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No. 3. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th September 1875, No. 2,504:—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 18th August 1875, No. 287:—

I HAVE the honor to submit the report called for in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 510, dated 22nd February 1875, communicated in Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 2,445, dated 24th March 1875, regarding the conduct of the Chinna Devalapuram ryots in cutting a new supply-channel to their tank, without the permission of the Revenue or Public Works officers.

2. The tank and the channel were personally inspected by the Deputy Collector in charge of the taluq soon after the breach, and from the inquiry held by him on the spot, it appears that the channel was dug without the permission of the Tahsildar or the officers of the Public Works Department, and in spite of the objections raised by the ryots cultivating under the Narayanapuram and Galichinnayapalem tanks. The village authorities of these two villages reported the matter to the Tahsildar on the 24th October 1873, and that officer is stated to have visited Chinna Devalapuram on the 26th idem, and remained there the whole of the following day, inquiring into the complaint. No record, however, was kept of the proceedings, but the Tahsildar states that he verbally declined to grant permission for the excavation of the channel, and that both parties told him at the time that the channel was not yet commenced. This is probably true, as in the reports of the villagers objecting to the channel, it is merely stated that the ryots of Chinna Devalapuram were clearing the jungle between the Maddulair River and the tank, and it is hardly possible that nearly eight hundred yards length of channel, averaging three feet deep and seven feet wide, could have been excavated between the 24th and 27th October. But I cannot absolve the Tahsildar from blame in not having passed written orders on the reports of the village authorities of Narayanapuram and Galichinnayapalem. Had he given written orders to the effect that the excavation of the channel was prohibited, these village officers would have taken care to see that the order was not transgressed. I have fined the Tahsildar 10 Rupees for this neglect, and warned the villagers to be more careful in future. Chinna Devalapuram is a hamlet of Narayanapuram without a separate village head. The Reddi and Curnam of Narayanapuram are not much to blame, as they strongly protested against the attempt to cut a new channel and got no written orders from the Tahsildar.

3. I delayed submitting this report until the Deputy Collector could get the ryots to block up the new channel and build a masonry wall at its head, as suggested by the District Engineer. The Deputy Collector reports under date the 11th instant, that this has been done. The original construction of the channel cost the ryots 160 Rupees. The cost of filling it up and of building a masonry wall was estimated by the Public Works Department at Rupees 430. I therefore think it hard upon the ryots to require them to pay half the damage, as proposed by the District Engineer. Though there is no rain gauge at this station, the Range Officer estimates the fall of rain just before the breach at fourteen inches

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1st November 1875.*

in fifteen hours, and it is further alleged that the bund of the tank was under repair at the time. It is therefore probable that but for this heavy fall of rain, the tanks might have escaped injury, notwithstanding the cutting of the new channel now filled up.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government order quoted.

2. The Board support the Collector's recommendation that no further demand be made upon the ryots. They have already had to pay in consequence of their disobedience nearly 600 Rupees. It is possible, as stated by the Collector, that the tank would have breached in any case.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, 1st November 1875, No. 1,549.

Irrigation, No. 1.

COMMUNICATED to the Department of Public Works with reference to paragraph 3 of G. O. in that Department, dated 22nd February 1875, No. 510.

2. In accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, no further demand need be made upon the ryots.

(True Extract.)

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

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

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No. 2,504.

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To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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G.O., 1st November 1875, No. 1,549.

NOVEMBER.

No. 34.

New Channel cut by Ryots of Chinna Devalapuram in Kurnool from Maddulair River to their Tank without permission.—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the Collector's report relating to the—, and directing that no further demand be made upon the ryots in connection with this matter.

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SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the Government order quoted.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Acting Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Prof of the Board of Rev
dy 7th Sep 1875 N^o 2504.

Communicated to
the Dept of Public Works
with reference to para 3
of L. O. in that Dept
dy 22nd Feb 1875 N^o 570.
2 + The Board do not see
sufficient grounds for
holding the ryots of
Chinna Devulapuram
responsible for the damage
caused to the tanks, and
consider the amount
they have had to pay
for filling of the channel
and closing its head
with a masonry wall
a sufficient penalty
for their disobedience.

2 In accordance with
the recommendation
of the Board of Rev.

BOARD of REVENUE,
MADRAS.

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PROCEEDINGS, 7TH SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,504.

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Received

17th Sept 1875

SEPTEMBER.

No. 2,504.

Channel, New—cut by ryots of Chinna Devulapuram in Kurnool District from the Maddurair River to their tank, without permission.—Collector's report on subject of—, submitted to Government. His recommendation that no demand be made upon the ryots on account of damage caused by the breach of the tank bund, supported.

Q. D.

no further demand
will be made
upon the Govt.

1st November 1875

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Channel cut by the Dept of
Chennai Development,
Kumbakonam 5th from the
Mudalain River to Kumbakonam
bank

For the Secy to Govt

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