Department.

2. The Acting Collector has not reported on the points alluded to in the Chief Engineer's memorandum; but, as
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England, the Board think that no good purpose will be served by referring the matter back to the Collector for further report called for by Government. The Board have already issued a circular order on the subject of the Government order.

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4. The Board have observed the very unusual tone adopted by the Officiating Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and have elsewhere solicited the attention of Government to it.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th October 1875.*

No. 46.

ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1875, No. 1,468.

Irrigation No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Department.

2. The Government concur with the
Board in their remarks in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

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

CIRCULAR ORDER No. XIX. of 1875.

STANDING No. 53.
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th September 1875, No. 2,536.

THE following should be substituted for the first of the rules embodied in Standing Circular No. 53:—

“Calingulabs of all Government tanks must be cleared without fail at least a fortnight before the usual date of the setting in of the periodical rains. In districts affected by the north-east monsoon this usual date will be taken to be the 15th October, and calingulabs must be opened by the 1st October.”

2. Heads of villages are to be warned that, if this duty be neglected, remissions will be withheld.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

(Signed)

First Assistant.

To all Collectors.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Oct. of 1875

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated October, 7th.

Per.

Emd.

G. O., 7th October 1875, No. 1,403.

OCTOBER

Nov. 45-46.

Tank Calingulabs in the Chingulab District.—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue respecting the clearance of — and concurring with the Board that Section 6 of Act I. of 1868 appears to meet the case of a refusal to clear a calingulab.

Calingulahs of Government Tanks.—Rule laid down in substitution of the first of the rules embodied in Standing Circular No. 53 regarding the clearing of — at the monsoon times.

SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,526.

Date 10th September 1875.
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H. E. Stokes
Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ the Acting Collector of Chingleput.
Edw. W. H. French.

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Communicated to the Public
Works Department

2. The Government
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their remarks in para 3

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 11TH SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,548.

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SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,548.

Tank Cullingala—in Chingleput Dis-
trict—Letter from Collector, forwarding report
called for regarding the clearing of—, submitted
Government with remarks.

Wm. Ormer

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