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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department.*
*23rd August* 1876.

No. 236. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Department, dated 18th August 1876, No. 1,494 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to the Hon. W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated 11th August 1876, No. 358.

With reference to the recent orders of Government directing the removal of the anicut across the Kutwa-kalva at Cumbum, I have the honor to state that Mr. Minchin, in his letter, No. 850, dated 14th February 1865, reported to Government that some of the ryots were in the habit of raising dams across the Cumbum tank-channels to flood their fields situated on a high level, and the practice was most injurious to the safety of the channels, and recommended that it should be forbidden. The Government, however, in their order, No. 423, dated 27th February 1865, declined to prohibit the practice, as they saw no necessity for doing so. I was not aware of this order till now, and probably it was not brought to the notice of Government when they passed their recent orders about the sanitation of Cumbum. I therefore now beg to bring the existence of this order to their notice that it may be formally cancelled.

2. I have sent instructions to the Head Assistant Collector to breach the anicut; but I have told him only to have recourse to blasting as a last resource, for this anicut is built between the piers of a bridge on the road leading to Cuddapah and Kurnool, and if it were destroyed it would be almost impossible for any vehicle but a Wudder's cart to get into Cumbum from these places.

3. I must place on record my objections to the measure now ordered. The swamp is from 7 to 33 feet below the level of the town, and cannot, therefore, much affect the drainage of the town itself.

4. The breaching of the anicut will diminish the supply of water in the Kutwa-kalva, and thus throw a great deal of land out of cultivation; the breaching it now will cause the loss of crop to many ryots who have sown their fields; these ryots can ill afford to lose a crop they have sown.

5. The anicut has to be kept up by a Dasabundamdar. We must now leave him his Inam without requiring him to do any service: we might have come to an agreement with him, and imposed some quit-rent on the Inam.

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The Government Order of 1865 will be reconsidered in the Revenue Department, as the formation of dams in the channels in question is calculated to neutralise much of what has recently been ordered by Government, and to promote the re-accumulation of silt. The Government believe that the drainage of the swamp by cutting through the approach to the anicut bridge has been effected, and they gather from Mr. Farmer's report that the irrigation of much of the land dependent on the Kutwa-kalva can be secured by connection with the calingulah sluice channel.

2. They do not share Mr. Foster's objections to the measure of draining the swamp by this means. The existence of this swamp as a fertile source of malaria has been condemned on all hands, irrespective of its action in impeding drainage from the town-site; and the Government are satisfied that little good would be effected to the sanitation of the town if it was allowed to remain. The Government desire to receive

a special report on the whole of the Dasabundam Inams connected with the Cumbum irrigation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Chief Secretary.*

No. 237.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1876, No. 1,150.

Miscellaneous.

As decided in the Financial Department, G.O., 27th February 1865, No. 423, is cancelled. The Board will report on the future treatment of these lands, the means of irrigation possessed by them, and the rates of assessment to be charged hereafter on them. It is observed that in 1865 it was proposed to charge dry assessment, adding a water-rate of 3 Rs. per acre where wet crops are raised.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Financial Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool, of 11th August 1876, No. 358.

With reference to the recent orders of Government directing the removal of the anicut across the Kalwa at Tumbunn, I have the honor to state that his Executive in his letter No. 850 dated 14th February 1865 reported to Government that the ryots were in the habit of raising dams across the Tumbunn tank channels to flood their fields situated on a high level and the practice was most injurious to the safety of the channels and recommended that it should be forbidden. The Government however in their Order No. 423 dated 24th February 1865 declined to prohibit the practice as they saw no necessity for doing so. I was not aware of

Copy of this enclosed.

Govt. of Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c, &c, &c.

Dated August, 23rd.

Read.

Encl.

G.O., 23rd August 1876, No. 1,150.

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Nos. 236-237.

*Dams in the Tumbunn Tank-channels, Kurnool District.*—Cancelling G.O., 27th February 1865, No. 423, relating to the —; and requesting the Board of Revenue to report on the future treatment, &c., of certain lands.

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3. I must place on record my ob-jections to the measure now ordered. The swamp is from 4 to 33 feet below the level of the town, and cannot therefore much affect the drainage of the town itself.

4. The breaching of the ament will diminish the supply of water in the Kotwa Kalwa, and thus throw a great deal of land out of cultivation, the breaking it now will cause the loss of crop to many ryots who have sown their fields: these ryots can ill afford to lose a crop they have sown.

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Order thereon, Colaramund, 18th August 1876, N° 1494.

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2. They do not share Mr Foster's objections to the measure of draining the swamp by this means. The existence of this swamp as a fertile source of malaria has been condemned on all hands irrespective of its action in impeding drainage from the town site, and the Government are satisfied that little good would be effected to the sanitation of the town if it was allowed to remain. The Government desire to receive a special report on the whole of the

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To

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2nd August 1876

Revenue No 3300 Dept. of Revenue
Govt. of India. Irrigation.

To

The Secretary to Govt.
Financial Department

Dated 18
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the Financial Dept. dated 22nd
the Executed copies ordered [illegible]

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