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Read the following papers :—

No. 268. From Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 29th January 1876, No. 2,222.

I HAVE the honor to submit, for orders of Government, the accompanying abstract estimates with their estimates as per margin, amounting to Rupees 1,118 and 1,230, for removing prickly-pear on the banks of the Pennagalore tanks and supply-channel and Pothapee tank in Pullumpett taluq, together with copies of letters addressed to the Collector and his reply thereto.

2 Abstract Estimates.
2 Specifications.
2 Reports.
2 Ayacut Returns.
1 Return showing outlay.
1 Copy of letters.

Copy of letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah, to the Collector of Cuddapah, dated 19th January 1876, No. 2,135.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your approval and countersignature, the accompanying estimates, specifications, reports, and revenue statements for clearing away the prickly-pear from the Pothapee tank bank and the Pennagalore tank and channel banks. The Sidhout Range Officer reports that he is not able to prepare proper estimates for the repair of these tanks, &c., because of the prickly-pear, but he estimates that further sums of about Rupees 3,000 for the Pothapee tank and Rupees 7,500 for the Pennagalore tank and channel will be required to put these tanks into thorough order.

The expenditure on these two works is shown in the accompanying statement, and as from the revenue statements it appears that the Inam ayacuts in Rupees are about half as much again as the Government ayacut under the Pothapee tank and more than two and a half times the Government ayacut under the Pennagalore tank, I would beg for an expression of your opinion as to whether Government should be asked to sanction these large estimates, or whether the Inamdars should not be called upon to pay a share of clearing away the prickly-pear.

Copy of letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, to the District Engineer, Cuddapah, dated 25th January 1876, No. 11.

In returning countersigned the abstract estimates, &c., received with your letter No. 2,135, dated 19th January 1876, I have the honor to state that I do not consider that the Inamdars under the Pothapee and Pennagalore tanks should be called upon to pay any portion of the expenses for clearing away prickly-pear on the bunds of these tanks, because they already pay to Government an enhanced quit-rent on the wet assessment of their Inams. I do not understand on what principle Inamdars can be called upon to pay anything more.

No. 269.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

THE outlay proposed for clearing away prickly-pear from the Pothapee tank bund amounts to Rupees 1,230, and for the Pennagalore tank and supply-channel Rupees 1,118. The larger proportion of the irrigated land under both tanks is held as Inam, on which, however, an enhanced quit-rent is paid.

2. The average revenue from the Government land under the Pothapee tank is Rupees 716. The expenditure on repairs during the two last years was Rupees 2,709,

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and it is estimated that some 3,000 Rupees will be required to thoroughly repair the tank so that the total outlay will be very large as compared with the revenue. The average revenue from Government land under the Pennagalore tank is Rupees 4,607. The repairs during the last two years amounted to Rupees 2,252.

3. Care should be taken to place the earth excavated for burying the prickly-pear in situations where it will be readily available for the repairs to be subsequently carried out to these tanks.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th March 1876.

(Signed) A. DE C. SCOTT, Major, R.E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
for Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 270. ORDER THEREON, 17th March 1876, No. 695.

IRRIGATION, No. 23-A.	The following estimates forwarded
Account.	by the District Engineer, Cuddapah, are sanctioned.

	Revenue.
Irrigation No. 53 I., of 1875-76.—Clearing prickly-pear from Pothapee tank bund	Rs. 1,230
" " 54 I., " Clearing prickly-pear from Pennagalore tank and supply channel	" 1,118

2. The work should be carried out by the Revenue Authorities with funds provided by the Public Works Department in accordance with G.O., No. 1,833, dated 5th July 1875.

3. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Revenue Department for the issue of the necessary orders to the officers concerned.

4. The above sanctions have been registered as shown against each work.

(True tract.)

C. M. S. S. Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
" Collector of "
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department. ✓

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For the Director of Public Works

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lands in Cuddapah District - Estimates for
the same sanctioned; the work to be carried
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