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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

1st May 1880, No. 501.

No. 1. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd March 1880, No. 294.

ABSTRACT.—Recommending the adoption of the proposal of Collector to make over the Kummaragunta Kalva and Rachanapalli Kalva in Chilapalli Village, in Chittoor Taluk, North Arcot District, to the villagers on *Chouthayi Dasabandam* tenure.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st May 1880, No. 501.

Irrigation, No. 1.

THE revised proposal supported by the Board is sanctioned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed)

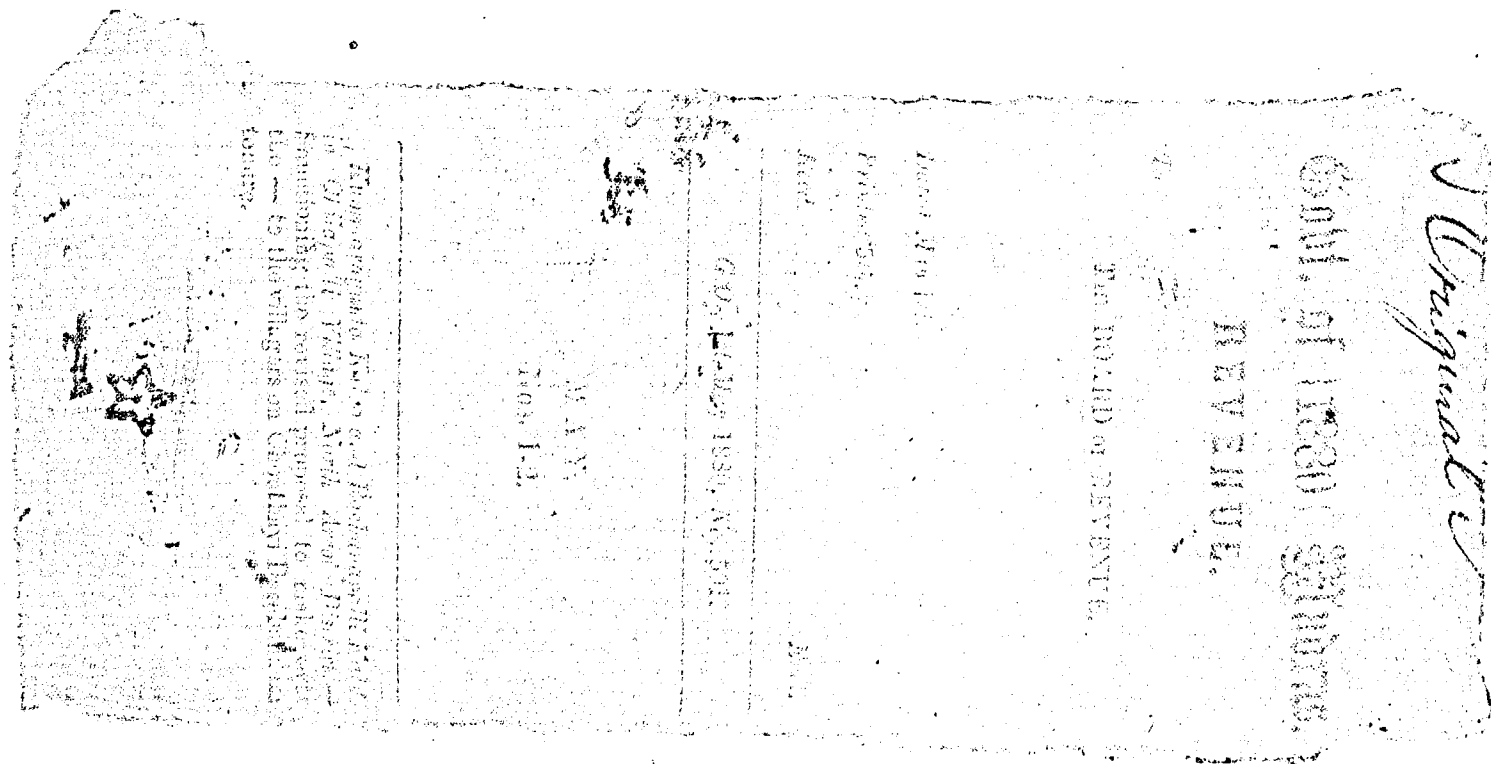
C. G. MASTER,

Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with the original enclosure returned.

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No. 294.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 2nd March 1880.

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 15th January 1880, No. 21:—

In their Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1879, No. 1,393, the Board accorded their sanction to abandon the marginally-named irrigation works in the village of Chila-palli, in the Chittoor Taluk; to transfer the wet lands under them to dry; and

Kummaragunta Kalva.
Rachanapalli Kalva.
Dasabandam Alagappa Tank.

to put up to auction the tank-bed lands in convenient lots. From the accompanying copy of letter received from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, dated 20th ultimo, No. 1,056-268, it will be seen that the Kummaragunta Kalva and Rachanapalli Kalva were the chief sources of irrigation to the village; that the villagers are averse to the abandonment of the said works and the transfer of the wet lands thereunder to dry; that they are prepared to undertake the execution of the said works at their own expense provided they are granted to them on *Chouthayi Dasabandam* tenure; and that by this measure there would probably be a net saving of Rs. 180 annually to Government.

2. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to recommend the measure, and to request that you will be good enough to obtain the necessary sanction for the same.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. RUNDALL, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, No. III, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittoor, 20th December 1879, No. 1,056-268.

ADVERTING to the correspondence given in Board's Proceedings, No. 1,393, of 23rd May 1879, by which sanction was accorded to the transfer to dry of the ayakat of the Rachanapalli and Kummaragunta Channels of Chila-palli, No. 133, Chittoor Taluk, I have the honor to report that when lately at Chila-palli, the villagers represented the great loss to their village from the abandonment of these channels as sources of irrigation. The first, or Rachanapalli Channel, formed the sole source for Rachanapalli, a hamlet of the village, and the Kummaragunta Channel one of the chief sources irrigating the best lands in Chila-palli.

2. The villagers maintain that the channels can be restored at a much less cost than estimated for by the Department of Public Works work, viz., Rs. 700 for the former and Rs. 1,300 for the latter. I conclude masonry drains to replace the former rubble stone dams were estimated for; and considering the small stream, and that the existing dams along its course are all rough stone, much less costly work than that estimated for would suffice. In this village, two other channels and a tank are fed from rough stone Kandams across this stream, and there are other channels in the village below Talambedu. When the flow fails, springs are opened in the bed of the stream and the supply maintained, but generally there is considerable drainage passing down the stream. The land under the two channels in question was formerly all double crop and invariably so cultivated.

3. I would suggest that if the channels cannot be restored by other means they be granted as Chavatoyi Dasabandam channels to the villagers, who are prepared to undertake the restoration and future maintenance of the same upon a remission in their favor of one-fourth of the assessment—an arrangement similar to that prevailing in many villages of the taluk. They would thus secure irrigation to the lands which are of great value to them; and on the 27.92*

* Acres 24.18 by survey.
acres by the Revenue accounts, assessed at Rs. 259-3-2, or Rs. 9-5-0 per acre for double crop, there would probably be a net saving of Rs. 180 annually to Government allowing the future dry rate to be about Rs. 2-8-0 per acre.

4. The villagers are prepared to take up and restore the channels on these terms and anticipate rendering the same efficient at a very considerable reduction on the estimated cost of

repairs. Their applications in this respect are enclosed. The yearly remission as Chavadayi would probably be Rs. 80 to 90, or 4 per cent. on the estimated cost of repair. The terms are therefore favorable to Government. If granted the irrigation should be distinctly limited to the nunjah or wet area, so that the stream should not be drawn on to a greater extent than formerly, to the detriment of the irrigated land lower down.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

W. S. WHITESIDE,
Collector.

SUBMITTED to Government with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1879, No. 1,393.

2. The present proposal seems advantageous to Government and the Board recommend its adoption.

(True Copies and Extract.)

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with one original enclosure in No. 3,276 of 1879 to be returned,
and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1879, No. 1,393.
Copy to the Collector of North Arcot.
" " Member, Board of Revenue, in charge of Settlement Department.

EX1. A. S. Rodgers.

Kummaragunta Kalva and Rachanapalli Kalva
in Chittur Taluk, in Chittoor Taluk, North
Arcot District. Recommending the adoption
of the proposal of Collector to make over the
to the villages on Chittoor District Revenue.

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PROCEEDINGS, 2ND MARCH 1880, No. 294.

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TO
THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

1880.

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Revenue Dept.

No. 1,393.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd May 1879.

Read the following letter from D. BUICK, Esq., Acting Collector of North Arcot, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittur, 9th May 1879, No. 169:—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith copies of the marginally-noted correspondence, from which you will observe that the three marginally-named irrigation works in the village of Chelapalli in the Chittur Taluk are in their present condition useless for the purpose of affording a supply of water to the lands under them; that the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement and the Executive Engineer of the division concur in the opinion that the works are not worth restoration on behalf of Government; and that the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement proposes that the lands now classed as wet under these works ought to be transferred to dry at the time of the settlement.

2. To enable the Board to decide whether this proposal should be agreed to, I forward herewith for their information a statement showing the ayacut, cultivation, &c., under the above works. This shows that the entire ryots' holding under the channels Kummaragunta and Rachanapalli kalva is yearly cultivated; but this cultivation is carried on, I am informed, almost wholly by means of private wells.

3. Under these circumstances Mr. Whiteside was of opinion that these sources of irrigation ought to be abandoned altogether, that the wet lands under them ought to be transferred to dry, and that the tank-bed lands ought to be classed as dry and put up to auction in convenient lots. I request, therefore, the sanction of the Board of Revenue to act in accordance with his opinion.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From C. W. RUNDALL, Esq., Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, North Arcot, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittur, 22nd November 1878, No. 569-27.

I HAVE the honor to submit for your consideration copy of Supervisor's amsi, No. 63, of 18th instant, with enclosure, relative to the undermentioned irrigation sources of the village of Chelapalli, Chittur Taluk:—

1. Ballapalli kalva.
2. Kummaragunta kalva.
3. Alagappa Dasabandum tank.

Nos. 1 and 2 are represented as no longer effective; they do not now furnish the ayacut under them with any irrigation. The area under the former is all occupied, under the latter occupied in part only. The present cultivation is from wells. The villagers request that the repair of these channels may be undertaken; and should this course be feasible I would suggest that it may be carried out; if impracticable, that the area be transferred to punjah at the time of settlement.

No. 3. It is no use repairing this petty source, and I would recommend the area be adjusted to dry at settlement and so assessed.

(True Copy.)

(Signed)

D. BUICK,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, to C. VINCENT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chittur Division, dated Venkatagirikata, 13th December 1878, No. 476.

In forwarding herewith copy of letter, No. 569-27, dated 22nd ultimo, received from the Deputy Director of Revenue Settlement, I have the honor to request that you will, after inspecting

the several irrigation works therein referred to, which are said to be in a ruined condition, be good enough to favor me with a reply at your early convenience as to whether the repairs of these works may be fairly undertaken by Government and what will be the probable cost of the repairs thereof, or whether the lands thereunder, as suggested by Mr. Randall, may be transferred from wet to dry.

2. The Supervisor of the Settlement Department in his arzi to this officer, referred to in the letter above quoted, has stated that in the latter case the annual dry assessment on the lands above referred to will not be more than Rs 80, whereas if the lands be retained under wet the annual assessment will not be less than Rs. 300.

3. The Tahsildar of Chittur has been directed to send a statement showing the ayaut, ryots' holding, &c., under these works, and on receipt of the same it will be forwarded to you.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosure No. 3.
From C. VINCENT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chittur Division, to W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector of North Arcot, dated Chittur, 25th January 1879, No. 52.

With reference to your letter, No. 476, dated 13th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the sources of irrigation works referred to therein are not worthy of repair for the causes mentioned against their names as stated below.

(1) *Rallapalli Katta* and (2) *Kannuragatta Katta*.—Though these works might be restored at a probable cost of Rs. 700 and Rs. 1,300, which are eight and seven times their revenue respectively, still they are not sufficiently remunerative to Government owing to the want of supply when the tanks above no longer drain into them.

3. *Atagappa Dasabandam Tank*.—This is a very small and insignificant tank not worthy of restoration by the Government.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) D. BUICK,
Acting Collector.

Enclosure No. 4.—Statement.

The area and revenue involved are insignificant; the course proposed is approved.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

To the Acting Collector of North Arcot.
Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.
Ed. C. Howarth.

Irrigation Works — in Cheelapalli village in Chittur Taluk, North Arcot District. — Approving Collector's proposal to abandon certain —, to transfer the wet lands under them to dry, and to put up to auction the tank-bed lands in convenient lots.

MAY.
No. 1,393.

PROCEEDINGS, 23rd May 1879, No. 1,393.

Dated May 23rd
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THE COLLECTOR OF NORTH ARCOT.

To

MADRAS.

Board of Revenue,

1879.

Memo for orders. C N 1511 50/A
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The proposal to transfer the two channels to the ryots in "Chanthayigudi Bandhanam" i.e. on their grounds of wet assessment on their present ayakato, is apparently advantageous to Govt., but it does not appear why the ryots prefer to undertake the upkeep of the works on this condition; while, by accepting the proposal first sanctioned by the Bd., they shd have had to pay subject to the same liability by dry assessment which is less. The first proposal does not involve the abandonment of the works; in both cases while their upkeep devolves on the ryots, the first proposal only gives them the use of the channels subject to the payment of dry assessment. It does not seem unlikely that the ryots have not

understood either proposal
correctly.

2 The statement which
forms an enclosure to the
Collis first letter is not very
clear. The actual cultivation
under the channels is
shown to be nearly 100
acres against *ayakato* comprising
 $21\frac{1}{2}$ acres. It might perhaps
be inferred from coln 10
(*Tiravastu*), that it is dry
land outside the channel
ayakato; but the Collis
says (para 2 of his first letter)
that the entire *nyots*
holding under the two
channels is yearly culti-
-vated, almost wholly by
means of private wells.
If it is all dry land, it
does not appear why it
is shown here nor why
Tiravastu has been levied
on cultivation under private
wells.

3 It is suggested that
further information should
be called for on the
points above indicated.

C. L. M.
Hampden
Report to the
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Am. H. H. H. H.

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