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*Revenue* DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

12th August 1878, No. 1,298.

Read the following paper:—

No. 179. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1878, No. 2,032.

Read the following letter from H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Shembaganur, 5th July 1878, No. 241:—

As called for in the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th May 1878, No. 1,359, I have the honor to submit herewith an application from the Shevagungah Zemindar for a loan of Rupees 1,50,000 under the Land Improvement Act drawn up in the proper form, together with two statements marked A and B, one showing the particulars of the proposed works and the other the instalments by which the amount is proposed to be repaid.

2. The incumbrances on the estate amount as stated in the application to Rupees 7,92,131-13-8, which, with the debt (Rupees 1,77,660-7-11) due to B. Kistnasamy Chettiar, fifth defendant in Original Suit No. 1 of 1877 on the file of the District Court, and Rupees 2,314-8-4 due to Government for the demarcation of Elavencotta Taluq, amount to Rupees 9,72,106-13-11. Of this the Zemindar hopes to liquidate the amount due to Kistnasamy Chettiar out of the amount of mesne profits due to him from the latter according to the terms of the said decree, which amount however does not appear to have been as yet determined. There appear to be no other debts which will have to be defrayed out of the income of the estate. The only debts due by the late Rani and legally chargeable on the estate are the arrears of peishcush, &c., as set forth in the application, and the amount advanced\*

\* Vide G.O., No. 1,197, dated 22nd March 1877, to the late Rani for the repair of irrigation works, viz., Rs. 15,993-3-1 and not Rupees 15,750 as stated in the application). The sum of Rupees 4,006-12-11, balance remaining unexpended out of the latter loan, was not handed over to the Agent, as the famine for which the loan of Rupees 20,000 was sanctioned no longer existed when he asked for it, and as the loan now applied for was under consideration. The Agent knows no other debts due by the late Rani, and argues that if there be any they are not to be defrayed from the income of the estate.

3. From the accounts it would appear that the total demand of the Zemindari is Rupees 8,18,000 as per margin, and the collections (taking the collections of the year 1876 into account as 1877 was a famine year) amount to Rupees 7,16,000. The charges come up to Rupees 5,67,000 as detailed in the statement enclosed, leaving to the Zemindari a nett profit of Rupees 1,49,000. The Agent hopes by the execution of the repairs for which the loan is asked an increment of Rupees one lakh. It is not therefore to be feared that difficulty will be felt in the recovery of the amount advanced.

4. The Agent seems very anxious to have the works carried out without delay; and the present *kodai* (second crop) and the fast approaching *kalam* (first crop) cultivation appear to be his chief reasons for the urgency with which the money is

|                                                                                | RS.      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Average demand for Faslis 1283 to 1285 ... ..                                  | 7,96,000 |
| Average sivoyjama or miscellaneous revenue for three years 1875 to 1877 ... .. | 22,000   |
| Total ... ..                                                                   | 8,18,000 |

asked for. Indeed, if the loan is sanctioned, it will confer on the Zemindar and his ryots incalculable benefits. The state of the Zemindari irrigation works had been generally bad for want of proper and timely repairs, and the income has therefore been far less than can be expected, and I think that the proposed loan will realize the Agent's hopes.

5. As already observed, the rules requiring local inquiry, the preparation of plans and specifications, and the obtaining of the opinion of the Public Works Department, have not been complied with, as observance of these preliminaries must have resulted in considerable loss of time, and as the interests of the ryots and the Zemindar demanded speedy action. The state of the Zemindari is too well known to necessitate local inquiry, and the works in question mostly consist of repair of earth-work.

6. The security tendered for the repayment of the loan is the whole Zemindari which is worth not less than 80 lakhs of Rupees.

7. If accurate plans and specifications and estimates under Rule V must be prepared, I request that an officer of the Public Works Department may be deputed (if one can be found) to make them. But I consider that this will cause great delay, and probably result in the loss of next cultivation season.

8. Since writing the above, I have paid a visit to Shevagungah and personally inspected some of the ruined irrigation works. The appearance presented by these, and by the wide tracts of valuable land under them, lying waste and neglected, was truly pitiable. It would take much too long, and the necessary machinery is not available, to obtain accurate plans and specifications. The officers of the Public Works Department in this district, too few for ordinary seasons, are now almost overwhelmed with the extraordinary demand for their exertions, and could not be expected to find opportunity to report on the Shevagungah tanks, which are widely scattered over the Zemindari. Even now it is almost too late to begin operations as the new earth thrown on the tank bunds will hardly have time to consolidate before the north-east monsoon begins and the river floods are down. There can be no doubt that the security offered is sufficient; and I submit that a large estate wanting funds for repairing a number of scattered tanks, none of them needing for their repair any engineering skill, and none of the repairs being likely to prejudice any one, is not in the same position as the small proprietor who seeks funds for some single work of improvement; and that the necessity for haste and the exceptional position of the estate may justify me in asking the Board to make some relaxation of their rules in a case where such relaxation will result in a very great benefit to all concerned.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Zemindar's Application and translation thereof.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 5.—Statements.

ENCLOSURES No. 6 to 47.—Estimates.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., dated 5th June 1878, No. 838.

2. The Collector's letter furnishes the information called for, and, as the security offered is ample and the *bona fide* application of the loan funds to the repairs of the irrigation works will be secured by the appointment of a responsible officer of Government to supervise the expenditure, the Board recommend the application being complied with as early as possible.

3. The Board observe that forty-two estimates have been submitted in the vernacular, of which only thirty-nine translations have been received.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 180.

ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1878, No. 1,298.

Land Revenue, No. 10.

THE Agent of the Zemindar of Shevagungah applies for a loan of Rs. 1,50,000 under the Land Improvement Act for repairing irrigation works in the estate.

2. Both the Collector and his Head Assistant state, from personal knowledge, that the general condition of these irrigation works is "execrable;" that the tanks and channels are "silted up;" and that the bunds are a "mere name" and masonry "ruined." They consider that the loan, if granted, would prove advantageous alike to the ryots and Zemindar, and the Board support the application.

3. The Government are aware that the estate has greatly suffered (1) from the late long drought, as well as from (2) subsequent heavy rains which swept away numerous tank-banks and other irrigation works, so that it was in an impoverished condition when it recently passed into the possession of the present Zemindar.

4. The estate is reported to be encumbered to the extent of Rs. 9,72,107 (including the arrears of peishcush, &c., due to Government and an advance of under Rs. 20,000 granted to the late Zemindar from famine funds for the repair of irrigation works). A portion of the estate has already been attached under Madras Act II of 1864 as security for payment of the Government dues, and the proposed loan is calculated to increase the value of the security for the Government demand on an ancient Zemindari, valued at not less than eighty lakhs, the expenditure on repairs being ensured by the employment at estate cost of a responsible Government officer.

5. In the circumstances brought to notice, His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that the loan applied for may be made on the security of the estate, and resolves to authorise the Collector to advance funds as required up to the amount of Rs. 50,000, pending the sanction of the Government of India, so that the work of restoring the ruined tanks and channels in the estate may be immediately commenced.

6. The urgency of the case is vouched for by the Collector, and is palpably evident in the near approach of the north-east monsoon.

|                           | RS.      |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 31st December 1878 ... .. | 15,000   |
| Do. 1879 ... ..           | 21,000   |
| Do. 1880 ... ..           | 30,000   |
| Do. 1881 ... ..           | 36,000   |
| Do. 1882 ... ..           | 48,000   |
| Total ... ..              | 1,50,000 |

7. The loan is proposed to be liquidated in five years as shown in the margin.

8. The necessary application for sanction will be made to the Government of India.

9. The Chief Engineer will be requested to nominate, as soon as possible, a subordinate competent to supervise and carry out the repairs to the irrigation works. The pay and establishment which will be allowed are shown in the Collector's letter, dated 11th April 1878, No. 1,315, to the Zemindar's Agent (G.O., 5th June 1878, No. 838).

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,  
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.  
" the Public Works Department.  
" the Chief Engineer, D.P.W., with G.O., 5th June 1878, No. 838, R.D.  
" the Accountant-General.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 2032.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 1878.

Read the following:

From

No. 241.

H. J. Slater Esquire

Acting Collector of Madras.

C. A. Kallan Esquire

Acting Secretary to the

Board of Revenue, Madras.

Sir,

As called for in the Board's Proceedings dated 20<sup>th</sup> May 1878 No. 1359. I have the honor to submit herewith an application from the Shivaranga Goundars for a loan of 1,50,000 under the Land Improvement Act drawn up in the proper form together with two statements marked A and B; one showing the particulars of the proposed works, and the other the instalments by which the amount is proposed to be repaid.

2. The circumstances are the stated amounts as stated in the application to Rs 7,92,131-13-8 which with the debt (Rs 1,77,660-7-11) due to B. Kistura among others is Defendant in

Collected.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Printed 1702.

Recd.

G.O. No. 154 August 1878, No. 1,300.

AUGUST.

No. 170,180.

Shivaranga Goundars, Madras District.  
Resolving to advance the Collector to advance  
loans to the — as required up to the amount of  
Rs. 10,000 pending the sanction of the Govern-  
ment of India, and requesting the Chief Magistrate  
to recommend a subordinate agent to super-  
vise and carry out the repairs to the irrigation  
works.

P.S. No. 1 of 1877 on the file of the District Court,  
and Refus 2314 - 8-4 due to Court for the demarcation  
of Claverston's Taluk amount to Refus 9,72,106-13-11.  
Of this the Zemindar hopes to liquidate the amount  
due to Kistnasami Chettiar out of the amount of  
net profits due him from the latter according  
to the terms of the said Deem; which amount -  
however does not appear to have been as yet de-  
termined. There appears to be no other debts which  
will have to be defrayed out of the income of the  
Estate. The only debts due by the late Rames and  
legally chargeable on the Estate are the arrears of  
Peishchuk ~~see~~ as set forth in the application, and  
the amount advanced to the late Rames for the repair  
of Irrigation Works viz Rs 15,993-3-1 (and not  
Rs 15,750 as stated in the application). The  
sum of Rs 4006-12-11 balance remaining unsatisfied  
out of the latter loan was not handed over to  
the Agent, as the famine for which the loan of  
Rs 20,000 was sanctioned no longer existed  
when he asked for it, and as the loan now  
applied for was under consideration. The  
Agent knows no other debts due by the late Rames  
and argues that if there be any they are not

Tide L.O. No 119,  
dated 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
1877.

to be defrayed from the income of the Estate.

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that the total demand of the Zemindary is  
Rs 8,18,000 as per margin, and the collection -

\*Average due and  
for 1283 & 1285 - 796000

Average supply  
or miscellaneous  
revenue for 3 years

1875 to 1877 - 22000  
818,000

(taking the collections of the year 1876  
as account for 1877 as a general  
year), amount to Rs 7,16,000. The  
charges come up to Rs 5,67,000 as  
detailed in the statement enclosed,

leaving to the Zemindary a net profit of Rs 1,49,000.  
The Agent hopes by the execution of the repairs for  
which the loan is asked an increment of Refus  
one lac. It is not therefore to be feared that diffi-  
culty will be felt in the recovery of the amount  
advanced.

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and I think that the proposed loan will realize  
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have not been complied with, as observance of these  
preliminaries must have resulted in considerable  
loss of time, and as the interests of the ryots and  
the Zemindars demanded speedy action. The state  
of the Zemindary is too well known to necessitate  
local enquiry, and the works in question mostly  
consist of repair of earth work.

6. The security tendered for the repayment  
of the loan is the whole Zemindary which is worth  
not less than 80 lacs of rupees.

7. If accurate plans and specifications  
and Estimates under Rule V must be prepared,  
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deputed (if one can be found) to make them. But  
I consider that this will cause great delay, and  
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probably result in the loss of much cultivation season.

8. Since writing the above I have paid a  
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some of the ruined irrigation works. The appearance  
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valuable land under them, lying waste and  
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and I submit that a large sum wanting funds  
for repairing a number of scattered tanks, none  
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of them needing for their repairs any engineering skill, and none of the repairs being likely to prejudice any one, is not in the same position as the small proprietor who seeks funds for some single work of improvement; and that the necessity for haste and the exceptional position of the State may justify me in asking the Board to make some relaxation of their rules, in a case where such relaxation will result in a very great benefit to all concerned.

Madama Collis Office  
District Secretary  
(Camp) Chembazhathur  
Ponnacolum Taluk  
5<sup>th</sup> July 1878

I have recd  
(Sd/-) H. J. Stokes  
Acting Collector.

Submitted to Government with reference  
to G. O. dated 5<sup>th</sup> June 1878 No. 838.

2. The Collector's letter furnishes the information called for and as the security offered is ample and the bona fide application of the loan funds to the repairs of the irrigation works will be secured by the appointment of a responsible officer of Government to supervise the expenditure the Board recommend the application being  
complied

complied with as early as possible. 1298

annexed  
the office 3.

The Board observe that 42 estimates have been submitted in the Vernacular of which only 39 translations have been received.  
(True Copy and Extract)

*W. J. P.*  
The Secretary to Government P. M.  
with 8 original enclos. to the acts.

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Dated 20 July

1878

FOR ORDERS

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For order

John

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disfranchisement what for refusing

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the loan strictly as  
calculated to be used  
the value of the security  
for the Govt. demand  
on an ancient  
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value. The expenses  
on repairs being  
demanded by the Govt.  
at estate work  
a responsible Govt.

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The estate is valued  
at not less than 80  
lacks. 1218.

The loan is proposed  
to be liquidated in 5  
years

The average income  
is stated at Rs. 7,86,290

The outly liabilities  
are under one year  
in course. If, on  
this point the balance  
by a committee claim.

The urgency of  
the case is bracketed

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 R 4-8-78  
 R 9-8-78  
 R 12-8-78

Specimen of *Albugo* in  
 a glass bottle with the label  
 "Albugo" - 1878.  
 The bottle is in the  
 collection of the  
 British Museum.

for by the (old) *Albugo*  
 is palpably evident  
 in the manuscript  
 of the *Albugo*.

LB  
 20.7.78

I am sorry to hear  
 that the *Albugo* is  
 presumed to be  
 there is no opinion  
 and for appeal of  
 the *Albugo* is

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 R 12-8-78

FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department

No 1298 1296

Proceedings of the Madras Government.  
 Under date the 12 August 1878

Read the following  
 No of the Bd of Revenue  
 dated 20 July 1878 No 2032.

The Agent of the Zemindar  
 of Chavangal applies for  
 a loan of Rs. 1,00,000 under  
 the Land Improvement Act  
 for repairing irrigation works  
 in the Estate.

2. Both the Collector and  
 his Head Assistant state,  
 from personal knowledge,  
 that the general condition  
 of these irrigation works

is "excessive"; that the  
tanks and channels are  
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bunds are a "new name"  
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consider that the loan,  
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of the present Zamindar.  
4. The Estate is reported  
to be encumbered to the  
extent of Rs 9,00,000  
(including the arrears of  
Richinsh &c due to Govt.  
and an advance of under  
Rs 20,000 granted to the  
late Zamindar from  
Zamindari Funds for the  
repair of irrigation works).  
A portion of the Estate  
has already been attached  
under the Madras Act  
II of 1864 as security for  
payment of the Govt. dues,  
and the proposed loan  
is calculated to increase  
the value of the security  
for the Govt. demand on an  
Ancient Zamindari, valued  
at not less than 80 lakhs,  
the expenditure on repairs  
being

being incurred by the  
employment at estate  
cost of a responsible  
Govt. Officer.

5. In the circumstances  
brought forward, His  
Grace the Governor in  
Council is of opinion that  
the loan applied for may  
be made on the security  
of the Estate, & resolves  
to authorize the Collector  
to advance funds as  
required up to the amount  
of Rs 50,000, pending the  
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| 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1878 | Rs 15,000        |
| " 1879                    | 21,000           |
| " 1880                    | 30,000           |
| " 1881                    | 36,000           |
| " 1882                    | 48,000           |
|                           | <u>1,50,000.</u> |

(Rs 10000 settled  
in Council 9.8.78.)

14 Board of Rev on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug  
21 Public Works Dept  
Chief Engineer S.D.W.  
Account General with G.O. 5/June 1878 No 838 Rs.

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to be liquidated in 5 years  
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nate, as soon as possible, a  
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the repairs to the irrigation  
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Collr's letter dated 11 April 78  
No 1315 to the Land Revenue  
Agent (G.O. 5 June 1878 No  
838).

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Loan to Shewangin  
Estate in Madras Dist

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Sir W. Robinson

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