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No. 166. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd September, 1875, No. 2,670:—

Read the following letter from E. TURNER, Esq., Acting Head Assistant Collector in charge of the Kurnool District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 27th March 1873, No. 103.

I HAVE the honor to reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 4th December 1872, No. 2,316, communicating Order of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 14th November, regarding the proposal of the Kotapad villagers to pay a consolidated rate of Rupees 6 an acre for the entire season on condition they are allowed to raise as many crops as they please, whether supplied with water or not, for the whole season.

2. Under the contract the Company are debarred from supplying water for a second crop. If they do supply in places where there are tanks or reservoirs, it is only for a limited period, and even then the supply is uncertain. I doubt, therefore, the propriety of entering into any special agreement for compounding the charge for the entire season.

3. It seems to me that the proposal of the Kotapad ryots is made under the impression that the full six-rupee rate would be charged for each and every description of crop raised without reference to the time the crops take to mature. In garden lands several kinds of greens are sown (before a crop of paddy, raggi, onions, &c.,) which do not remain on the ground more than a fortnight or a month; there are some, such as "mentikura"* (in Telugu), &c., which do not

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last above eight or ten days. In Government villages these crops are not separately charged for, but are allowed to merge into the principal crop, and only one charge is levied for the whole "series," provided they are reaped within six months at the outside, that being the maximum period of a paddy crop. If the crop remains on the ground beyond the sixth month, it is generally charged second-crop assessment if a first crop had been previously raised. The same principle must, I think, apply to lands irrigated under the canal, and I therefore fail to see the necessity of making any special arrangements with the ryots of Kotapad. It is immaterial whether the lands are dependent upon wells or not. If there is free irrigation from the canal, it must be paid for upon the principle above explained just as in the case of other wet lands, and no fixed agreement can properly be entered into by the Company respecting a supply beyond the time mentioned in the contract.

4. The Special Deputy Collector, to whom the matter was referred for report, considers that flooding rates should be charged up to five floodings, and the full six-rupee rate when the number of floodings exceeds that limit. I am of opinion that this rule should be enforced with regard to dry and not to garden crops, which should be charged like an ordinary wet crop. In the particular case under discussion the Deputy Collector reports that the Kotapad ryots have not "taken advantage of the special permission" granted to them by the Acting Chief Engineer.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th November 1875.*

5. I beg to return the eight enclosures received with the Board's Proceedings under reply.

THE Board regret the delay in disposing of this letter, consideration of which was deferred for some time pending the enactment of the revised rules for the distribution of water from the canal.

2. The ryots of Kotapad obtained permission (of which, however, they have not availed themselves) to use the canal water for any crops they pleased for the whole season, in consideration of a payment of Rupees 6 per acre, on which no remission was to be allowed. The Company's officers wished that some such arrangements should be sanctioned by a general rule, but to this course objections Board's Proceedings, 4th Dec. 1872, No. 2,316. were urged by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

3. The object of the Kotapad ryots seems to have been to cultivate a series of vegetable crops with the aid of canal water in addition to their wells and to get rid of scrutiny and harassing inquiry by agreeing for a fixed charge to be paid in any case. As regards the series of crops, the case is met by Rule VI, clauses 5 and 6, of the revised rules, which provide for this being done on payment of Rupees 6 per acre for the season up to 31st December, and of Rupee 1 for each G. O., dated 9th June 1875, No. 898. month thereafter in which water is taken.

4. As to composition, the Board are of opinion that it is very desirable and to the interest of all parties to allow facilities for this being entered into. In the case assumed the Company would, it is true, under the new rules, get the Rupees 6 to 31st December, and by composition at this rate would lose the Rupee 1 or Rupees 2 for the month or months during which the canal might perhaps be open after 31st December. But the Board think it probable that they would gain by extension of irrigation if the composition were allowed. The subject, however, is now under reference (G. O., Public Works Department, dated 25th May 1875, No. 1,430) to the Collectors and the Manager and Chief Engineer, and the circumstances of this case should be borne in mind in the discussion.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 167.

ORDER THEREON, 12th November 1875, No. 1,632.

Irrigation, No. 4.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Department.

2. As the general question of giving the ryots an option to compound for their water-supply at a fixed annual rate has been referred to Collectors and the Company's Manager and Chief Engineer for Irrigation for report, and as any rule which may be ultimately decided upon would cover the proposal of the ryots of Kotapad, it seems unnecessary now to pass any orders thereon.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
12th November 1875.*

3. It is observed that the ryots referred to have not availed themselves of the special permission which they obtained from the Company.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.
„ the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

No. 2,670.

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Cont. of 1875

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated November, 1875.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 12th November 1875, No. 1,632.

NOVEMBER.

No. 106-167.

Under Irrigation Company's Canal in Kurnool District.—Communicating to the Public Works Department with observations Proceedings of the Board of Revenue with reference to the proposal of the ryots of Kotapad village to pay a consolidated rate of Rs. 6 per acre on — for the entire season.

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 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 12 October 1875

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(H.E. 23rd Sept. 1875 No. 2670)

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

H. G. S.
 Acting Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
 with eight original enclosures returned.

Copy to the Collector of Cuddapah.
 to the Collector of Kurnool.

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

*10.5.1875 No. 1201 H.E.
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BOARD OF REVENUE,
 MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 23RD SEPTEMBER 1875, No. 2,670.

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 No. 2,670.

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