Revenue (1884) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 345

Dated 13th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

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JUNE.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

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2. The Board, as at present constituted, is dissatisfied with the complications and uncertainty which attend the rule making a difference of water-rate depend on whether a dry crop is watered regularly or occasionally, but as the rules stand, the Collector's proposed application of them appears to be correct and is accordingly approved, subject to the following remarks :—

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(4) In the case of the "Muniyér project" also, the scale above referred to should be adopted, as the source is outside the delta.

3. The Collector's attention will, in this connection, be drawn to B.P., No. 347, dated 7th May 1897, prescribing consolidated charges to be levied in certain special cases.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. V. SRINIVASIAR,
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
„ the Collector of Kistna.
Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, No. III Party.

Order—No. 345, Revenue, dated 15th June 1898.

Irrigation No. 8.

The Government considers that the intermediate water-rate of Rs. 3 per acre, the introduction of which was sanctioned in G.O., No. 3038, dated 30th July 1896, should not apply anywhere except to those parts of the Presidency to which the general water-rate rules are applicable, and that where it does apply it should be governed in its application by the scale fixed in paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 162, dated 18th March 1898. The Board of Revenue will accordingly make the necessary alterations in the special rules for the levy of water-rate in the Gódávari and the Kistna deltas appended to its Standing Order No. 4.

2. Following the above principle, the charge for irrigation under the four sources in the Kistna district referred to in the Board's Proceedings read above will be as follows:—

(1) *Collair Lake.*—The levy of water-rate on lands under this source being governed by special orders, no change in consequence of the intermediate water-rate should be made.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
„ Board of Revenue (Land Revenue).

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NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O., No. 345, REVENUE, DATED 15TH JUNE 1898.

[SUBJECT.—*Intermediate water-rate for "dry" crops occasionally irrigated.*]

From the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement), No. 95, *dated* 28*th February* 1898.

To Under Secretary—

In the above current, the Board of Revenue deals with the question of water-rates to be levied on dry lands irrigated from certain sources in the Kistna district.

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Paragraphs 27 and 28 in page 6 of G.O., No. 461, dated 30th September 1864.

Board's Proceedings in G.O., No. 2913, dated 23rd July 1896.

In the water-rate rules applicable to all dry lands in the Presidency except the Gódávari and Kistna deltas, the charge for water for a second wet crop having been fixed at *half* the rate for the first wet crop, the introduction of an intermediate rate for dry crops systematically irrigated gave rise to certain anomalies in the total charges for two crops and an elaborate scale of differential rates had to be prescribed in consequence in G.O., No. 162, dated 18th March 1898. In the water-rate rules of the Gódávari and Kistna deltas on the other

Appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4.

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G.O., No. 617, dated 16th June 1873.

The newly introduced intermediate rate for dry crops systematically irrigated has therefore been allowed to remain the same whether the dry crop so irrigated is the first or the second crop, and the Board of Revenue has approved of the Collector's scale.

(2) *The river-fed tanks in the Divi Island.*—At the time of the last settlement, the wet lands in the Divi parganah of Bandur taluk were classed as dry, and a water-rate of Rs. 2–11–0 (*i.e.*, two-thirds of the full rate of Rs. 4) was fixed on account of the imperfect nature of the irrigation under the above tanks which appear to be entirely dependent on the Kistna floods. In 1894, the Collector asked the Board of Revenue whether in the case of dry lands converted into wet *subsequent* to the settlement, the above rate of Rs. 2–11–0 per acre should be charged as had been the practice, or whether the rate of Rs. 3 per acre fixed in the appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4, as the standard rate for second-class irrigation sources, should be levied. The Board of Revenue then informed the Collector that, in the case of lands *permanently* converted into wet, the charge for water should be made at the rate of Rs. 2–11–0 per acre, but that in the case of dry lands *temporarily* converted into wet, the rate of Rs. 3 per acre fixed for second-class sources should be charged. In 1895, the Collector raised the question whether the general enhancement of water-rate from Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 per acre then ordered in the deltas applied to the lands in the Divi Island also. The Board of Revenue then observed that as the water-rate in the Divi island was originally fixed at two-thirds of the delta water-rate, it should be enhanced to Rs. 3–5–0 (*i.e.*, two-thirds of Rs. 5), but that on dry lands temporarily cultivated with wet crops the rate of Rs. 3 per acre might continue to be charged pending the resettlement.

Board's Proceedings No. 2811, dated 4th May 1894, in G.O., No. 190, dated 16th January 1896.

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Paragraph 2 of Board's Proceedings, No. 6964, dated 19th December 1895 in G.O., No. 190, dated 16th January 1896.

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* In the appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4.

Submitted that this will be the least confusing course to adopt.

N.E.M.

(3) *The Dondapad tank.*—This is an old ruined tank, which was recently repaired by the Public Works Department. In 1895, the first year in which irrigation thereunder was made available, the Collector proposed that the reduced rate of

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G.O., No. 4278, dated 30th October 1895.

A | It is submitted that the Board's proposal may be sanctioned, and that the revised scale prescribed in paragraph 8 of G.O., No. 162, dated 18th March 1898, may be ordered to be adopted in the case of irrigation under the Dondapad and Muniyér projects.
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N.K.
18-5-98.

To Secretary—

The course at **A** may be adopted.

N. E. MARJORIBANKS.
22-5-98.

To Honourable Member—

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J. G[ROSE].

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J.G.

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J.G.

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J.G.

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3-6-98.

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G. STOKES.
1-6-98.

To the Hon'ble Sir Henry Bliss—

As this needs the orders of two Members.

G.S.
4-6-98.

H. W. B[LISS.]
6-6-98.

To Under Secretary—

Please see draft order put up for approval.

N.K.
11-6-98.

To Secretary—

N.E.M.
13-12-98.

Issue.

G. S. FORBES.
15-6-98.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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FEBRUARY.

Water-rates.—Passing orders on a letter submitted by the Collector of Kistna, regarding the — under certain sources in his district.

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(1) The rates for the first two sources will be liable to revision at the re-settlement of the district.

(2) As regards the Divi island, the rates of Rs. 3 and Rs. 1½ proposed by the Collector for first and second wet crops apply only to dry lands *temporarily* converted to wet. For *permanent* wet cultivation, two-thirds of the delta water-rates should, as hitherto, continue to be charged with reference to B.P., No. 6964, dated 19th December 1895, approved in G.O., Mis. No. 190, Revenue, dated 16th January 1896.

(3) The Dondapad tank is an old ruined tank in the Vinukonda taluk, which was recently repaired (*vide* G.O., Mis. No. 1534, Revenue, dated 19th March 1892, and Mis. No. 348, Revenue, dated 27th January 1893, communicated in B.P., No. 3081, dated 29th March 1892, and No. 697, dated 2nd February 1893). In his letter disposed of in B.P., No. 4963, dated 21st September 1895, the Collector recommended that for fasli 1305, which was the first year in which irrigation was available, wate-rate might be charged at the special rate of Rs. 2 per acre. This recommendation was supported by the Board, but Government in its Order, No. 4278, dated 30th October 1895, directed that the water-rate for that year might be fixed at "half the full rate, *i.e.*, Rs. $2\frac{1}{2}$." The Collector has therefore in his present statement taken the full water-rate as Rs. 5 and worked out the other rates accordingly. The Board, however, considers that, as the tank is not in the delta, but in an upland taluk, the full water-rate should be only Rs. 4, which is the rate fixed for first-class sources outside the delta. The sanction of Government is solicited for adopting, in respect of irrigation under this source, the scale of rates prescribed in the appendix to Board's Standing Order No. 4 for first-class sources.

(4) In the case of the "Muniyér project" also, the scale above referred to should be adopted, as the source is outside the delta.

2. The Collector's attention will, in this connection, be drawn to B.P., No. 347, dated 7th May 1897, prescribing consolidated charges to be levied in certain special cases.

(True Copy and Extract.)

R. B. Srinivasa
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department. ✓
" Collector of Kistna.
Copy to the Deputy Commissioner, No. III Party.

Exd. Md. Pahilvan.

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Read G.O. No. 1992 of 1897 and B.P. (R.S.) No. 1095 dated 28.2.98.

Fair orders.

In the above current, the Board of Revenue deals with the question of water-rates to be levied on dry lands irrigated from certain sources in the Kistna District.

2. In G.O. No. 3038 dated the 30th July 1896, the Govt sanctioned the Board's proposal to establish an intermediate water rate of Rs 3 per acre to be charged in the case of dry crops systematically irrigated with Govt water at regular intervals, and the practical application of this new rule eventually led to a scale of differential rates being fixed in G.O. No. 162 dated 18th March 1898 for the first as well as the second crops according as the 'wet', 'dry' and 'dry' [illegible] Rs 1-14 (i.e. $\frac{1}{2}$ th [illegible] Rs 2-11 per acre [illegible] source

it it is dissatisfied with the complications and uncertainty which attend the rule making a difference of water-rate depend on whether a dry crop is watered regularly or occasionally, but taking the rules as they stand, it approves of the Kistna Collector's application of them to the irrigation under the sources in question subject to certain remarks:

(1) Collair lake.

At the time of the last settlement it was reported that the lands under this source which is a natural reservoir partly filled by the Kistna flood were suffering under the peculiar disadvantage of being inundated at the best cultivating season. The Board of Revenue, however, declined to reduce the water rate to be charged on those lands fixed at Rs 3 the delta less

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paras 27 & 28 in page 6 of Ext 30.9.64 No 461 Class C.

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relief was ordered to be given by reducing the land assessment by as 12 per acre. In 1865, when the water rate in the Godavari and Kistna Dellas was raised from Rs 3 to Rs 4 per acre, the rate on the Collair lands also was raised to Rs 3 (ie Rs 4 — one-fourth of Rs 4 for baling) and again when a general enhancement of water rate was ordered in 1894 in the two dellas, from Rs 4 to Rs 5 per acre, the rate on the Collair lands was also proportionately raised to Rs 3-12. (ie Rs 5 — one-fourth of Rs 5 for baling). Now in the table of rates proposed by the Collr the charge for water for a wet crop, first or second, is fixed at Rs 3-12, that for a dry crop, first or second systematically irrigated, at Rs 2-13 (ie 3/4 ths of the wet crop rate) and that for a dry crop first or second occasionally irrigated at Rs 2-11 per acre. While the Board [illegible] source [illegible]

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in the Presidency except the
Godavari & Kistna deltas
the charge for water for a
second wet crop having
been fixed at half the
rate for the first wet
Crop, the introduction of
an intermediate rate for
dry crops systematically
irrigated, gave rise to certain
anomalies in the total charges
for two crops and an ela-
borate scale of differential
rates had to be prescribed
in consequence in G.O. No 462 d 18.3.98.
In the water rate rules of
the Godavari & Kistna deltas
on the other hand, the charge
for water taken for a second
wet crop was fixed in 1873 at the
same rate as that for the
first wet crop, on the ground
that there was no sufficient reason
for altering the then
practice under which
charged for

appendix to B.S.O. No 4.

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G.O. No 617 d. 16.6.73.

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for dry crops systematically
irrigated has therefore been
allowed to remain the same
whether the dry crop so irriga
is the first or the second crop
the Board of Revenue, subject to approv
of the Collector's scale.

2. The river-fed tanks
in the Divi island.

At the
time of the last settlement, the
wet lands in the Divi pargan
of Bandar Taluk were classe
as dry and a water rate was
of Rs. 2-11-0 (i.e. 2/3 rds of the full
rate of Rs. 4) was fixed on acco
of the imperfect nature of th
irrigation under the above land
which appear to be entirely dependent
on the Kistna floods. In 1894
the Collector asked the Board
of Revenue whether the above
in the case of dry lands
converted into wet subsequ
to the settlement the
rate of Rs. 4-0-0 should co
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Rs 3 per acre fixed in the Appendix to Board's S.O. No 4, as the standard rate for second class irrigation sources, should be levied. The Board of Revenue then informed the Collector that in the case of lands *permanently* converted into wet, the charge for water should be made at the rate of Rs 2-11-4 per acre, but that in the case of dry lands *temporarily* converted into wet, the rate of Rs 3 per acre fixed for second class sources should be charged. In 1895, the Collector raised the question whether the general enhancement of water rate from Rs 4 to Rs 5 per acre then ordered in the deltas applied to the lands in the Divi island also. The Board of Revenue then observed that as the water rate in the Divi island was origi-

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lands temporarily cultivated with wet crops the rate of Rs 3 per acre might continue to be charged pending the resettlement.

F para 2 of B.P. 6964 / 19.12.95 Go. 190 / 16.1.96

In the table of rates submitted by the Collector, he has taken the charge for a *first* wet crop at Rs 3 and that for a *second* wet crop at Rs 1-8, and has worked out the rates for dry crops systematically or occasionally irrigated on the principles laid down by the Board of Revenue for lands *outside* the Godavari and Kistna Deltas with reference to Go No 755 d 10.2.97 which has however since been modified by Go No 162 d 16.3.98. The Board of Revenue observes that the Collector's scale is applicable only to dry lands *temporarily* converted into wet and that for *permanent* wet cultivation two-thirds of the delta water-rate should continue to be levied as the

* with appendix B.S.O. No 4.

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Applied 19.12.95 approved in
Go No 190 Rev d 16.1.96.
Thus there will be two sets of
water rates for ~~lands~~ the
Divi island, one for lands
permanently converted into wet,
following the delta water rate
rules, and the other on lands
temporarily converted into wet, follow-
ing the general water rate
rules applicable to other
parts of the Presidency.
~~Thereafter~~ If the Govt is of
opinion that this distinction
should be continued until the resettlement the
Collector's table of rates for
lands temporarily converted
into wet will require re-
vision with reference to
the scale approved in para
8 of Go No 162 d 16.3.98.

(3) The Dondapad Tank.

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was made available, the
Collector proposed that the
reduced rate of Rs 2 per acre
might be charged that year
in view of the facts that the
lands were newly brought
under wet cultivation by the
ryots at some expense and
that an inferior kind of
paddy was to be raised that
year. The Govt however
directed that the charge should
be fixed that year at ~~Rs~~ half the
full rate of Rs 5 levied
in the dellas. In the
table of rates worked out
by the Collector, he has taken
the delta rate of Rs 5, ~~as the charge~~ for
water for a first wet crop
and has followed the delta
water rate rules in all other
respects except that in the
matter of charge for a ~~first~~
wet crop he has
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Applicant however, points out that the Dondapad tank is not in the delta but in the uplands to which the enhanced rate of Rs 5 per acre is inapplicable and requests sanction for adopting in respect of irrigation under this source as also under the Municipal project which is not also in the delta, the scale of rates for first class irrigation sources, prescribed in the Appendix to Board's S.O. No 4.

It is submitted that the Board's proposal may be sanctioned and that the revised scale prescribed in para 8 of G.O. No 162 d 18.3.98 may be ordered to be adopted in the case of irrigation under the Dondapad & Municipal projects.

The Collector will of course be responsible for the temporary wetland assessment with reference to the

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above Govt order.

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To Mr. ...

Kistna delta is not subject to the water rate rules applicable to the rest of the Presidency. & the unfortunate intermediate S.R. rule Rs 4 is not applicable any where except where the general rule applies. Where the intermediate rule does apply it is the same as in the application of G.O. No 162 of 18.3.98. The Ellore Lake would be charged Rs 5 subject to special rules and if the Collr applies under those rules and no change in consequence of the intermediate rule would ensue there.

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...ppl. which apply but it should be applied without any deduction on the other hand.

The same rule should apply to Kunjeem & the Dandapad tank. The share of the Zamin will form the rate charged.

11/6/98

Mr. Lindsay Rhind as Min. under the order of two Members.

11/6/98.

J. Ukkiah Jr.

Please see draft order for approval & signature

Mr N.K 11/6/98. J. A. 13/6/98

Issue

B.P. 15/6/98

Exd. Md. Pan...

For permanent cultn 2/39 for Delta rates and no change & Kistna and no changes. For temporary irrigation tank rates of Rs 10/2 18.3.99 and no change

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Read G.O. No. 1992 of 1898.
B.P. (R.D.) No 95 d 28.2.98

Order No 345 of 15th June 1898.

The Govt considers that the intermediate water rate of Rs 3 per acre, the introduction of which was sanctioned in G.O. No 3038 dated 30.7.96. should not apply anywhere except to those parts of the Presidency to which the general water rate rules are applicable, and that where it does apply it should be governed in its application by the scale fixed in cl 8 of G.O. No 162 d 18.3.98.

Board of Revenue will accordingly make the necessary alterations in the special rules for the levy of water rate in the Godavari and Kistna deltas appended to its Standing order No 4.

2. Following the above principle, the charge for irrigation under the following source

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Disbict referred to in the Board's Proceedings read above will be as follows:—

(1) Collair lake. The levy of water-rate on lands under this source being governed by special orders, no change in Consequence of the intermediate water-rate should be made.

(2) River-fed tanks in the Divi island.

For temporary irrigation under this source which is charged as for the second class sources of the upland Taluks, the scale prescribed in para 8 of Govt No 162 dt 18.3.28 for second class sources should be adopted, while for permanent wet cultivation, the two-thirds of the delta water-rates should be charged as previously.

(3) & (4) Dondapad & Munigur Projects. These being

class sources irrigation prescribed in Govt No 162 dated 16.3.28. should be adopted.

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(Ir. orders)

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To the Board (R.P.) } Despo.
To the Board (L.R.) } 17.6.28

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