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No. 258. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 15th July 1876, No. 1,821:—

Read the following letter from J. HOPE, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 7th June 1876, No. 156:—

THE Board's Proceedings of the 29th March 1876, No. 860, embodying G.O., dated 8th February 1876, No. 338, calling for explanation of delay in granting compensation for lands taken up for the Velpur Canal and Chettipetta Range Office reached me only on the 25th May 1876, and their reminder, dated the 1st instant, Miscellaneous No. 4,487, came in yesterday. I therefore hasten to reply to the questions put without awaiting some information which has to be obtained from the Head Assistant Collector and the Tahsildar of Tanuku.

2. First, with reference to Chettipetta Range Office. On 19th March 1875 the Head Assistant Collector reported upon the claim of an Inamdar whose land "was occupied by the Department of Public Works for the erection of an office building for the Range Office No. 3 in Fasli 1283." Copies of the report (No. 1) dated 19th March 1875, and Mr. Foster's reply (No. 2) dated 15th April 1875 are enclosed for information. It will be seen that only a portion of the land was first acquired; that then the Range Officer again asked the Tahsildar to arrange for the transfer of some other land of the same Inamdar; and that as the Tahsildar failed in getting the Inamdar's relinquishment, he wrote to the Department of Public Works that they must proceed under the Act. As the second requisition for the transfer of land was made by the Range Officer direct to the Tahsildar, I do not doubt that the first was made in the same way as it was not made to me. The subject was prominently brought to notice in the letter of the Head Assistant, dated the 19th March 1875. The Inamdar first applied for land in exchange, and, as there were some objections to the land selected, the Head Assistant applied for instructions. His letter reached Mr. Foster on 23rd March 1875 and the reply was dated the 15th April. As the Inamdar then applied for compensation in money, the Head Assistant sent the usual statements on 1st September 1875. (Received 4th September 1875). The necessary sanction of the Board of Revenue and Government was applied for on 9th idem; the Government Order according the sanction was dated the 2nd November, was communicated to this office on the 8th, and received on 13th idem. On the 17th the bill in the prescribed form was sent to the District Engineer for transmission to the Controller for audit, and was returned duly audited on the 5th February 1876. It was received on the 11th, and the Head Assistant Collector was informed in this office letter of the 23rd idem from Bhadrachelam that the Deputy Collector in charge of the Account Department was requested to place the amount at the disposal of the Tanuku Tahsildar. A cheque for the amount was sent by the Deputy Collector on the 1st March 1876 and the money was paid in March last. So the matter took one full year to dispose of after it was brought to notice. I am not in a position to account for the delay that took place before, but I will send explanation of it as soon as it is received from the Head Assistant Collector and Tahsildar.

3. Next, as to compensation for land occupied by the Velpur Canal. Applications were made by the Range Officer for land for the canal at different times.

One was made on the 28th September 1874, reached this office on the 2nd October, and was referred to Head Assistant on the 6th idem. The necessary compensation statement was received with Head Assistant's letter of the 13th December 1874. Statement was sent to Board on 7th January 1875, and compensation was sanctioned in G.O., dated 3rd May 1875, No. 917, communicated with Board's Proceedings, dated 10th May 1875, Miscellaneous No. 4,032, which reached this office on the 14th idem. The usual bill was sent to the Controller on the 22nd May 1875 and it was returned duly audited on 11th December 1875. It reached this office on the 21st December 1875 and orders were sent to the taluq on 10th January 1876. The application in this case took fifteen months to dispose of.

4. Another application was made by the Range Officer in his letter of the 5th May 1874; it was received on the 11th and was referred to Head Assistant on 13th idem. This officer's reply was dated the 22nd January 1875, but it is probable that most part of the delay took place in the taluq. Of this I shall report hereafter. The sanction of Government was applied for through Board on the 6th February 1875, G.O., dated 17th May 1875, No. 1,014, accorded the sanction, and it reached this office through the Board on 10th June 1875. The necessary bill was sent to Controller on 16th idem and it was returned audited on 22nd December 1875. Orders were sent to the taluq for payment on 10th January 1876. This application took 20½ months.

5. A third application was made by the Range Officer on 2nd May 1874. It was referred to Head Assistant on 11th idem. No reply has as yet been received, though a reminder was sent on 25th November last.

6. A fourth application was made by the Range Officer to the Head Assistant Collector direct on 13th November 1874. The Head Assistant sent the usual statements of compensation on 22nd May 1875, but they were returned for revision on 23rd June 1875. They were retransmitted on 28th April 1876 and reached this office on 3rd ultimo. Some papers have not been returned by the Head Assistant, and, as soon as they are received, the matter will be disposed of.

7. In the two last cases explanation of delay will be furnished hereafter.

8. The Board will observe that the delay in the case of the Range Office was one year after the matter was brought to notice, and that the same in the two applications for land under Velpur Canal was 15 and 20½ months, respectively. I am inclined to think that the long delays (excepting the unreasonable delay in the Divisional and Controller's Offices) are due to the circuitous system of dealing with the matter, which has all this time been in force. This accounts also for the delay in giving compensation for lands occupied under other canals. Besides this, it is difficult in many cases to get the Inamdars to state the mode of compensation they require. The difficulty was so great that the Tahsildar of Tanuku took the extraordinary step of fixing a money-compensation or assigning fresh land in exchange irrespective of the wishes of the Inamdars concerned. This, of course, was not proper and was put a stop to. Every effort is being made to induce the Inamdars and others to apply for compensation. In June 1875, Mr. Kelsall, then Acting

* Dated 26th June 1875.

Collector, published a notice in the District Gazette* calling on them to apply

for compenstion to the Tahsildar of the taluq within six months, and warning them

that, if they did not do so, they would be liable to forfeit all claim to compensation. Steps are being taken, however, to dispose of the cases in arrears, and it is hoped that the recent rules sanctioned by Government will prove advantageous to the parties concerned.

9. Orders will be issued to arrange for the transfer, without delay, of any funds which may be required by the District Engineer.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Copy of Head Assistant's report, dated 19th March 1876.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Copy of Acting Collector's reply.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G.O., dated 22nd February 1876, No. 488.

2. The Board trust that the instructions which have been recently issued for the speedy transfer of lands required for public purposes and settlement of claims to compensation will obviate the recurrence of similar delays. The Collector will pay special attention to the matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 26th July 1876, No. 1,003.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department with reference to the order in that Department, dated 8th February 1876, No. 338.

2. The Government rely on all departments to effect great changes in the circumstances herein reported.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

Dated 15th July 1876

No. 184

Read the following

No. 156.

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James Hope Esqr.
Ag. Collector.

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C. A. Galtier Esqr.
Ag. Secretary to the
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REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ag. Secy.

Dated July, 26th.

Recd.

G. O., 26th July 1876, No. 1003.

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Nos. 258-259.

Compensation for lands taken up for the Velpur
Canal and Chetipata Range Office in the Godavari
District. - Communicating to the Public Works
Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
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on the 8th and received on 13th Idem.
On the 17th the bill in the prescribed
form was sent to the District
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Controller for audit, and was returned
duly audited on the 5th February 1876.
It was received on the 11th and the
Head Assistant Collector was
informed in this office letter of
the 23rd Idem, from Bhadrachellum

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Communicated with Board's Pro-
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No: 4032, which reached this office

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Godavery District
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Ag Collector

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To
The Secretary to
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L. H. Lipton
Ag Secretary

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Communicated to the Public Works Dept
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