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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.
22nd December 1875.

No. 234. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th November 1875, No. 3,247 :—

Read the following papers :—

From J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Ag. Collector of Cuddapah, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 16th June 1875, No. 130.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O., Public Works Department, dated 9th February 1875, No. 371, communicated
Vide letter from the Acting Deputy Collector, with Board's Miscellaneous No. 1,413, dated 8th June 1875, No. 26.
dated 22nd of the same month, I have the honor to enclose an extract from an abstract statement furnished by the Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company at Kurnool showing the areas of lands irrigable and commanded by the canal in this district.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY.

LOWER DIVISION.

Abstract of Areas Irrigable and Areas commanded by the existing Canal and Channels, 1874-75.

	No.	IRRIGABLE AREA.						AREA COMMANDED.					
		Total	Not arable cotton	Black cotton	Sandy	Shallow and poor	Good mixed soil	Total	Not arable cotton	Black cotton	Sandy	Shallow and poor	Good mixed soil
	Villages	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES
Jatmalamadugu.....	5	2,490	245	405	...	...	1,740	...	...	...	...	...	...
Proddatur.....	23	6,143	403	957	160	1,032	6,791	5,460	970	70	10	1,180	2,090
Cuddapah.....	24	6,490	494	320	110	790	6,715	13,115	1,500	1,530	600	3,694	12,885

22nd March 1875.

(Signed) A. J. DODSON,
Conservancy Engineer.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. B. GRIBBLE,
Acting Collector.

From J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Kurnool, 13th October 1875, No. 364.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, Miscellaneous No. 1,413, dated 22nd February 1875, I have the honor to state that I am unable to furnish a correct statement of the area commanded by the canal in each of the villages through which it passes. From surveys made before the canal was constructed and since, the Company's officers ought to be able to furnish the required information regarding the extent of land irrigable and the extent commanded by the existing channels, but the Board will observe from Mr. Latham's letter recorded in Board's

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Proceedings, No. 3,037, dated 20th October 1874, that accurate information is not forthcoming in his office. Unless, therefore, detailed inquiries are made in each village by a competent surveyor, it will be impossible to prepare the statement called for by Government. All the information available in this office has been furnished in my letters recorded in G.O., No. 1,015, dated 20th September 1873, and Board's Proceedings, No. 3,037, dated 20th October 1874. The Special Deputy Collector has just sent me a statement (for which I have been so long waiting) showing the village-wise details of the area given in my letter recorded in the Government Order above quoted, but I find that they are based solely upon the roughest estimates made by the earnings, and do not show anything like the total area commanded by the canal.

Submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 9th February 1875, No. 371, Public Works Department, paragraph 2.

2. The Collector of Cuddalore furnished a statement, showing by taluqs the areas irrigable and commanded by the canal in that district, prepared by the Conservancy Engineer. The figures are not intelligible. In Proddatoor the irrigable area comprises land not arable, and the extent is greater than that commanded, whence it would seem that the latter term means land under the influence of existing distributing works. In Cuddalore Taluq, however, the area commanded is more than double that shown as irrigable. In the former case the difference is apparent why so large a proportion of the arable area commanded is not considered irrigable. For Jinnalamadaga Taluq the area irrigable is alone given.

3. For Karsol accurate information on the subject is not available as stated by Mr. Latham in the letter printed with Board's Proceedings, dated 20th October 1875, No. 3,037, already before Government.

4. As considerable time has elapsed since the returns were called for, and as more satisfactory returns will apparently not be forthcoming, the statement sent from Cuddalore is submitted without further reference to the local authorities.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed)

H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 215.

Order in Council, 22nd December 1875, No. 1,836.

Impression No. 1

Commissioner to the Public Works
Department

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,

Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

Per J. W. Fisher.

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3. For a statement of the area irrigable in the district, as stated by Mr. Nathan in the letter printed with Board's Proceedings, dated 20th October 1874, No. 3,037, already before Government.

4. As considerable time has elapsed since the returns were called for, and as more satisfactory returns will apparently not be forthcoming, the statement sent from Cuddapah is submitted without further reference to the local authorities.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Copy to the Acting Collector of Cuddapah.

to the Acting Collector of Rurnool.

And J. N. Fraser.

For the Collector of Cuddapah
to the Acting Collector of Rurnool

Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

1875. No. 104719

PROCEEDINGS, 20th NOVEMBER 1874, No. 3037

Copy to Collector

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For the Collector of Cuddapah
to the Acting Collector of Rurnool