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DATED 24th April 99

[Despatch Abstract.]

Comng. the Bd. of Rev. G.O. P.W. Dept. passing orders relative to the steps to be taken in connection with the interference with the spared byewash of the Sappetla tank, Cuddapah Dt.

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To the Board of Rev (Land Rev) 9-4-99.
" " (Rev. Sett).

Interference with the paved byewash of the Tappetla tank, Cuddapah District

Passing orders relative to the steps to be taken in connection with the —.

Note
Rep. W. Draft order was communicated to the Rev Dept.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

READ—the following papers:—

From the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, dated 29th October 1898, No. 2786 I.
To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), dated 10th November 1898, No. 358 M.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 3383, dated 30th November 1898.
To the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, dated 10th December 1898, No. 59 C.D.
From the " III " " 10th January 1899, " 175 I.

No. 41 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

The case reported by the Superintending Engineer, III Circle, is that some persons have removed some of the stones in the paved byewash, 87 feet long, of the Tappetla tank, Cuddapah district, and have formed an unauthorized crest to raise the F.T.L. of the tank.

An estimate, amounting to Rs. 680, was submitted to the Superintending Engineer which provided for repacking the stones and building a body wall in front and a retaining wall in rear. In the absence of particulars of the estimate it is presumed the greater part of its provisions was connected with the two walls to be built.

The Collector was asked to punish the offenders and he replied that the Public Works Department should ascertain who the culprits were and prosecute.

The matter having been referred to the Board of Revenue, the latter drew attention to its Proceedings marginally noted, in which it advised that the responsibility of village officers should be enforced and rewards offered for convictions.

* Mis. No. 547, dated 12th February 1897.

In P.M.G., No. 83 I., dated 31st January 1898, it is said that Government as at present advised considers that there is no legal objection to charging a penal assessment "when water is taken surreptitiously to wet lands by interfering with regulators, sluices or dams" and that in "the opinion of the Government the prevalence of such unlawful interference in the irrigation systems of the Coimbatore district is a sufficient reason for imposing such a rate on the lands benefited."

The Superintending Engineer urges that this order covers the case he reported, viz., the forming of a raised crest on a paved byewash stones having been removed. The raising of the F.T.L. of the tank would be the means of storing more water than authorized.

The intentions of Government in P.M.G., No. 83 I., dated 11th January 1898, are not quite clear.

(Signed) W. HUGHES,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

22nd February 1899.

ORDER—No. 315 I., dated 29th March 1899.

The orders passed in P.M.G., No. 83 I., dated 31st January 1898, in the Coimbatore case were not intended to be of general application and should not be applied to the case reported by the Superintending Engineer, III Circle. In isolated cases of this sort the regular modes which the police and the law provide should be adhered to. In the present instance there appears to have been no thorough inquiry through the police or otherwise to ascertain who the real culprits are or to whom suspicion reasonably attaches. That must be done as the first thing in all such cases and the facts clearly ascertained before any proposal can be entertained by Government for the adoption of the special procedure adopted in the Coimbatore case.

It is observed that it has not even been reported whether the Collector has taken any steps to punish the village officers.

(True Extract.)

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Irrigation Branch.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" the Superintending Engineer, III Circle.
" all other Superintending Engineers.
" the Revenue Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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