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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th August 1876.

No. 294. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Military Department, dated 26th August 1876, No. 4,326 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 29th July 1876, No. 169 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 13th July 1876, No. 938 :—

ABSTRACT.—*New Surplus Channel from Jegar Tank in the Salem District.*—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, submitting explanation regarding alleged delay on the part of Revenue Officers in connection with the cutting of the —.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Salem, in continuation of G.O., No. 1,269, dated 20th May 1876.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. FAREWELL, Col.
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department with notes by the several Members of Government.

(By order,)

(Signed) J. MICHAEL,
Secy. to Govt., Mily. Dept.

No. 295. ORDER THEREON, 28th August 1876, No. 1,178.

Irrigation No. 5.

THE Governor in Council, after a careful perusal of these papers, can come to no other conclusion than that Veterinary Surgeon Adam's complaint that the orders of Government had not been promptly carried out by the civil authorities was justified by the facts. In recording his dissatisfaction with this inactivity, His Grace the Governor in Council has to express his strong disapproval of the Acting Sub-Collector's letter printed in the Government Order marginally noted. Such terms as "statements entirely without foundation," "reckless," "untrue" can tend only to create illwill and to delay public business by evoking complaints and rejoinders from those to whom they are applied. They convey unfavorable impressions of the writer, and superior officers should decline to forward communications so discourteously and improperly worded.

Revenue, 13th July 1876, No. 938.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. J. W. Fischer.

Govt. of 1876, Madras

REVENUE. 1178

To the BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 28th.

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G.O., 28th August 1876, No. 1,178.

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Nos. 294-295.

New Surplus Channel from Jegar Tank, Salem District.—Passing remarks on papers relating to the alleged delay on the part of Revenue Officers in cutting the —, and expressing strong disapproval of the Acting Sub-Collector's letter printed as G.O., 13th July 1876, No. 988.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th July 1876. *No.* 169.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 13th July 1876, No. 938 :—

ABSTRACT.—*New Surplus Channel from Jegar Tank in the Salem District.*—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting explanation regarding alleged delay on the part of Revenue Officers in connection with the cutting of the —.

ORDER THEREON, 29th July 1876, No. 169.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Salem, in continuation of G.O., No. 1,269, dated 20th May 1876.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer Salem,
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Military Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th July 1876.

No. 118. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th June 1876, No. 1,672 :—

Read the following letter from F. WILKINSON, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector of Salem, to C. T. LONGLEY, Esq., Collector of Salem, dated Adamancottah, 6th June 1876, No. 317.

In his letter embodied in Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 8th May 1876, Veterinary Surgeon Adams, in charge of the Remount Depôt, accuses "the Civil Officers" (1) of not assisting the Engineer Office and (2) of delaying to carry out the orders of Government in repairing the new surplus channel for the Jegur tank.

2. As Mr. Adams's statements are entirely without foundation, I request you will lay the following explanation before Government.

3. I will first notice Mr. Adams's second charge, as that is most easily rebutted. The first order of Government on the subject of the acquisition of land for the Jegur channel which reached me was one dated 20th May last. I received this on the 29th idem. I at once prepared the draft notification (required by Section 9 of the Act) as directed by you in your foot-note to the District Engineer's letter, dated 23rd May, and forwarded it with my letter on the second instant. There was no delay here.

4. As to Mr. Adams's first charge, I beg to state that, on the 1st December last, I received a letter from the Public Works Department officer in charge of the Oossoor Range, requesting me to settle the compensation to be paid for the land taken up for the above surplus channel. On the 15th idem, I informed the Range Officer that the Tahsildar had settled the compensation to be paid.

5. On the 22nd December, the Range Officer requested me to forward a bill for compensation to the Controller of Public Works Accounts. The necessary information having been obtained from the taluq, the bill was forwarded, on the 12th February, to the District Engineer for his countersignature and for transmission to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, who returned it with a memorandum on the 3rd March. The Agent for Remounts was then asked to pay the amount fixed as compensation, but refused and on the 17th March (little more than three months after application had been made by the Public Works Department) the Tahsildar was ordered to pay the compensation. Upon his sending for the ryots, they refused to receive any compensation or to give up the land on any condition whatever.

6. The necessity of proceeding under the Act was at once notified both to the Agent for Remounts and the Range Officer and there the possibility of my co-operating with the above officers ceased, as nothing more could be done until Section 4, Act X. of 1870 had been complied with.

7. The above statement will, I trust, show that everything which "the Civil Officers" *could* do to obtain the land at an early date *was* done and that there has been no delay on my part.

8. If Government are satisfied with my explanation, I trust they will express their disapprobation of such reckless statements as those made by Mr. Adams.

9. There is one other point which I wish to notice. In paragraph 1 of his letter, Mr. Adams quotes a letter of the Range Officer to the effect that "the Magistrate had already interfered." I request the Range Officer may be called on to explain what Magistrate he refers to, and the nature of his interference. If he means the Magistrate of the division, his statement that I interfered is untrue.

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Letter of Mr Williamson

June 6. 1877 No 317

After reading these papers carefully - I can come to no other conclusion than that U. S. Adams letter was justified by the facts & that Govt are very much dispatisfied with the non procedure with a view to ~~sanction~~ the immediate execution - and very much disapprove of the latter inconsiderations

In which the term readily used in the 3rd paragraph ~~may not be applied~~ does describes

It is to be regretted that the Collr of the Board of

Govt. of India.

REVENUE.

To

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July, 1876.

Read.

Read.

G.O., 13th July 1876, No. 938.

JULY.

Nos. 118-119.

New surplus Channel from Jagar Tank in the Salem District.—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting explanation regarding alleged delay on the part of Revenue Officers in connection with the cutting of the —

No 2038 7/7/76

10. I regret to have to trouble you with this matter, but it is essential that Government should be in possession of facts when unfounded statements are made to them.

FORWARDED through the Board of Revenue for the information of Government.

SENKARYDROOG,
9th June 1876.

(Signed) C. T. LONGLEY,
Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 119.

ORDER THEREON, 13th July 1876, No. 938.

Irrigation No. 2.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to G.Os in that department, 8th and 20th May 1876, Nos. 1,132 and 1,269.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Fxd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Secretary did not return the letter to the writer without troubling the Post Master with the circulation of the communication to departments of such a letter only tend to create ill will amongst officers & delay public business as well as to convey an unpronounable impression of the qualifications of the writer — & when a letter is valueless for the purpose of business it should be written in a style of decent temperate feeling & temper & not containing terms exciting or calculating to that sensation which should pervade official agents with private correspondence — Superior officers can only be during an act of kindness to their subordinates in not forwarding such communications

Dec 7/3

If I had sent the first letter of Mr Adams first letter to correct, I should have thrown all direct censure to the civil officers — the matter of fact would have still remained, & the statement and history of Mr Adams would have appeared the same. I notice this point because every department of the state is more sensitive to any blame cast upon it by any other department, and a war of words is likely to be the result. Setting this aside, part of Mr Adams letter I must fully concur with & I am glad he has seen fit to express that opinion, & Mr Jones & Mr Wilkinson have been directed to be reprimanded.

7/8. Dec.

The fact remains that much undue delay has taken place in prosecuting this work & completing

I must say that I do not like the tone of Mr Adams remarks — It will bring the Land & Local Offices

24/0 Dec

I entirely agree with the remarks of this & the Secretary and will embody them in a letter. If superior officers would refuse to forward letters expressed in discourteous terms they would lead their juniors a useful lesson and save much unnecessary annoyance

Dec 7

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M. D.

FOR ORDERS.

Letter No. 4287. of 1876

From Public Works Department

No. 169 dated 29th July 1876.

It is submitted that the terms "entirely without foundation" "reckless" and "unfounded" applied by Mr Wilkinson to the representations of Officers of the Remount Depôt and the D.P.W. are reprehensible.

Rec. 13th Aug. 1876
No 938.

14-L. the Board of Rev. 20th Aug. 1876
21 Obs. G.W. Asst
7 Sec. Mil. Dept. appd

No 1178 dt 22nd August 1876

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Read Endorsement No 4326 dt 26th August 1876 from Military Dept, transferring P.-G.-D.P.W. No 169 dt 29th July last, with the Notes recorded thereon -

The G. in C., after a careful perusal of these papers, can come to no other conclusion than that Vet. Surg. Adam's complaint that the orders of Govt had not been promptly carried out by the civil authorities, was justified by the facts. In recording his dissatisfaction at this inactivity, His Grace the G. in C. has to express his strong disapproval of the acting Superintendent's Letter printed in the G.-O. marginally noted. Such terms as "statements entirely without foundation" "reckless" "untrue" can tend only to create ill will & to delay public business by evoking complaints & recriminations from those to whom they are applied. They convey unfounded imputations of the writer, and superior officers should decline to forward communications so discourteously & unofficially worded.

N. 3542

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From

The Secy & Jor.

Military Dep.

N. 4326

Dated 26th.
Rec'd 28th & Aug. 76.
S Ord. 1178 - 28 August 1876.

Transferring, with Rets & Indorsements from Jor., D. of Pen: on Rec: Pen: as to the alleged delay on the part of Rev: Pens in settling the accts of surplus Clothing funds for Lancaster.

N. 294