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22nd November 1875.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 1,341.

No. 512.

MEMORANDUM.

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, No. 3,212, of the 2nd instant, from the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, and in reply to request Colonel F. Moberly to be good enough to go fully into the matter of the land required for the Chembrumbankum Tank.

2. With his letter, No. 1,818, of the 10th August last, the Superintending Engineer transmitted a memorandum from the Acting Collector showing that about Rupees 50,840 would be needed during the current year for the payment of compensation, and in reply certain information

No. 916, 14th August 1875. was asked for, which, with the exception of the first and very important item, *viz.*, the amount provided on this account in the sanctioned estimate, has been shown in a statement transmitted with the letter under reply; but apparently without any examination by the Superintending Engineer into the facts shown, an examination which the following remarks will show to be imperative.

3. In the abstract estimate printed in Proceedings, Madras Government, of the 17th May 1873, No. 1,377, the sum entered on account of compensation is Rs. 9,720, and the way in which this sum was arrived at is also detailed.

4. It appears from a table given in Proceedings, Madras Government, 9th March 1871, No. 705, that the area of the tank as carried out on the 6 feet scheme is

Sqr. yards 27,731,000	=	5,722 Acres.
and that of the old full tank contour, <i>viz.</i>		
top of dam stones	"	22,496,201 = 4,648 "

Difference ... 1,081 "

In the statement, dated 21st October 1875, on the other hand, it is mentioned that 4,921 acres are the area to be taken up for the project, and it would seem therefore that land is being acquired for the 15-feet project of Mr. Fraser which has been long since abandoned. Even this, however, would not explain the large area supposed to be necessary, for the area of the reservoir at the 15-feet contour is only ... Acres 7,190

That is, it was between F.T.L.	and that at the crest of the old	
	alingulaks which was not	
	former F.T.L. is	4,522

Difference ... 2,668

so that it is very evident that measures must be taken at once for deciding what lands are required for the project as it has been carried out, for settling what part of this area has to be purchased, and at any rate approximately what the cost will be, a settlement which, it is believed, may very easily be effected.

5. The Superintending Engineer is requested to take immediate steps,—

1st.—For ascertaining the area of the tank bed before it was extended. This can probably be determined from the Revenue Survey Map, but if not the former full tank level must be settled definitely and a contour must be run and laid down on the Survey Map.

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2ndly.—For laying down on the ground and demarcating the present full tank level and plotting this on the Revenue Survey Map.

3rdly.—For determining the area between the two contours under,

(1.) Government Poramboke waste;

(2.) Lands for which compensation has been or has to be paid.

6. All lands lying outside the full tank contour which may have been paid for should be resold under arrangements which will have to be made by the Collector, and probably their retransfer to their former owners with a refund of the compensation will generally be practicable. All lands so situated which have not been paid for will of course now not be acquired.

7. The Superintending Engineer is authorized to employ a Surveyor to lay down the contour line of the present F.T.L., and, if necessary, of the former F.T.L., and he should take care that no delay is allowed to occur, and that proper arrangements are made in communication with the Collector for the permanent demarcation of the present F.T.L. contour. All the demarcation stones should be marked C.T., and palm-ya seeds should be sown in the lock-fitting between the stones.

CAMP AT PEDDATHIRPOO-

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

SAMODURUM,

24th November 1875.

No. 3,42.

No. 512-A.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

The Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, having transmitted a memorandum from the Collector, intimating that about Rupees 50,840 would be required in the current year for land compensation in connection with the Chembrambankum Tank Project, was requested to furnish certain information as to—

- 1st.—the sanctioned amount on this account;
- 2nd.—the total acreage required;
- 3rd.—the acreage already paid for;
- 4th.—the cost of this area;

No. 3,212, 2nd November.

and in reply he has transmitted a letter and statement from the Collector affording some of this information asked for.

The amount provided in the revised or 6-foot project for the tank is Rs. 2,720, and as far as can be ascertained from the records of the project, the extent of land required is the difference between the former area of the tank

Acres 4,648

5,720

Difference

1,072

It appears from the Collector's statement that the area supposed to be required is acres 1,072, of which acres 2,516 are entered as Government Poramboke waste, and

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acres 2,605 as lands to be acquired by purchase, while of the latter area acres 817 have been purchased at a cost of Rupees 26,458.

3. It would seem then that land for the 15-foot project long since abandoned is being acquired; but even this does not explain fully the large area represented to be needed, for the area of the tank of the 15-foot project is acres 7,190, and of the old tank at—

Calingulah crest level... 4,522

Top of dam stones... 4,518

the difference being in the one case 2,668, and in the other 2,542 acres. These areas have been deduced from the table printed in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 705, of the 9th March 1871, and they may not be accurate, but nevertheless the information available should have sufficed to show the Superintending Engineer that inquiry was necessary, and the demand for a sum so much in excess of the estimated cost should have led him to investigate the circumstances.

4. The instructions sent to the Superintending Engineer are submitted for the information of Government.

CAMP AT PEDDATHIRPOO-

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,

SAMODURUM,

24th November 1875.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 512-B. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Quindy, 2nd November 1875, No. 3,212.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 916, dated 14th August 1875, I have the honor to enclose copy of a letter,

1 Copy of Letter.

1 " of Statement.

No. 611, dated 21st October 1875, and

statement, received from the Collector of

Chingleput, showing the particulars of land required, &c., for the Chembrambankum Tank Project as therein called for.

From R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Chingleput District to Colonel F. J. MOBERLEY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, dated Chingleput, 21st October 1875, No. 611.

Referring to your docket, No. 2,142, dated 30th August last, on the Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 14th idem, I have the honor to forward a statement containing the required information. It will be seen from the statement that the extent submerged by the Chembrambankum Tank is acres 4,921.31, for acres 816.71 of which compensation has already been paid, the amount disbursed being Rupees 26,458.2.8; acres 2,316.30 are Poramboke or unassessed Government waste for which no money compensation need be paid, so that the extent for which compensation still remains to be paid is acres 1,788.30. The last-named acreage may possibly include some unassessed waste lands, but I have no means of stating accurately what the exact area will be, as the Special Deputy Collector has not as yet examined the lands or the accounts of one of the estates.

2. The question of compensating Mutadars and Shrotriamdars for the loss of their malwaram or landlord's share, will have to be treated separately hereafter as soon as the necessary

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statistics have been collected to determine the rent value of the lands taken up. Compensation or loss of melwaram to Muttadars and other proprietors is generally given by deducting from the peltahush or quit-rent, as the case may be, a sum equivalent to the rent value of the lands lost to the proprietor, but cases may arise when it may be necessary to grant money compensation for past years.

3. I have no information in my office as to the amount sanctioned in the estimate on account of compensation in connection with the project in question, but I have no doubt this information can be supplied from the records of your office.

Statement showing the Acreage required for the Chembrumbakum Project.

Taluk	Amount sanctioned in the Estimate.	Total extent required for the Project.	Defunct Poramboke Government waste for which compensation is not required to be paid.	Tentative.	Extent for which compensation has already been disbursed.	AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID.			Extent for which compensation has to be disbursed and settled.
						Land.	House, Trees, &c.	Total.	
			ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	RS. S. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	ACRES.
Chingleput	...	2,775 00	1,585 34	58 44	748 97	25,453 8 10	337 8 0	25,791 0 10	137 47
Goussouram	...	2,145 38	42 08	1,724 91	73 74	2,717 1 10	...	2,717 1 10	1,350 54
Total	...	4,921 38	2,516 60	1,691 91	822 71	28,170 9 0	337 8 0	28,508 7 0	1,728 01

Chingleput,
21st October 1875.

(Signed) R. J. MELVILLE,
Acting Collector, Chingleput.

(Signed) F. J. MOBERLY, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.

No. 513. ORDER TIDREON. 22nd November 1875, No. 3,543.

IRRIGATION, No. 52.

The Honorable the Governor in Council has learnt with much dissatisfaction from the foregoing papers that the acquisition of land for the Chembrumbakum Tank Project has been going on without reference, either to the actual area of land required, or to the amount of sanction for this item of the estimate; without also any representation by the Superintending Engineer or by the Controller of Public Works Accounts that this sanction had already been largely exceeded, and any investigation by the former officer into the correctness of the demand transmitted by him in August for a sum for expenditure on compensation which was between five and six times the total amount sanctioned. It is clear that arrangements were being made for acquiring land for a project which has long since been abandoned, and it seems probable that some land altogether outside the E. I. contour of the tank as carried out has been taken up.

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2. It is evidently the duty of Public Works Officers to show, both on paper and on the ground, the land required, and without information from them the Revenue Officers cannot possibly tell what its boundaries are. In the present case it would seem that no steps were taken to inform the Collector of the difference of boundary of the land required for the 6-feet project, and although it was perfectly clear from the Proceedings of Government, which was communicated to the Revenue Department, that a wide difference existed between the amount originally and subsequently allowed for compensation, it certainly ought not to have been left to the Revenue Officers, either to discover that the circumstances of the project, as regards lands required, had been completely changed, or to find out that a new boundary line had to be laid down.

3. The instructions of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to the Superintending Engineer are approved, and Colonel Moberly will lose no time in carrying them out.

4. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Board of Revenue in order that the necessary steps may be taken at once by the Collector for determining the extent of Government Poramboke waste and other lands between the old and new full tank level contours, and for settling, as accurately and as quickly as may be possible, the amount for which sanction must be provided. The compensation being an item of the revised estimate, which has to be submitted to the Government of India, and which has been several times called for, it is necessary that a fairly reliable calculation of the amount should be made without delay.

5. The Superintending Engineer will report specially as soon as he has had the contours marked out, and he will transmit to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation a copy of the maps on which these contours may be shown and which he will have sent to the Collector for guidance in taking up the land.

6. It must not be overlooked that the assessment of all lands is required to be stated in order that the requisite provision in the estimate, on account of the capital amount represented, may be made.

7. The Superintending Engineer's and the Controller's attention will be called to G.O., No. 1,042, dated 15th April 1875. They will take care that the instructions therein given are in all cases duly attended to.

(True Extract.)

[Signature] Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
" Board of Revenue.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

By E. C. Shanker,
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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

CHINA.

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir,

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Enc.

As the 22nd November 1875, No. 3142.

NOVEMBER

No. 612 513

Chief Engineer, Public Works, Shanghai.
District - having orders on him, by the
Chief Engineer for Shanghai relative to the
acquisition of land for the

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