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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
3rd March 1877.

No. 113. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd February 1877, No. 788 :—

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd February 1877, No. 142 :—

WITH reference to paragraph 3 of Board's Proceedings, dated 13th January 1877, I have the honor to report that, on the receipt of Board's Proceedings, dated 27th September 1876, No. 2,457, orders were at once issued through the Special Deputy Collector to the Tahsildars of the several talugs through which the canal runs, to give the widest publication to the order of Government that the ryots will not have to pay any water-rate except in cases where a fair crop is realized. Translation of the Circular Takid issued by the Special Deputy Collector to the Tahsildars concerned is enclosed for the information of the Board.

2. The Deputy Collector and the Tahsildars in person visited the villages along the canal and fully explained to the ryots the advantages that would accrue to them by taking canal water for their dry crops, and assured them of the most liberal treatment at the hands of Government in regard to remissions at the time of settlement in cases of failure of crops.

3. With regard to paragraph 4 of Mr. Latham's letter, embodied in G.O., No. 2,888, dated 28th October 1876, I have the honor to state that the Special Deputy Collector of Nundial in his letter, dated 3rd October 1876, No. 124, raised the question—"What proportion of produce should be held to constitute a fair crop?" Mr. Foster decided that "where the yield is three-fourths or more of a full crop realized during ordinary years, it may be said to have yielded a fair crop," and added that, as the question was one to be settled at the water-rate settlement of the canal, which it was intended should be conducted this year by the Collector in person, the ryots need have no fears of being hardly dealt with.

4. It will thus be seen that, so far as this district is concerned, the meaning of the expression "a fair crop" was clearly defined and in a sense most favorable to the ryots, and there is no reason to say that the ryots were prevented from fully availing themselves of the concession made by Government in their favor by reason of their not fully realizing what it was.

5. As to the extent to which advantage has been taken of the concession, full and accurate information is not forthcoming yet. From the enclosed copy of statement furnished by Mr. Latham, however, it would appear that canal water has been taken for over 32,663 Acres of dry crop. These figures, however, have not been confirmed by the Deputy Collector, to whom they have been forwarded for verification. Further information will be submitted on this point on receiving the Deputy Collector's report.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Circular Takid.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Statement.

THE foregoing letter from the Acting Collector of Kurnool will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O., dated 4th December 1876, No. 1,913, Revenue Department.

2. The Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation Company, complained that full effect had not been given to the concessions made as regards irrigation of dry crops under the canal; that the instructions did not define what proportion of a full crop would be considered a fair one; and that the extent irrigated was only 5,000 or 6,000 Acres in lieu of 150,000 or 200,000.

3. The report of the Collector of Kurnool shows that the widest possible publicity was given to the notification; that no effort was spared to induce the ryots to take the water; and that it was distinctly explained to them that no charge would be made unless a three-quarter crop (apparently the very proportion suggested by Mr. Latham) was realized, and that they would be liberally treated.

4. The success attained is shown by the figures given below, which are extracted from Mr. Latham's report for December, recorded in G.O., Public Works Department, dated 30th January 1877, No. 292.

	Dry Crops Irrigated.		
	Recorded Area to 31st December.	Estimated Area for January.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
Kurnool	47,340	9,004	56,344
Cuddapah	6,224	2,400	8,624
Total...	53,564	11,404	64,968

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Secretary.

No. 114. Order thereon, 3rd March 1877, No. 915.

Miscellaneous.

Recorded. The Collector's explanation is satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.
,, the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. A. Raitt.

Govt. of [1877] Madras.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 3-d.

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G.O. 3rd March 1877. No. 915.

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Nos. 113-114.

Under Rule (a) Karnool District. — Recording, with remark, Board's Proceedings submitting letter from Collector of Karnool reporting that accident publicity was given that cycle will not have to pay any — except where a fair crop is realized.

G Rc No. 1430

Revenue Department.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 22nd February 1877

Read the following:

No. 112.

From The Acting Collector of Kurnool

To The Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Madras.

Sir,

With reference to para 3 of Board's Proceedings dated 13th January 1877, I have the honor to report that on the receipt of Boards Proceedings dated 27 September 1876 No. 2457 orders were at once issued through the Special Deputy Collector to the Tahsildars of the several Talugs through which the Canal runs to give the widest publication to the order of Government that the ryots will not have to pay any water rate except in cases where a fair crop is realized. Translation of the Circular Taked issued by the Special Deputy Collector to the Tahsildars concerned is enclosed for the information of the Board.

2 The Deputy Collector and the Tahsildars in person visited the villages along the Canal and fully explained to the ryots the advantages that would accrue to them by taking Canal water for their dry crops and assured them of the most liberal treatment at the hands of Government in regard to remissions at the time of

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4. It will be thus seen that so far as this District is concerned the meaning of the expression "a fair crop" was clearly defined and in a sense most favorable to the ryots and there is no reason to say that the ryots were prevented from fully availing themselves of the concession made by Government in their favor by reason of their not fully realising what it was.

5. As to the extent to which advantage has been taken of the concession full and accurate information is not forthcoming yet. From the enclosed copy of statement furnished by Mr Latham however it would appear that canal water has been taken for over 3266 acres of dry crop. These figures however have not been confirmed by the Collector to whom they have been forwarded for verification. Further information will be submitted on this point on receiving the Dy Collector's report.

Kurnool Collectorate
February 1877

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Sd/ H Bird
for Actg Collector

Enclosure

Translation of Circular dated 6 the Tahsildars of Talugs traversed by the Canal of the Madras Irrigation Canal Company in the Kurnool District, dated 2 October 1876.

In consequence of the failure of rains during this year, a great want of water is felt in various parts of the District for the cultivation of dry crops. In some places the lands it is believed have been left waste while the tender crops in others, are in danger. The Government have in consequence resolved upon supplying Canal water to the Ryots sowing dry crops, without charging water rate except in cases where a fair crop is realized thereby.

2. Copy of the Government Order No 1329

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dated 23d September 1876 and of the Collector's letter No 116 dated 30 September 1876 to the Company's Chief Engineer, on the subject, are herewith sent to you.

3. You will therefore, on the receipt of this order go over the villages commanded by the Canal, fully explain the views of the Government and receive applications from the Ryots for the supply of water to their dry crops or to their fields for sowing dry crops. In doing so, no separate written applications are necessary. You will open a Register (as per form herewith sent) which you will cause the applicants to sign or mark their names with the extent for which water is applied for. The restriction contained in Rule III will not be applicable this season to such applications for dry crops. You will at once intimate to the Company's overseers and Ameens the extent for which the supply of water is required and secure an early supply. In some places, there may be no made channels and these will have to be excavated by the Company at the shortest possible notice. I have written to the Chief Engineer on the subject. You will forsee the wants of the ryots and take care that no channels are unnecessarily made and

and that the ryots do use them when once they are made. The channels will be led by the Company to the Chief points in the village and from thence, they will be taken by the ryots to their fields. As this is purely a temporary measure for the relief of the ryots this season, there will be no objection raised by them for the excavation of the channels in their lands and neither would any compensation be demanded.

4. Applications for water required to irrigate wet and garden crops will, as usual, be made to the Curnums or Company's overseers and Ameens and tickets issued by them as heretofore. This order has no connection with them.

* Order dated 7th August 1876.

5. You will observe that such the ryots as have raised a pair dry crop by Canal water will have to pay, besides the land assessment the water-rate (Rupees two) to Government. You will therefore issue the needful instructions to your Revenue Inspectors and Village Officers to intimate to you the state of the crops, from time to time and when they attain their maturity or fail entirely, you or your Sheristadar will make a personal inspection of the same and note their condition in a register, for reference during the time of settlement.

You will observe that the settlement will be

be, by Government officers alone on very liberal terms. You will therefore encourage the ryots to make a free use of Canal water for dry crops.

6 The season is already far advanced; the ryots, as a rule, are averse to the use of Canal water for dry crops, being unaccustomed to it. You will therefore spare no pains to explain to them the liberal views of Government and alleviate the distress which would otherwise be felt by the agricultural classes, in consequence either of the dry crops failing entirely or their dry fields being entirely left waste.

7 I am also starting on a tour through the Canal villages to speak to the ryots on the subject but as there will be some delay in consequence of my travelling from Taluk to Taluk, and as such delay should be, as much as possible, be avoided, I fully trust you will lose no time to give effect to the orders of Government upon so important a matter affecting the welfare of the agricultural population.

A. Ramachendra Row
Special Collector

True Translation
A. Ramachendra Row
Special Collector

True copy
A. Bird
for City Collector

Enclosure 2

Statement showing the extent to which water was taken for dry crops under the Irrigation Canal during the first half year 1876-1877

Taluq	Acres	Amount Rs	As	P.
Kamalkota	898·99	1832	5	11
Sundikothur	11816·63	24249	3	11
Sundial	12310·54	25077	12	10
Sirwell	540·12	1,601	4	1
Kodkundla	2227·14	4480	1	8
Total	32603·42	67,240	12	5.

A. Bird
for City Collector

The foregoing letter from the City Collector of Kurnool will be submitted to Government with reference to G.O. 4th December 1876 No. 1913 E.D.

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Dry crops irrigated

	Recorded area to 31st December acres	Estimated area for January acres	Total acres.
Kurnool	47340	9004	56344
Cuddapah	6224	2400	8624
	53564	11404	64968

/True copy/ extract

H Elliott
Secretary to the Board of Rev

To
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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No 1418

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14 To The Govt of Bombay 23-2-77
21 Do P.W.D. Depts
3 The Chief Engr & Surveyor Genl

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