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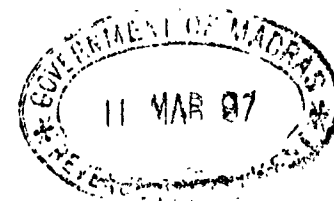
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Reviewing the progress report
from the Special Deputy
Collector - for the quarter
ending 30th September 1896.

note The work done in connection
with the construction of distributaries
does not appear to be satisfactory. The
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BOARD OF REVENUE (REV. SETT., L. RDS. AND AGRI.), 18TH FEB. 1897, No. 141.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE (REVENUE SETTLEMENT, LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE).

READ—the following paper :—

Letter from the Special Deputy Collector, Madura, to the Collector of Madura, dated 31st October 1896, Dis. No. 269.

With reference to paragraph 2 of your foot-note Ref. on C. No. 1640-Gl., dated 27th June 1896, to B.P., dated 15th June 1896, Mis. No. 2726, I have the honour to submit my first progress report in connection with the special work entrusted to me for the period ending 30th September 1896.

2. I assumed charge of the special work on the 13th April last, and the Special Tahsildar entered on his duties on the 19th June. Two of my three Special Revenue Inspectors commenced to work from 1st May last and the third Revenue Inspector joined his special duty on the 6th July.

3. Arrangements were first made to see where the ryots were ready to begin converting dry into wet in order that the distributaries may first be laid out there. With this object in view my Revenue Inspectors were made to visit the villages where there are large tracts of dry land fit to be cultivated with wet crops. They visited about fifty villages and, after inspecting the lands and taking statements from the villagers, reported what was necessary for the conversion of dry into wet. Generally, the ryots seem to be willing to convert their dry lands into wet.

4. With a view to instruct the people to change the cultivation season, as recommended by the Commissioner in B.P., dated 22nd February 1896, No. 29 (R.S., L.R. and Agri.), the Collectors of the districts of Tinnevely, Tanjore and Trichinopoly were requested to take statements from the intelligent ryots and report as to the practice prevailing in their districts as to the season and mode of cultivation, the nature of crops raised and manure used, &c. On receipt of their replies, a notice was published in the District Gazette with the several statements received from the three adjoining districts. Copies of these were also freely distributed among the people and the Special Tahsildar and myself visited the villages and personally explained these to the ryots. Water, however, came only at the end of June, and as the tanks had to be filled one after another by surplus arrangements, it took a long time to fill them, and even now, some have not received supply. Besides, owing to the disappointments in February and March last, the Public Works Department were unable to say beforehand when water may be expected, and the ryots were not in a position to begin cultivation operations before they actually saw water. I do not therefore expect that in many cases the change of season and crops recommended would be in this year followed by the ryots.

5. Disposal of Darkhasts. —There are 133 ryotwari villages at present affected by the Periyar project, 100 in Madura taluk and 33 in Melur taluk. Darkhast memoranda

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and lists were received for 91 villages in Madura taluk and 33 in Mēlūr taluk. The number of villages in which darkhasts were disposed of before the end of September was 97, as shown below :—

Officer by whom applications were enquired into.	Madura taluk.	Mēlūr taluk.	Total.
Villages in which there are no darkhasts ..	15	..	15
Villages in which applications were enquired into by the Special Deputy Collector ..	17	20	37
Villages in which applications were enquired into by the Special Tahsildar ..	40	5	45
Total number of villages disposed of ..	72	25	97

Of the remaining 36 villages, darkhasts in 15 villages have been subsequently enquired into, and the remaining villages will also be taken up shortly.

6. *Disposal of Applications for Loans.*—The sanction of the Government of India reducing the minimum loan grantable under the Loans Act to Rs. 20 was communicated to me at the end of June and long before that, as soon as I joined my appointment, strenuous efforts were made by me and my subordinates and the regular staff of the two taluks to explain to the ryots the advantages of State loans, and in spite of our efforts, no applications were received till the end of June. The ryots had grave doubts of the success of the project, and were looking to the advent of Periyār water. It came after all at the end of June. It was only after the ryots saw the Periyār water actually flowing in the channels, applications began to come in. Two hundred and sixteen applications involving an amount of Rs. 22,775 have been received. Of these, fifteen applications involving an amount of Rs. 1,945 were disposed of before the end of September 1896. The remaining applications have been forwarded to the Special Revenue Inspectors for preliminary enquiry and they will be disposed of promptly. In the case of applications accepted, a sum of Rs. 995 was advanced before the end of September as first instalment.

7. *Laying out of Distributaries.*—The alignment of distributaries under the 2nd, 4th and 9th branch channels was made by the Public Works Department only in the latter part of June. Applications for the acquisition of land required for 74 distributaries were made by the Public Works Department during the period. The lands were promptly measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors and draft declarations and schedule submitted to you without delay. Declarations for 72 distributaries were submitted for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* during the period, making a total length of 35 miles and covering 60 acres. Of these, 28 were published within the period and the lands covered by them were also handed over to the Public Works Department within the period. Compensation for lands taken up for six out of the 28 distributaries was also settled and payments made to the parties before the end of September. Declarations for 35 distributaries have since been published in the *Gazette*, and the lands covered by them will be handed over to the Public Works Department very soon. No alignment of distributaries has yet been made by the Public Works Department in the Mēlūr taluk, and the Special Executive Engineer has been addressed on the subject. Lands required for a portion of the 12th branch channel were marked out by the Public Works Department and they have been measured and draft declaration and schedule submitted recently.

8. *Arrangements for utilizing the Water.*—The regulation of water entirely rests with the Public Works Department, and my sphere of duty in this respect is to bring to their notice where water is wanted and can be taken, and to render them assistance as far as possible. Periyār water was first let into the tanks that could get a supply direct from the channels and those tanks that could not get supplies direct from the channels were also filled one after another from the surplus of other tanks. The number of Government tanks thus supplied was 151 in Madura taluk and 211 in Mēlūr taluk. As there are no branch channels for a great portion of Mēlūr taluk, the ryots of some

villages where Periyār water cannot easily go, came to me, and, with the kind permission of the Special Executive Engineer, I have arranged for their making at their own cost cuts or small water-courses from tanks already filled and taking Periyār water to their tanks.

9. As regards the supply of water to zemin and inam tanks a notification was published in the District Gazette with reference to B.P., dated 29th May 1896, Mis. No. 2600. A notice was sent to each inamdar and zemindar and copies were sent to the village officers to publish the contents to the tenants. The Public Works Department officers and the regular division establishment and the special establishment also explained it to the villagers when they went on circuit. The proprietors of three or four villages applied for water as soon as it came. But the rest held aloof alleging that the rate of Rs. 4 an acre for first crop was rather high, as it was more than what the adjoining *ayan* ryots had to pay as increased assessment, and as it was in addition to the assessment, the tenants had to pay to the proprietors. The proprietors were generally averse to applying for Periyār water, as they expect to derive no benefit from it. After you gave permission to accept the applications of the tenants, some zemin and inam villagers applied for water, making in all 27 villages, having a wet ayakat of 4,215 acres. My special report on the subject will be submitted shortly.

10. *Prospects of Extension of Wet Cultivation.*—In about forty cases, the ryots applied for Periyār water to convert their dry lands into wet and their applications were granted. Some more applications were received in this office and they have been forwarded to the Special Executive Engineer. As soon as the distributaries are laid out, there will be every prospect of extension of wet cultivation.

11. *General remarks.*—Madura is the head-quarters of the Special Tahsildar and Special Revenue Inspectors, and the latter are sent out wherever there is heavy work. The Special Revenue Inspectors are at present solely engaged in the measurement of lands required for distributaries and in making preliminarily enquiries on applications for loans. The Special Tahsildar assists me in the disposal of darkhasts and in the settlement of claims to compensation for lands taken up for the channels. He is also making preliminarily enquiries on applications for loans above Rs. 500.

12. A tabular statement is also enclosed.

ENCLOSURE.

Tabular statement showing the progress made by the Special Deputy Collector, Madura, in connection with the special work entrusted to him for the period ending 30th September 1896.

Name of taluke in charge.	Disposal of darkhasts.		Applications for loans.				Laying out of distributaries.						Utilization of Periyár water.		
	Number of villages in which darkhasts were enquired into.		Number of applications received.	Amount involved.	Number of applications disposed of.	Amount involved.	Number of distributaries for which applications were received.	Number of distributaries which were measured.	Total length measured.	Number of distributaries for which declarations were published in the Fort St. George Gazette.	Number of distributaries for which lands were handed over to the Public Works Department.	Number of distributaries for which compensation was paid to parties.	Number of Gov-ernment tanks supplied with Periyár water.	Zemin and inam tanks supplied with Periyár water.	
	By the Special Deputy Collector.	By the Special Tahsildar.													
1	2		3			4					5		Wet ayakat tanks. in acres.		
Madura	17	40	161	Rs. 19,345	13	Rs. 1,885	74	72	35	72	28	6		151	27
Melur	20	5	55	8,430	2	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	211	..	
Total ..	37	45	216	22,775	15	1,945	74	72	35	72	28	6	362	27	
† Add the number of villages in which there are no darkhasts Total .. 97															

• Vide accompanying letter.

Endorsement by J. TWIGG, Esq., Collector of Madura, dated 8th November 1896, Dis. No. 3840.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, with reference to paragraph 2 of B.P., dated 15th June 1896, Mis. No. 2726.

2. No remarks are called for as the difficulties that stand in the way of an immediate extension of wet cultivation are well understood.

Endorsement by R. C. C. CARR, Esq., Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, dated 13th November 1896, No.

Transferred to the Settlement Department.

RESOLUTION—dated 18th February 1897, No. 141.

With the endorsement read above, the Collector of Madura submits, with reference to paragraph 2 of the B.P., dated 15th June 1896, Mis. No. 2726 (Land Revenue), the progress report of the Special Deputy Collector, Periyár Irrigation, for the quarter ending 30th September 1896.

2. The Special Deputy Collector entered upon his duties on the 13th April, and the Special Tahsildar on the 19th June. Two of the Special Revenue Inspectors commenced work from 1st May and the third from 6th July. These officers visited several villages in view to ascertain what was necessary for the conversion of dry lands into wet, and strenuous efforts were made by the special and the regular staff of the two taluks to explain to the ryots the advantages of taking State loans for effecting such conversion. The Special Deputy Collector and Tahsildar also visited several villages and explained to the ryots the advantages of changing the cultivation season. As, however, the water reached the tanks rather late in the year, the Deputy Collector thinks that the ryots will not in many cases adopt the change recommended this year.

3. Out of 216 applications for loans for Rs. 22,775 received up to the end of September last, only 15 applications, involving an amount of Rs. 1,945, have been disposed of by the Deputy Collector up to 30th September last, the remaining applications having been forwarded to the Special Revenue Inspectors for enquiry. These should be disposed of with the least possible delay.

4. The Special Deputy Collector disposed of darkhast applications relating to 37 villages, while the Tahsildar disposed of those relating to 45 villages. Including the 15 villages in the Madura taluk in which there were no darkhasts, the total number of villages disposed of amounted to 97 against 124 villages for which darkhasts had been received.

5. The progress made in the construction of the distributaries is not satisfactory. This is a matter which rests entirely with the Public Works Department, and the attention of that department has recently been drawn to it in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 654, Rev., dated 21st November 1896. Declarations for the acquisition of lands required for 72 distributaries were submitted to Government for publication in the Fort St. George Gazette, and of these, those relating to 28 distributaries were published during the period covered by the report. As regards the remainder, declarations for 35 distributaries are stated to have since been published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

6. The Special Deputy Collector's report as regards the supply of water to inam and zemindari tanks promised in the concluding sentence of paragraph 9 of his report will be awaited.

(True Copy and Extract.)

R. V. Srinivasan
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Collector of Madura.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Copy to the Land Revenue Department.

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