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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

8th May 1880, No. 524.

No. 50. READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th January 1880, No. 117.

ABSTRACT.—Submitting letter from Collector furnishing information required regarding remission of assessment on account of water supplied by the Irrigation Canal Company, Kurnool District, with Board's remarks thereon.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1880, No. 524.

Irrigation, No. 2.

THE Government sanction trial of the scheme subject to report at the end of two years.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.

the Public Works Dept.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 117.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th January 1880.

Read the following letter from C. J. CROSTHWAITE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd September 1879, No. 333:—

ADVERTING to the Board's Miscellaneous Proceedings of the 27th ultimo, No. 8,073, at the foot of G.O., No. 1,526, dated 22nd July last, I have the honor to invite the Board's attention to the correspondence embodied in their Proceedings, No. 48, dated 8th January 1878, and to explain that the large remission of Rs. 2,220 referred to in paragraph 3 of the abovementioned order of Government was made, not because of the insufficiency of the Company's supplemental supply of water to the Nandyal tank as observed by Government, but because Mr. Foster had promised to remit the Government water-rate of Rs. 4 on such wet lands under the tank as had been irrigated direct from the canal.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., dated 22nd July 1879, No. 1,526.

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3. A statement* is appended showing the revenue realized in ordinary years when no canal water was supplied, and that collected in the years in which the supply was supplemented *minus* the price paid to the Company. From this it will be seen that even supposing that the necessity for the supply of canal water occurs once in every five years, the proposed scheme is not likely to prove more profitable to Government than the existing system from a pecuniary point of view; but the main object of the proposals is not to ensure Government against loss under the present system, but to utilise canal water to the utmost and furnish the ryots with a permanently improved supply which will ensure abundant crops and increase their prosperity.

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Government Order above quoted, the Board observe that there is no legal obstacle, except in the case of mamool wet Inams, to the enforcement of payment of the charge, as the Civil Courts cannot question the Government rates of assessment for land and water. In the case of mamool wet Inams, the extra charge imposed is small (Rs. 2 an acre) and, considering that the supply will be rendered less precarious, it is not likely that any objection will be raised by the Inamdars.

5. Adverting to paragraph 2 of the Government Order, the Board observe that the charge of Rs. 2 proposed to be borne by Government must be paid from the General Revenue derived from the wet lands under the tanks, and from the difference between the water-rate (Rs. 6) charged by Government for second crop, and dry converted into wet, and that (Rs. 4) paid by them to the Company. How far the supply of canal water will extend second crop cultivation, and promote conversion of dry into wet, the Board have no means of judging at present, but they trust that the extension will not be inconsiderable.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with a statement in M.S.
and copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 8th January 1878, No. 48.
.. Collector of Kurnool, with a statement in M.S.
Exd. A. Grubert.

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THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated May 8th.

Printed 14th.

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G.O., 8th May 1880, No. 521.

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No. 50-51.

Remission of Assessment—on account of water supplied to the Irrigation Canal Company, Kurnool District.—Sanctioning trial of the scheme regarding —, subject to a report at the end of two years.

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(Signed)
The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras.
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 Acting Secretary.

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No. 48.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th January 1878.

Read the following letter from R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th December 1877, No. 1,061 :—

I HAVE the honor to submit copies of correspondence that has passed between me and the General Deputy Collector, Ramachandra Row, with regard to the remissions of the Government water-rate on lands under four tanks in the Nandial Taluq, and to request instructions on the point raised.

2. In his letter, No. 126, dated 5th October 1876 (copy enclosed), the Collector, Mr. Foster, directed the Deputy Collector to inform the ryots that when the supply of the tank failed they might take water direct from the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, and he promised in such cases to remit the Government water-rate of 4 Rs. an acre. Accordingly several ryots holding lands under four tanks, viz., those of Nandial, Kanala, Iyavarikodur, and Biyapakodur, did take water from the Company in the manner directed, and the Deputy Collector has recently issued instructions to remit the Government water-rate on the first crop in such cases, leaving the ryots to pay to the Company the usual charge of 6 Rupees an acre.

3. The order of Mr. Foster seems to me to be opposed both to the Canal Rules and also to G.O., No. 1,294, dated 9th October 1874. The proper course would have been for the Collector to have requested the Canal Officers to have filled the tank, and when that had been done the charges for crops raised under it would have been regulated by paragraph 4 of the Government Order above mentioned.

4. The Deputy Collector urges that because the water was taken direct from the Company and not stored in the tanks, the Government Order in question does not apply. I do not agree with him; paragraph 5 says clearly "that when the ordinary supply of the tank is supplemented from the canal the assessment will be raised in the proportion above noted."

5. At the same time it will be very hard upon the ryots, and will amount to breaking faith with them if, after the Collector's distinct assurance that the 4 Rupees water-rate will be remitted, we now demand it. I recommend that the remissions be granted. The Deputy Collector does not mention the amount of revenue involved, though he says it is not large; however this does not affect the question.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, to A. RAMACHENDRA, ROW, Special Deputy Collector of Nandial, dated 5th October 1876, No. 126.

THE south-west monsoon having failed, the supply of water to many of the Government tanks and channels has also failed. As the ryots who occupy wet lands under these works of irrigation might be anxious to obtain canal water for the irrigation of their lands direct from the Company, I have thought it advisable to remit to such ryots the Government water-rate, viz., Rupees 4 per acre, on their wet lands. These ryots will have to pay the Company their water-rate according to rules. I have the honor, therefore, to request you will be good enough to make this known to the ryots generally, and also encourage them to utilize the canal water where Government irrigation works have failed.

(True Copy)

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Asst. Collector,
For Acting Collector.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,

REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

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Dated January 24th.

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Remission of Assessment — on account of water supplied by the Irrigation Canal Company, Kurnool District. — Submitting letter from Collector furnishing information requested regarding — with Board's remarks thereon.

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ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From A. RAMACHENDRA ROW, Deputy Collector of Nandial, to the Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated Chagahaurry, 26th October 1877, No. 258.

Your office letter, No. 126, dated 5th October 1876.

I have the honor to state that I have issued instructions to the Tahsildars of Nandial and Sirwell to remit Rupees 4 on the first crop on wet lands under Government tanks, which, owing to the failure of water in the said tanks, were irrigated *direct* by canal water either through the tank sluices or otherwise.

Nandial Taluq.

1. Nandial.

2. Kanala.

3. Iyavarikodur.

4. Biyyapakodur.

Sirwell Taluq.

1. Chintakunta.

* No. 1,294, dated 9th October 1874.

water, for which Government pays the Company at 1,410 cubic yards per rupee.

4. I request that, should you see any objection to my orders on the subject of the remissions in question, which have been based on your office letter above quoted, you will be pleased to instruct me accordingly.

5. Copies of my takeeds to both the Tahsildars above alluded to are herewith submitted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Asst. Collector,
For Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 3.

From C. J. KNOX, Esq., Special Assistant Collector in charge, Kurnool, to the Deputy Collector of Nandial, dated 21st November 1877, No. 2,501.

Your docket of 26th October 1877, No. 258.

I have the honor to observe that your orders based on Mr. Foster's letter are opposed to G.O., No. 1,294, dated 9th October 1874.

2. I request that you will cancel the orders, and if you think there are sufficient reasons for a departure from the Government Order in this case, you can make a special reference stating the reasons, and the matter will then be submitted to the Board.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Asst. Collector,
For Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.

From A. RAMACHENDRA ROW, Deputy Collector of Nandial, to R. DAVIDSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kurnool, dated 29th November 1877, No. 123.

With reference to your letter, No. 2,501, dated the 21st instant, I have the honor to request you will be pleased to reconsider the subject of the cancellation of the orders therein alluded to under the following circumstances.

2. The first-crop lands on which the water-rate of 4 Rupees was ordered to be remitted under Mr. Foster's orders are situated under the tanks noted in the margin.

1. Nandial.

2. Kanala.

3. Iyavarikodur.

4. Biyyapakodur.

5. Chintakunta.

3. The tanks were not *filled* by the Company to supply water to the lands, but the ryots were allowed the option of obtaining a *direct* supply of running water from the canal under the rules, just as the tanks had no existence, and they did apply accordingly to the Company *direct* and got the water to their lands through the tank sluices in the majority of cases, while in Chintakunta the owners of certain plots were supplied direct from the Company's channels. The ryots agreed to pay the 6 Rupees rates to the Company, like other lands irrigated by the

canal, as there was not a drop of water in any of the tanks; and under these circumstances the Government Order,† which entirely has reference to *tank filling*, does not seem to be applicable.

† No. 1,294, dated 9th October 1874.

4. If the ryots had not been allowed this opportunity of utilizing the canal water when the natural supply in the tanks failed, the result would have been, in a season of severe distress, the entire abandonment of cultivation on those lands by the ryots, and the consequent sacrifice of even the land assessment to Government.

5. It appears, therefore, advisable to obtain the sanction, if necessary, of the Board of Revenue for the remissions promised by Mr. Foster, which are not large.

6. I beg to add that in my letter,* to which your communication under reference is a reply, I have treated separately tank lands of both classes, viz., the first-crop lands which received a direct supply of running water from the canal, and, secondly, the second-crop lands which were irrigated *after tank filling*, and which were charged with rates under the Government Order quoted.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) C. J. KNOX,
Special Asst. Collector,
For Acting Collector.

The Collector has correctly indicated the course which should have been adopted, but as the ryots acted on Mr. Foster's promise of remission, no charge can now be made.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of Kurnool.

Edw. A. F. Goodall.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

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Remissions of Government Water-rate—on lands under four tanks in Nandial Taluk, Kurnool District.—Passing orders on letter from Collector forwarding correspondence between himself and General Deputy Collector regarding —.

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From Revenue Board

Dated 24th January 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

Submitted for orders with reference
to G.O. 22nd July 1879 no. 1526
and the Hon. Members' notes
on which it was based.

Is? Junction Train?
of the scheme -
[Signature]

Note. The matter seems to
stand thus.
At present the report
has always $\frac{2}{3}$ of what
the

the Company charge.

Therefore if 2 Rs is the charge Court. has now to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of Rs 2. In future when the charge is Rs 2 or less Court. will pay nothing but everything over this amount up to the maximum of Rs 4 will be paid by Court.

But under no circumstances can Court be asked to pay more than formerly as when water was then taken for a whole season they had to pay $\frac{1}{3}$ of Rs 6 or 2 Rs per acre.

July 1871

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FOR ORDERS.

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Revised with
a note with ref. to
H. G. McFarmer
St. Louis, Mo.

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