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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd August 1876.

Read the following letter from J. KELSALL, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 29th May 1876, No. 145:—

I HAVE the honor to reply to G.O. of March 31st, 1876, No. 830, forwarded to me on May 1st.

2. Major Beatty is quite correct in saying that the villagers are opposed to these drains. I have had many requests, both written and verbal, that the works might be stopped, or not commenced. I have never had an application for village drainage works.

3. The drainage works consist in cutting a more or less deep channel down the centre of the road with branch drains at right angles as explained by Lieutenant Longley in his letter printed in G.O. of September 29th, 1875. The villagers complain of these channels, since they spoil the village roads; prevent the passage of carts, though these are not many in deltaic villages; are dangerous to children playing about the street; and are liable to be choked up when the houses in the vicinity are inundated. There is some truth in these remarks. In the village of Gopalapore, for instance, the main drain is in some places 3 or 4 feet deep, and in rainy weather, or indeed at all times, it is inconvenient to cross from one side to the other of the street.

4. The unanimous testimony of all officers who have had anything to do with these works is, that the people do not want them, cannot perceive any benefit to be derived from them.

5. I fully agree with Major Beatty in paragraph 7 of his letter, that the improvement of the main and branch drains of the delta will do all that is necessary or expedient for removing possible causes of fever.

No. 226.

FORWARDED to the Board of Revenue with reference to G.O., dated the 31st March 1876, No. 830, communicated with Board's Proceedings of the 18th April 1876, Miscellaneous No. 3,213.

2. The inquiries of village drainage requirements were made to some extent in the sub-division and in the division of the Head Assistant Collector. I have ascertained that the remarks of Mr. Kelsall apply also to the Head Assistant's Division.

3. There is no doubt that the people are generally opposed to their streets being interfered with. In some cases the streets of villages are already so narrow that if drainage channels are cut in them there will hardly be sufficient room for carts or people to move freely along them.

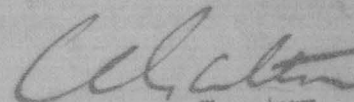
4. I am inclined to think that cultivation up to the very walls of the houses of the villagers is as dangerous to health as the insufficiency of drainage; but it is not possible to interfere with the former, and with the latter the villagers themselves do not wish to have anything to do. Under these circumstances, I agree with Major Beatty and Mr. Kelsall in their views.

ELLORE,
28th July 1876.

(Signed) J. HOPE,
Acting Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to the order quoted.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.
Copy to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.
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