

Revenue (1898) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 3084

DATED 22nd July 98

[Despatch Abstract.]

Sanctioning the expenditure for
a period of 4 years of a temporary establish-
ment consisting of 9 coolies on Rs 4 each per
month in connection with the Cammy
channels in the Salem Dt.

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Read also B.P. $\frac{3622}{17.698}$

Order Mis no 3084 d/22nd July 98

the entertainment, for

a period of 4 years, of a temporary establishment consisting of 9 coolies, on Rs. 4 each p.m. ~~for looking after the Coconuts plants on the~~ ^{in connection with} ~~branches of the Convery Channels,~~ in the Salem Dt., is sanctioned.

98 The Board of Revenue
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M. A. D. D. S.

No. 3622. Mis.

Dated 17th June 1898.

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SUBJECT.

~~2. The proposition statement~~
~~will be transferred to the~~
~~Final. Sept.~~

Irrigation Cess Fund, Salem District : — Submitting to Government, with remark, letter from the Collector of Salem reporting on the justification of expenditure of the —, on the planting & maintenance of coconut trees on the banks of the Cannery channels.

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To the Board of Rev. Ltr.

~~Final Sept (with P. Stein)~~
C. G. 1327

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(Rev Sept).

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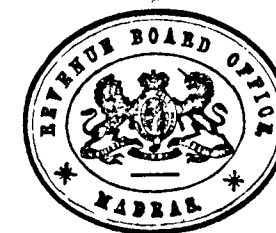
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 17th June 1898.

No. 3622. Mis.

READ... the following letter from Robert B. Clegg, Esquire, Acting Collector of Salem, No. 2390, dated 8th June 98:-

Adverting to the Board's resolution No. 2189, Mis. Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture, dated 30th March 1898, on Government Order, No. 1327. Mis. Revenue, dated 16th March 1898, requesting to report (1) how the expenditure of the Irrigation Cess Fund on the planting and maintenance of coconut trees on the banks of the Cauvery channels is justified, and (2) to what head the

* Forwarded to the Collector of Salem
G.O. No. 1327 dated 16.3.98

the receipts realised by the sale of the produce of the trees are to be credited, I have the honor to report as follows: -

1st Query.

2. According to rule 40 of the Special Fund Account, and Audit Rules, the objects to which the Irrigation Cess Fund is generally applied, are to meet (a) the cost of establishment, permanent, or temporary entertained for keeping the waterchannels in order, and (b) the outlay necessary for clearing channels, constructing temporary dams &c. It will be seen, therefore, that the planting and maintenance of coconut trees is not an object expressly provided for in these rules.

3. This question, however, as to whether the fund can be devoted

* vide B.O.

no 3579 dated

26.11.83. R.C.

to this and other purposes has been raised, and considered on previous occasions. In 1883, in reviewing the report on the operation of the Special local Funds, for 1882-83 in Government Order no 1142, Revenue dated 18.9.83, L.O. Government drew attention to the large balance under the Irrigation Cess fund, and called for proposals for its utilisation. The (then) Collector, Mr. Martin, proposed a list of works, which included (1) blasting rocks, (2) bridge works, (3) repairing anicuts, (4) planting coconut trees, (5) repairing and strengthening the channel banks &c, and reported further that, if the principles enunciated in Government Order no 1126, Revenue, dated 13th September 1883, were to be strictly followed, there would be no chance of utilising the large balance

balance, except by suspending collections for some years to come, or by reducing the tax. He, however, stated that this being a voluntary cess, and paid by the ryots with the object of the channels being kept in the best possible condition, it seemed to him that it was not incumbent on Government to confine the funds to those purposes, on which Kudiaramam was formerly employed, but that, on the contrary, as trustees it was incumbent on Government to spend them to the best advantage on such works as would increase the profit of the contributors, be those works masonry or otherwise. He added that at all events, if there was doubt in the matter, the wishes of the contributors should be consulted. The Government
objected

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objected to the first three items being executed from the Irrigation Cess Fund, and tacitly approved of the proposed expenditure on coconut plantations. (vide G.O. No. 1183. Revenue, dated 30th October 1884, embodied in Board's Proceed. in No. 11036. Mis. dated 24th November 1884.)

4. Later on, in the year 1885, the late Mr. MacWaters, in submitting proposals for the modification of the Channel Establishment, including the watchers of the coconut trees, again adverted to the point, and stated that he doubted very much whether planting coconut trees at all was within the scope of the Voluntary Cess. The Board sanctioned the revised scale of establishment in para 6 of its Proceedings No. 2000, dated

dated 7.7.85, and the Government did not object to it. (vide Govt. Order No 1398. Revenue, dated 23rd December '85, embodied in Board's Proceedings No 504. Mis. dated 19th January 1886.)

5. The plantations were started in 1878, and for the last 20 years, the fund has been utilised towards the purpose, without any objection on the part of the contributors or otherwise, and it is to be considered whether it is necessary to enter into a discussion of this point now.

6. The plantations are remunerative, as the average annual rent from the produce of the trees is Rs. 2444^(a), while the cost of the temporary establishment, now retained, is Rs. 432^(b), and when all the trees have come

(a) Income for the past five official years from the coconut plantations. } Rs. 12,222.

Therefore average for a year. 2,444.
(b) 9 coolies at Rs. 4 per mensem.

to bearing, there will be still less expense and more income. Moreover these trees with their long and many roots, serve to strengthen and protect the bunds. They are also useful in giving shade to people going over the bunds, and the persons employed on the channel. On these grounds the expenditure is, I maintain, justifiable.

7. As regards the 2nd query, I have to state that the receipts from the sale of the produce of the trees are credited to "Miscellaneous" under the Irrigation Cess Fund.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government, with reference to its order No 1327. Mis. dated 16th March 1898.

2. The best justification for the

the expenditure of the Emigration
Cess Fund on the planting and
maintenance of coconut trees
on the channel banks would seem
to be that the expenditure is
reproductive. The Collector com-
pares the average annual revenue
realised during the last five
years with the annual cost of the
proposed establishment, but he
has not furnished figures to shew
the total expenditure and
amount realised up to date.
The plantations were commenced
in 1878, and although, as appears
from para 17 of Mr. McWaters'
letter at page 3 of L.O. $\frac{1398}{23.12.85}$, the
undertaking was not remunerat-
ive at first, the figures now re-
ported by the Collector seem to
shew that the maintenance of the
plantation

plantation will be a distinct
source of gain to the Emigration
Cess Fund.

(True Copy and Extract.)

P. B. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To, The Secretary to Government,
Revenue Depart

Copy to the Collector of Salem.

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In the paper read above the Colls of Salem reports that on the banks of the canvey channels 3138 young cocoanut plants have been planted during the past three years at the cost of the Irrigation Cess Fund and that about Rs 1100 have been spent in planting them and about Rs 1800 in maintaining a temporary establishment for watering and looking after them.

The temporary establishment now maintained consists of 15 coolies on Rs 4 each and one maistry on Rs 10. But as the plants have now started and do not require

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so much watering, it is stated that no masonry is needed and that 9 men on Rs 4 each will suffice and that this reduced establishment will be required for about 4 years.

The existing establishment is stated to have been entertained under the sanction of the Col. apparently under the authority of para 3 of S.O. no 97 (New Eds) under which the Col. is competent to sanction the entertainment of temporary establishments (to be paid out of the Irrigation cess fund) during certain months of each year and during times of scarcity of water. But as the Inspector of local funds took objection excepting, the

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They will probably answer that the banks require protection & that it is better for this purpose to plant ~~trees~~ fruit bearing trees that will ^{give} return, than trees that are valueless. But we may as well ask

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para 2 of S.O. no 97 (New Eds).

sanction of Govt is now solicited to the continuance of the reduced establishment. It is not clear how the expenditure of Irrigation cess fund on the planting and watering of coconut plants on the banks of a channel can be justified and to what head the receipts which may be realized by a lease of the enjoyment of the produce of the trees would be credited.

Irrigation cess is levied in lieu of customary free labor and the proceeds are generally applied to the following objects:
(a) The cost of establishment, permanent or temporary entertained for keeping the walls, channels in order &
(b) the outlay necessa

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for clearing channels,
constructing temporary
dams, contributions
for the provision of
shutes, irrigating
dams &c.

It is submitted
that further informa-
tion should be
called for. A draft
is submitted.

15th March 98
Yes - Issue draft
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Read again G.O. 1013 of 26.5.98
" " G.O. 1327 of 16.3.98
" also. B.O. 3622 of 17.5.98 (en-
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Note.

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16-3-98

Para 5 of the
Collector's letter of 28.6.98
read in the current

As suggested in the office
note, the Board of Revenue was
requested to report (1) how the
expenditure of the Irrigation cess
fund on the planting and
maintenance of Coconut trees
on the banks of the Canvey -
in the island district
channels, was justified and (2) -
to what head the receipts which
might be realized by the sale of the
produce of the trees would be credited.
2. As regards the first point, -
it appears from the Collector's
report that the plantations were
started in 1878 and that for the
last twenty years the fund has
been utilized towards the purpose
without any objection on the part
of the contributors or otherwise. In
1884, the Collector's proposal to
devote a portion of the funds on
coconut plantations was not
objected to. (vide para 3 of the

Collector's letter and para 1 of C.O. 1183 of 30.10.84). Again in 1885, the Collector in submitting proposals for the modification of the channel establishment including the watches of the Coconut trees, adverted to the point and doubted very much whether planting coconut trees was within the scope of the voluntary cess. The Board sanctioned the revised scale of establishment but did not notice the point (vide para 17 of the Collector's letter in page 3 of C.O. 1398 of 23.12.85).

3. The Collector also reports:—

"The plantations are remunerative, as the average annual rent from the produce of the trees is Rs 2444 while the cost of the temporary establishment now retained is Rs 432 and when all the trees have come to bearing, there will be still less expense and more income. Moreover these trees with their long and many roots, serve to strengthen and protect the bunds. They are also useful in giving shade to people going over the bunds and the persons employed on the channel."

Para 6 of the Collector's letter of 8-6-98 read in the current.

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Para 7 of the Collector's letter of 8-6-98

4. As regards the second question, the Collector states that the receipts from the sale of the produce of trees are credited to 'miscellaneous' under the Irrigation Cess fund.

5. The Board observes that though the undertaking was not remunerative at first; the figures now reported by the Collector seem to show that the maintenance of the plantation will be a distinct source of gain to the Irrigation cess fund and that this fact is the best justification for the expenditure.

6. Provision is made in the budget under 'Temporary establishment' to meet the charge of the establishment proposed in the letter by the Collector.

7. It is submitted that sanction may be accorded for the establishment, for a period of 4 years, of the establishment consisting of 9 coolies on Rs 4 each per mensem as recommended in para 2 of P.O. 3376 of 13.5.97

vide item marked in page 6 of Co. 1026 & telephone attached

in C.O. 1327 of 16.3.98

5/7/98
There seems no objection. As pointed out the Secy has pointed out above that the trees protect the banks. Moreover they bring in a good income. Mr. 7.25

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Hm.
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the docket for approval
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There is nothing now
to be done but
sanction it.

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