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No. 178. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 12th July 1876, No. 1,787 :—

Read the following letter from J. D. B. GRIBBLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Cuddapah, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Wontimitta, 1st July 1876, No. 162:—

WITH reference to G.O., No. 795, dated 14th June 1876, communicated with Board's footnote, No. 5,391, dated 28th instant, I have the honor to state that I deferred reporting on the matter therein referred to, as I was in daily expectation of receiving the plan and estimate of the repairs needed to the Shrotriern tank. These, however, have not as yet arrived; and, as I shall probably be relieved from the charge of the district in a few days, I will not any longer defer the report.

2. There has been some correspondence between the District Engineer and myself regarding the actual effect of the division bund on the supply of the two tanks, and Colonel Moberly has stated that, in his opinion, instead of the water flowing from the Shrotriern to the Government tank, the process is reversed. It is true, he says, that the bed of the Government tank is on a lower level than the Shrotriern tank, but he urges each tank has a separate water-supply, and the crest of the Government calingulah is on a higher level than that of the Shrotriern tank. Against this I have pointed out to him that, as a matter of fact, the Shrotriern tank has no calingulah, that the escape is banded up, and also that the Shrotriern tank fills much more rapidly than the Government tank, so that when the Shrotriern tank is full and the Government tank only partially so, the water would necessarily flow to the lower level were there no dividing bund. On a reference to the former correspondence, which extends over several years, I note that the late District Engineer, on a personal inspection, found the part where the dividing bund is now being erected *under water*, and it was also expressly stated when it was decided to raise the dividing bund that the supply channel to the Government tank *would have to be repaired*, otherwise the water-supply would by means of the dividing bund be diminished. There can therefore, I think, be no doubt that my former statement is correct, that the water flows from the Shrotriern to the Government tank. The ryots themselves have urged this, and would undoubtedly urge it again had they to defend a Civil Suit.

3. As regards the actual danger caused by the bund, I have no doubt that, as long as it will suit their purpose to do so, the Shrotriern dar will lay as much stress upon it as possible, and there can be no doubt that, as long as the Shrotriern tank bund is in a bad state of repair and there is no proper calingulah, the bund does increase the danger to the tank by preventing any escape of water into the Government tank. I am, however, by no means prepared to advise the breaching of the division bund, and I know that the District Engineer is strongly opposed to any such step being taken. The old map shows that such a bund once existed, and though it has been allowed to fall into disrepair, I do not see that we have thereby waived our claim to repair it when we wish. There have been frequent disputes regarding water between the Shrotriern and the Government ryots, and this bund will prevent the recurrence of any such quarrels. The repairs now executed to the bund will doubtless make it imperative on the Shrotriern dars to do something to their tank sooner than they otherwise would have done; but I see no reason

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why the repairs to the division bund should prevent us from being successful in a suit against the Shrotriendars to repair their tank. The Board will observe that, in raising this point of danger caused by the division bund, I was of opinion that it might to a certain extent prevent me from exercising my jurisdiction as a Magistrate under Section 518, Criminal Procedure Code. The rotten state of the Shrotriem tank is, of course, the primary cause of danger, but that danger is for the moment increased by the division bund, and will be so increased until the Shrotriem tank is put in a proper state of repair.

4. Should, however, the Board still think that the division bund should be breached, though I would respectfully deprecate this being done, I would suggest that instead of breaching the bund a weir consisting of a simple masonry wall with an apron on either side, and not more than 3 inches below the level of the crest of the Government calingulah, should be constructed in it so as to allow the water to pass from one tank to another. The reason why the Shrotriendars are so urgent for the removal of the division bund is, I believe, as follows. The catchment basins of both of the tanks is nearly the same, being about ten square miles. The storage capacity of the Government tank is however, I believe, much greater than that of the Shrotriem tank. The supply of the Shrotriem tank is from rapid mountain torrents, and that of the Government tank from a well fed, constantly flowing river channel. When a burst of rain therefore occurs, the Shrotriem tank fills rapidly, and the surplus water passes, or rather did pass, into the Government tank. This water, however, soon runs off; the Shrotriem tank water is gradually used for cultivation, and, if it does not receive another supply, empties in a comparatively short space of time. In the meanwhile, however, the Government tank, receiving a constant supply of water from the channel, gets full, and remains so, and then I can understand that Government surplus water might very possibly flow back into the Shrotriem tank, so that when there was no division bund the Shrotriendars enjoyed a double advantage. In a sudden burst of rain they had an escape for their surplus water, and when their tank was half empty, they also had a chance of a supply. This is, in my opinion, an additional reason why the bund should be allowed to remain; but, if a weir were constructed in the bund, the same double advantage would still be enjoyed and all cause of complaint removed from the Shrotriendars.

5. I have, however, stated that I should be sorry to see the bund removed or breached, and I do not think that we are called upon to construct this weir. I feel very sanguine of a suit against the Shrotriendars to repair their tank under the present circumstances being successful; but, on the other hand, if the weir were constructed, success would, I think, be a certainty.

6. The case is a complicated one, and, therefore, I trust I may be pardoned for going into the matter in such detail.

7. I have again begged the District Engineer to expedite the preparation of the plan and estimate which shall be forwarded as soon as received. Until it is received, I presume no action is to be taken in the matter of filing a suit. The Court has now re-opened.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government with the Board's recommendation that the construction of the proposed weir in the division bund be sanctioned.

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2. The submission of the plan and estimate for the repairs to the Shrotriem tank should be expedited; but the Board do not see why application for an injunction to compel the Shrotriendars to execute the necessary repairs should be delayed on this account. The early orders of Government are requested with reference to paragraph 3, G.O., dated 14th June 1876, Revenue Department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 179

ORDER THEREON, 18th July 1876, No. 965.

Irrigation, No. 4A.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, with a request that early orders may be issued on

paragraph 3 of G.O., 14th June 1876, No. 795, Revenue Department.

2. It is suggested that orders be also issued in the Public Works Department for the construction of a weir in the dividing bund as proposed by Mr. Gribble, if no objection exist. The bund having been constructed by Government, the Shrotriemdar may shift the blame on Government in the event of any danger happening, and, at the same time, as the bund is otherwise useful, as stated by Mr. Gribble, its entire removal does not seem expedient. Apparently the construction of a weir will, while taking away all plausible ground of excuse from the Shrotriemdar, allow of the bund being preserved intact.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

dated 12th July 1876

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Read the following

N^o 112

From

J. D. B. Gribble Esq
By Collector of Chudaspah

To

C. A. Galtom Esq
Acting Secretary to the
Board of Revenue. Madras.

Sir,

With reference to Govern-
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forbroke N^o 5391 dated 28th Instant.
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Tank

Govt. of 1876 Madras.

To

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Ac. No. No.

Dated July 1876.

Recd.

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G.O. 1876 July 1876, No. 985.

JULY.

Nos. 178-179.

Tellingmats, &c., Tanks in the Outlying
District. Communicated to the Public Works
Department, with remarks, Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue on the matter of treating the
dividing bund between the —, and requesting that
early orders may be issued on the subject of, par-
graph 3 of G.O. 14th June 1876, No. 795.

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tank, the process is reversed.
It is true, he says, that the
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is on a lower level than the
Shroton tank, but he says,
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water supply, and the crest
of the Government Calingula
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of the Shroton tank. Against
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Cuddapah District
Collector's Office
on circuit at Wooten.
- withd. 1st July 1886.

I have &c.
Sd/- M. Ramaswamy
Deputy Collector for
Acting Collector

Submitted for the orders
of Government with the Board's
recommendation that the con-
-struction of the proposed weir

in the division be be executed.

2 The submission of the plan and estimate for the repairs to the Shortneer Tank should be expedited, but the Board do not see why application for an injunction to compel the Shortneers to execute the necessary repairs should be delayed on this account.

The early orders of Government are requested with reference to para. 3 of O. 14 June 1896 Revenue Department.

True Copy and Enclosed

W. H. Allen
Secretary

The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

L. H.
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Communicated to the Public Works
 Dept with a request that early action may
 be taken in the subject of Jan 3 of 95.

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 It is proposed that also be issued in the D. M.

Department for the construction of a new
 in the existing land so proposed by the
 Committee. The land having been constructed by

by July, the construction may be completed by
 June 1897 in the month of May. The land is in the
 and, at the same time, as the land is in the
 useful, as stated by Mr. Smith, it is not
 unusual does not seem to be in the line of the
 construction of a new well, which taking
 away all the land, ground of the same from the
 construction, and of the land being

known in fact. B
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