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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

12th March 1858

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

No. 330.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 12th March 1858.

In an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of this day's date, No. 329, the Government have resolved to depute a Revenue officer to Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, specially to ascertain in communication with the District Engineers, the actual area irrigated in a certain number of villages under the influence of the Godavery and Kistnah Annicuts, in order to set at rest the controversy which has for sometime been carried on regarding the results which should have been obtained from the outlay incurred on these two works.

2. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to select Mr. Banbury, the Additional Sub-Collector and Joint Magistrate of North Arcot, for this duty, and to direct that officer immediately to proceed to Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, and to place himself in communication with the Collectors of those districts and with Captain Rundall and Lieutenant Chambers, and to make immediate arrangements for the performance of the duty on which he is now deputed.

3. A copy of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation above referred to will be furnished to Mr. Banbury, to the Collectors by the Board of Revenue, to Captain Rundall and Lieutenant Chambers by the Chief Engineer, and they will report the result of their enquiry to the Board of Revenue, by whom it will be submitted to Government.

4. While employed on this duty, Mr. Banbury will draw the extra tent allowance of his grade, and will charge his travelling expenses in a contingent bill.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Chief Engineer.
" Accountant General.
" Civil Auditor.
Mr. G. Banbury.

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Revenue Department.

No

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th October 1857.

Read letter from the Ag Collector of Masulipatam, dated the 17th August 1857 seeking explanation of the Principle on which an extra Teerwa is to be levied on account of Irrigation supplied by the Kistna Anicut.

(Here enter No 1571)

The Ag Collector is informed that it is contemplated to commence the survey of Masulipatam at an early period; when the permanent taxation of the lands benefiting by the Kistna Anicut will be considered and settled. In the mean-time, it is the wish of Government, as expressed in regard to the Districts of Rajahmundry and Guntur that a Return for their expenditure shall be obtained in respect to Talooks hitherto unirrigated by means of a Water Rate.

2. In fixing this it is not desirable that Mr Knox should enter into lengthened calculations, with a view to ascertain what is requisite to pay the interest of the capital expended. It will be better that he should be guided by the course already adopted in Guntur - modified, if necessary, to suit any peculiar circumstances existing in the District of Masulipatam.

3. By the Minutes Consultation of Government under date the 21st August 1856 No 883 Revenue Department it was provided that the

the charge for the Ancient Water for a single Crop should be Rupees 2-8 per Acre, and that a like sum in addition should be paid when a second Crop is cultivated, making a total of Rupees 5-4 for the two Crops. But the full charge might be avoided by any Ryot undertaking to pay a consolidated rate of 4 Rupees per Acre for whether 2 Crops might happen to be cultivated or not and it was to be left to his judgment whether to pay for each Crop separately and thus avoid the risk of loss by failure of water for a 2d Crop, or to pay the consolidated rate, and thus gain a reduction of Rupees if a 2d Crop should be raised. The above Rates it is to be understood were to be levied in addition to the Poonjah Assessment.

6. The Rates thus sanctioned for Guntoor are so moderate that the Board entertain some fear that the total Demand on the land, Poonjah & Water inclusive, may fall short of the Assessment which will be fixed at the Survey, when discontent may be excited if the Tax be raised. As this

this Districts are contiguous they will not however require the imposition of any higher rates, unless Mr Knox deems it desirable.

5. In the Talooks of Guntoor already partly irrigated it was proposed by Mr Newill the Ag Collector to adhere to the existing system of fixed Tarums for the irrigated lands and Government entirely approved of the plan as being in accordance with the present custom and because to apply a water rate to the newly irrigated lands, retaining the existing usage in the case of the old lands, would involve the inconvenience and confusion of two contrary systems in the same Villages. With the application of a Water Rate to the old irrigated lands would be a total subversion of existing engagements between the Government and the Ryots and involve the labour of ascertaining the value of every field irrigated for many years past on the supposition of its being unirrigated. In general, it was observed there would be old Poonjah land in

every

For the convenience

every Village and this land and the assess-
ment which it pays would afford a stand-
-ard by which to value the land newly
irrigated. The method of determining the
assessment of the newly irrigated land
in these Talooks was to be left to Mr Newill's
discretion.

6. It appears to the Board that the
course thus sanctioned will very probably
answer equally well for the Talooks already
partially irrigated in Masulipatam, and
if Mr Howse is of the same opinion he can
follow it - if otherwise, he will be pleased
to report to the Board the circumstances
which in his opinion render its adoption
objectionable, and the system he would
recommend to be substituted.

7. One further instruction is necessary
in regard to the lands referred to in the
preceding Para. Although the present Munjah
Peiwah is not for the present to be raised
on account of the improvement of the Irriga-
-tion. An additional assessment should be
levied on land now assessed for a single
Crop - when a second Crop is cultivated.

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8. In concluding these Proceedings
the Board would express their earnest de-
-sire for a speedy report from the Ag=
Collector of the extent of land in the Ma-
-sulipatam District to which irrigation
has been extended by means of the Kistna
Anicut, and if any taxation hitherto
imposed on this account. The Report
should contain a narrative shewing the dates
on which the Anicut and Channels were
completed and a supply of water provided
from them severally, and also the dates on
which it was applied to the several Villages.

/a true Extract/
/sigd/ J. D. Sim
Asst Secretary.

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Asst Secretary.

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No. 330

Extract from the Min. of Consultation under date the 12 March 1858.

Re an extract from the Minutes of Consultation of this day date No. 329 the Government have resolved to depute a Person Officer to Dijon. Mundy and Deakin to Calais, Specially to accelerate & in connection with the District Engineer, the actual area visited in certain number of Districts under the influence of the Gorhamer and Richard arrivals, in order to set at rest the customers Rich Co. in connection

Sir am Extract from the Org. Secretary to the Board of Revenue the Orders contained in Consultation dated 23rd January 1858. No. 337

Copy. R. 11/8/58.

Records Copy to the Org. Calls & Mogan Shaw dated 8th October 1858. Mustering the Services [illegible] Mariners.

Bundy in Kitchener is not
defended.

A copy of the cabinet
from the minutes of con-
-sultation above referred
to will be furnished to Sir
Bowlby & the Solicitor by Messrs Wm
Sullivan, & Cattlan
Bundas & Lieut. Hawker,
by the first
and they will report to
Colonel & the inquiry
to the Board of Pensions
& forward it will be sub-
-mitted to Govt.

While employed on
Railway
Residency at Seremban
during the cholera epidemic
-vasion of 1882 his grade &
pay changed his travelling
allowances were continued

Bill

R.A. Copy to Mr Bantry
Esq R.E. 12th
& Colonel Sir Roger Kerr

Solution of Morocco
bitts & water

Sir

Lieut Colonel Sir Roger Kerr
Kindly, and obtain
Bail Office immediately
thereafter to Rajahmundry
& Samalkotah, and
to place himself in com-
-munication with the Ch.
Bundall and Lieut Cham-
-bers, and to make im-
-mediate arrangements

Copy sent as Encl. to Lr. No. 1 to E.
of 12th August 1858 - No. 21.

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No. 330

Extract Letter of Govt.
Dated 12th March 1858.

From J. M. B. Dystar
Esqr. on Special
Duty, Patna 31 Jany
1859. Encl. 236, Cons.

No. 101

Directing Mr. Barbour
the Asst. Sub-Collr. & Joint Magis-
trate of North Arcot to pro-
ceed to Royapauram by Madras
Capstan to ascertain com-
municate per the Collr. &
Dist. Engr. of those Districts the
advantages arising in certain
number of Villages under the
influence of the Coleroon
& Kistnah annicuts works
to set at rest the contro-
versy which has for some
time been carried on re-
garding the Results which
should be obtained from
the working of annicuts on
the works.—