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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

2nd November 1878, No. 1,766.

Read the following paper :—

No. 35. Endorsement of the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Fort St. George, 29th October 1878, No. 756-T.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st October 1878, No. 2,854.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavari District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 10th October 1878, No. 298 :—

REFERRING to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated the 16th ultimo, No. 2,547, I have the honor to inform you that, for recording the area irrigated annually by anicut water in each village of the Nidadavol and Baharzalli Estates and for collecting the amount of water-tax due thereon, I would prefer the appointment of a Curnam on behalf of Government on a salary of Rupees 8 per mensem for on an average every three villages instead of well-paid Revenue Inspectors as proposed by the Board. The number of villages in the estates being 120, the number of Curnams required for them would be 40, and the cost of the establishment would amount to Rupees 320 per mensem, or Rupees 3,84 a-year. On comparing the expenditure on account of the proposed establishment with the estimated annual collections of water-tax in the estates (say Rupees 80,00 the Board will observe that the former does not exceed 5 per cent. of the latter, it bears nearly the same proportion as the management charges of the district in the Revenue Department bears to the annual revenue collections. The work of these Curnams could easily be supervised by the present staff of the Revenue Inspectors.

2. I wish to give up all idea of getting aid from the Zemindari Curnams; they will do very little now, and would do still less, when they know that they are acting somewhat contrary to the real wishes of the Zemindars. That is my reason for wishing to have extra Curnams instead of extra Inspectors.

3. I am not sure that I shall not require more men or more pay, but I will do my best to keep down expenditure on this account.

4. I should be much obliged if the Board would telegraph their instructions, as it will be advisable to get all the lands measured before the crops are cut.

SUBMITTED to Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 16th September 1878, No. 2,547.

2. The Board entirely concur with the Collector as to the employment of Curnams on behalf of Government and request that sanction for the entertainment of the staff proposed may be communicated to Mr. Foster by telegram if the Board's proposals as to levy of the water-rate are approved.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch

No. 36. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1878, No. 1,766.

Irrigation, No. 1.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Co[illegible] sanctions the employment of the [illegible] recommended by the Collector, a[illegible] approved by the Board, and a telegram will be despatched accordingly.

2. Mr. Foster should be required to explain what h[illegible] means by "Curnums." The men he proposes to entertain cannot have the status of village servants nor exercise the authority of Curnams properly so called.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) L. A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Public Works Department, Irrigation B[illegible]ranch.
" the Accountant-General.

Ed. A. F. Goodall.

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No. 2,854.

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2. I wish to give up all idea of getting aid from the Zemindari Curnams; they will do very little now, and would do still less, when they know that they are acting somewhat contrary to the real wishes of the Zemindars. That is my reason for wishing to have extra Curnams instead of extra Inspectors.

3. I am not sure that I shall not require more men or more pay, but I will do my best to keep down expenditure on this account.

4. I should be much obliged if the Board would telegraph their instructions, as it will be advisable to get all the lands measured before the crops are cut

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

Copy to the Collector of the Godavari District.

" " Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

Revenue Department

No. 2854

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 21st October 1878

Read the following

From

W. S. Foster Esqre
Collector

To

C. A. Galton Esqre
Ag Secretary to the
Board of Revenue
Madras

Sir

Referring to para 2 of the Board's Proceedings dated the 16th Ultimo No 2547, I have the honor to inform you, that, for recording the area irrigated annually by ancut water in each village of the Nidathavolu and Baharzalli Estate and for collecting the amount of water tax due thereon, I would prefer the appointment of a Karnam on behalf of Government on a salary of Rs 8 per mensem for on an average every three villages instead of well paid

Revenue

Revenue 1878. Dated 21 October
Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

To

THE JOINT SECY. to GOVT.,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.,
IRRIGATION BRANCH.

Dated October 21st.

Printed 23rd.

Received

PROCEEDINGS, 21st OCTOBER 1878, No. 2,854

Ryot 29/Oct

OCTOBER.
No. 2,854.

Nidadavol and Baharzalli Estates—in Godavari District.—Submitting to Government a proposal suggesting the appointment of Curnams on behalf of Government for recording the area irrigated annually by ancut water in — and for collecting the amount of water-tax due thereon.

Revenue Inspectors as proposed by the Board. The number of villages in the Estates being 120, the number of Kurnums required for them would be 40 and the cost of the Establishment would amount to Rs 320 per Mensem or Rs 3840 a year. On comparing the expenditure on account of the proposed Establishment with the estimated annual collections of waterlay in the Estates (say Rs 80,000) the Board will observe that the former does not exceed five percent of the latter but bears nearly the same proportion as the management charges of the District in the Revenue Department bears to the annual Revenue Collections.

The work of these kurnums could easily be supervised by the present staff of the Revenue Inspec-tors.

2. I wish to give up all idea of getting aid from the Zamindary Kurnums: they will do very little now and would do still less, when they know that they are acting somewhat contrary to the real wishes of the Zamindars. That is my reason for wishing to have Extra Curnums instead of the Inspectors.

3. I am not sure that I shall not require more than seven or nine pay but I will do my best to keep down the expenditure on this account.

4. I should be much obliged if the Board would telegraph their instructions as it will be advisable to get all the Lands measured before the crops are cut.

I have &c

Godavari Distt.
Collectors Office
Cocanada, 16 Oct 78

(Sd) W. L. Foster.
Collector.

Submitted to Government in continuation of Bds Rc. of 16 Sept: 78, No: 2547.

(G.O. No 810 of 30 Oct 78)

2. The Board entirely concur with the Collector as to the employment of Curnums on behalf of Government and request that sanction for the entertainment of the Staff proposed may be communicated to Mr Foster by telegram, if the Board's proposals as to the scale of water rate are approved.

(True copy) Initialed

C. C. C.
Cg. Secretary

To.
The Joint Secretary to Government,
P.W.D. Irrig.n Branch.

To the Board of Revenue
The Collector of Tanjore and Trichinopoly
The Accountant General
The Collector of Chingleput &c &c

Dated 13/11/78

Revenue Proceedings 1878 No 4775

Board's Proceedings No 2547 dated 16th Sept 1878

Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Dated 21st Octr 1878

Reply

Dated 31st

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore

Dated 24th Octr 1878

Reply

Dated 31st

Read the following letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly

Dated 25th Octr 1878

Reply

Dated 31st

Read the following letter from the Accountant General

Dated 29th Octr 1878

Reply

Dated 31st

No. 7567

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

Fort St George
29th Oct 1878

Secretary to Govt
Public Irrigation

No. 4775

From Irrigation Dept

Dated 29 Oct 1878.

FOR ORDERS.

The Joint Secretary
Irrigation Dept & Trans.
Revs Bd: Pro: 21 Oct 78
No 2854. to Rev
Dept.

These Pro: are in continuation of Board's Pro: 16 Sept 1878 No 2547 and it is requested that the papers noted in the margin may be returned to this office.

Govt sanction the employment of the staff recommended by the Collector & approved by the Board of Revenue

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appeared more appropriately disposable in the Rev dept

It was returned for the purpose of ascertaining what notes had been recorded by Honble members in D.P.W. circulation.

The reply from D.P.W. was that the notes had been recorded and the paper was again recirculated.

Meanwhile the Bd: on 16 Sept 98 had been consulted by the D.P.W. & the District Engineer & Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

From the Board

Land Settlement
Occupancy &c.
Forms the authority
of Revenue officers
to admit

19 Oct 98 4,930 I

and an emergent requisition from the Collector of Gorakhpur for permission to employ (by) 40 cumins at a probable cost of Rs 3840 for a number to collect the water rate in the Nidadanoor & Balrampur Estates & 20 set at the real back - instead of accepting the statements prepared by the Lekhs of the Lemindars who have caused a great loss to Govt.

The Board recommend that the Collector's proposal be sanctioned & telegram sent him accordingly

FOR ORDERS

of their proposals (in para 2 No 10 Sept last No 2547) as to levy of the collateral are approved.

Though Govt. cannot yet proceed on orders on the first proceedings there can be no apparent objection to the present proposal.

The cost of the summons will be rather less than the 10% allowed hitherto for cost of collection of the Demandarain which if comes will not be continued under the proposed arrangements

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