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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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4th February 1869.*

No. 136. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 30th December 1868, No. 3,209 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd December 1868.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Godavery :—

(Here enter 19th December 1868, No. 321.)

From the Acting Sub-Collector, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Rajahmundry, 8th December 1868, No. 93.

1. I have the honour to bring to your notice the extremely unsatisfactory state of the irrigation works in the Yernagudem Talook.

2. Taking these in the order of my tour through the talook, the first is the Chinna Tadapalligudum tank, which was to some extent patched up last year, but which might, with comparatively trifling expenditure, be rendered capable of irrigating a large tract of land at present lying waste.

3. From this I proceeded through Nallacherla to Pedda Pothavaram, two miles from which is Anumullanka on the Yerra Calwa, the proposed site of an anicut. Judging from the general features of the country, I fear that this scheme is impracticable, but this can only be determined by a system of levels.

4. Next comes the Taduvoyyi tank, the feeding channel to which was breached some years ago. Last year a new channel was commenced, but for some reason or other unknown, discontinued. The work, so far as it had been carried on, is of no practical use whatever, a further outlay however of a few hundred rupees would render it in the highest degree beneficial.

5. A few miles north of the Taduvoyyi tank is the very extensive and ruined tank of Ganapavaram and Rontagudem, this tank burst in the cyclone year, and has been allowed to remain in *statu quo* ever since. The village is almost deserted, and acres upon acres of land formerly cultivated with paddy crops are being re-converted into jungle. The tank is an enormous work, and the ruins of some fine old temples in the village show that this was once a place of importance. It is now a wretched hamlet.

6. At Ramanapalem I visited the Bindacattu, which was completed last year, so far as it goes the work is excellent, but it is almost useless owing to its being built at too low a level. If the work will stand the extra strain, I would strongly urge that it be raised from four to five feet, the cost thereof to be defrayed, as before, by the proprietor and Government jointly.

7. Another important work which has been allowed to fall into disrepair since years is the Nagavaram tank, this appears in the map as a large sheet of water, but I found to my astonishment merely a small pool of water, and the bed of the tank itself overgrown with jungle. The lands under this work are partly proprietary and partly Government. The proprietors are well alive to their interests, and will readily undertake a proportionate share of the expenditure incurred in restoring the tank.

8. Throughout the talook, I may venture to say, that, little or nothing has been done for years towards the maintenance in an efficient state of the irrigation works, and this year, owing to the total failure of the north-east monsoon, the scarcity of water even for drinking purposes is beginning to press severely upon the people.

Govt. of 1869, Rajahmundry.

REVENUE.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Recd. Rajahmundry, 11th Dec.

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9. I must not, however, omit to mention that the Executive Engineer, Mr. Andrews, accompanied me during a portion of my tour, and is, I believe, going to prepare estimates and plans for most of the works alluded to.

10. The works in the Poddanna and Poddanna

10. The works in the Peddapur and Rajahmundry Talooks are, I fear, little better than those in the Yernagudem Talook. Some of the villages in the northern portion of the Peddapur Talook, have, I hear, already been deserted by their inhabitants owing to the prevailing scarcity of water.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board are glad to observe that though there has been an extensive failure of crops, the Collector does not apprehend any distress from the scarcity of food.

3. Water is, however, reported to be very scarce, and the Board recommend a grant of Rupees 15,000 to begin with to enable the Collector to assist the villagers in sinking wells in favorable localities.

4. Mr. Fraser applies for some of the Norton's Tube Wells, but these are not suitable for the purposes of regularly supplying a large daily demand, nor are they likely, so far as experience has shown, to answer for searching for water in localities where rock and stone are common.

5. The Board consider it very desirable that repairs should be commenced to some of the works reported to be in such a ruinous condition, and the Collector should expedite the transmission of estimates for the same.

6. Proposals too should be made for roads from the Local Fund where there are openings for the works of this description, such as would afford employment to those whose crops have extensively failed and be of future utility.
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7. Further reports should give more, in detail, the state of the villagers and the character of the season compared with that of other years.

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THE Collector of Godavery will be informed by telegraph that the Government authorize the special expenditure of Rupees 15,000 in the manner proposed by him and recommended by the Board.

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2. The Board will, however, be requested to consider, after communication with Mr. Fraser on the subject, whether the whole or a portion of the outlay now sanctioned should not be recovered, in subsequent years, from the villagers, and the best method in which this can be done.

3. As Mr. Fraser has expressed a wish for the Norton's Tube Wells, the Government authorize the Board to comply with his request so far as the pumps are available. Unless more than one driving apparatus can be sent, it will not be desirable to forward more than five pumps.

4. The remarks of the Acting Sub-Collector on the state of the irrigation works in the Yernagudem talook will be considered in the Department Public Works.

5. The instructions contained in the two concluding paragraphs of the Board's Proceedings are approved ; Mr. Fraser should be careful to keep the Board and

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Government fully informed of the condition of his district by periodical reports in addition to the weekly telegrams now sent.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 137.

ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1869, No. 366.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

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Communicated to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division, who will report specifically on the several irrigation works in the Yernagudem Talook of the Godavery District, which are referred to by name by the Acting Sub-Collector, and generally on the irrigation works of that and the Peddapoor and Rajahmundry Talooks, submitting, where necessary, estimates for the restoration or repair of such of them as it may be found to be advantageous to put into order.

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Colonel, R. E.,
Government.

To the Superintendent Engineer, 1st Division.
 " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

1st Division.

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Date: 1st May 1869.

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FEBRUARY.

Nos. 136-137

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Irrigation Works.—The Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division requested to report specifically on irrigation works in certain talooks of the Godavery District, submitting, where necessary, estimates for the restoration or repair of such of them as it may be found advantageous to put into order.

With Order
at 300 8 Feb.