

Revenue (1897) Department.

PRESS SERIES.

G.O., No. 364

Dated 8 th June

[Despatch Abstract.]

Communicating to the Board of Revenue
the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation regard-
ing the disposal of waste lands under the
Pompen Project in the Krishna dist.

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Revenue (189) Department.

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CURRENT No. 2703

H. H.
The P. of 1896 have been
communicated to the Rev. Dept.
The Dept. as well as the R. of the H.
of the district R. have cognizance of
the nature & progress of all such projects

Read also P. 12712
18.11.99

Order from no. 3647
June 1899

The Public Works Dept.
(Immigration P. 1899)

The Chief Engineer's note
will be communicated to the
Board of Rev. with reference to
its Prop. No. 72 Reference, dated
23. 1. 99.

No. 93 D.

Dated 13th May 1899

Received 23rd - 1899

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SUBJECT.

Forwarding note by the
Chief Engineer for Immigration
relating to the irrigation of
the R. of the R. in the
district.

To the Board of Rev. L. R.

with copy of P. 5999
22.7.90

5.5.99

Note. As the C. E. says that the
project is likely to be carried
out within the next two or three
years the contingency contemplated
in para 4 of the R. reference
may arise.

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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 595

From

The Board of Revenue, Land
Revenue, Madras.

Order Encl. in No. 437 of 30th Jan 1899.

Referred to the P. W. Dept.
for favour of very early remarks.

No. 72 Ref.

Dated 23rd January 1899.

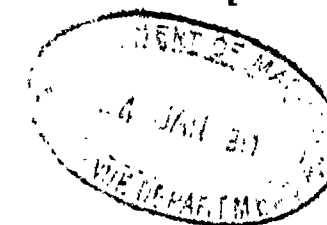
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to the P. W. D (S). No. 1-2-99



SUBJECT.

Expressing the Board's views
in the matter of the disposal of
the land commanded by the Romperu
Project in the Kistna District.

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Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

With reference to Board's Reference (Land Revenue) No. 72 dated 23rd Jan'y 99 relating to the irrigation of the Komper Swamp as there appears to be much misconception as to the action of the Perali drain when completed, I enclose a copy of G.O. No. 599, I. dated 22nd July 1896, which contains the Executive Engineer's report explaining the anticipated effect of the drain. It will be perceived that the object is to render irrigable the portion of the swamp above the bed of the Perali drain or a length of about 7 miles and that is uncertain how far this will be effected. As the bed of the new drain will be 16 ft below swamp level & ordinary drainage should be got rid of without difficulty, but the level of very high floods will not be much reduced. The duration of such floods will however be much lessened and there is therefore reason to expect that if the crops are planted out in good time they will not be submerged long enough to injure them materially, while in most years they will not suffer at all. In my opinion the 6 square miles of land referred to in para 9 of the Executive Engineer's Report of 2nd Novr 95 may be safely given out for wet cultivation when the drain is completed. As to the remaining area of the swamp it is impossible at present to guarantee that any portion of it can be effectively drained.

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2. The Railway officers have not as yet sent in an estimate for the bridge over the drain. Until it is received I cannot say whether Government will sanction the completion of the drainage project. I think, however, it is likely to be carried out within the next two or three years.

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1st May 1899 3

W. Hughes

Chief Engineer for Suez

To

The Joint Secy to Govt. P. W. D.
Suez Canal

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
dated 1st May 1899

N^o 93 D. of 1 May '99

Transferred to the Revenue
Department with reference to its
Endorsement N^o 487. This dated
30th January 1899.

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W. H. H. H.

Joint Secy to Govt. P. W. N.
Irrigation Branch

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The Secy to Govt.
Revenue Dept.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE
(LAND REVENUE),

Madras, ~~23rd January 1899~~ 1899.

READ— letter from R. Morris, Esquire, Acting Collector of Kistna, R.C.No.331/genl of 1898, dated 15th November 1898, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras.

Reference No. 72 (Petition) dated 23rd January 1899.
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In his letter read above, the Collector of Kistna recommends the immediate allotment or sale by public auction of the waste land commanded by the Romperu project in

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81 Jannulapalem	" 609.
80 Kankatapalem	" 931
91 Murukondapad	" 3,404
X Ipurupalem	" 5,121
92 Vada	" 632
109 Parala	" 2,261
108 Chirala	" 1,561
106 Kodavalivaripalem	" 1,826
112 Anumalli Vetapalem	" 1,701
Ravurpet	" 89
105 Santharavur	" 592
94 Karunchadu	" 2,057
107 Swarna	" 1,679
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Extent of the proposed
forest reserve ----- 7,480

16,201

the Kistna District. It is stated that, in consultation with the Public Works Department, it was first decided that the disposal of this land should be deferred pending the completion of the Project, but now there is no prospect of the work being finished in the near future and the land is in demand for cultivation. If sold as irrigable on the completion of the Project, it will no doubt fetch a much higher price than is likely to be realized under existing conditions, but Mr. Morris is of opinion that the difference will be less than the accumulated assessment for the period which

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must elapse before ^{irrigation} is rendered practicable. The Executive Engineer suggests that the lands may be assigned on temporary pattas, but the Collector ^{does} not approve of this course. He observes that the holders of the temporary pattas are apt to exhaust the lands by reason of the uncertainty of their tenure and that it would be ^{impracticable} to sell the lands over their heads after they have been in occupation for several years.

2. The previous correspondence on the subject of the Romperu Project is not traceable among the records of this office and the Board has no information as to whether it is impracticable for Government to provide for the speedy completion of the Project. This would seem desirable unless financial or other considerations render it out of the question.

3. It will be seen from Board's Proceedings No. 2831, dated 28th July 1897 that in the case of the lands commanded by the Periyar Project in the Madura District, temporary pattas were granted between the years 1886 and 1890 and that the pattadars were subsequently given the option of retaining the lands on payment of the average auction-rate realized for the lands sold. As regards the lands under the Ped-dalanla channel, in the Kistna District, ^{the} Board first approved of the assignment of plots for temporary cultivation, and ordered ^{the} postponement of the sale pending resettlement; but subsequently, the Collector having reported that the re-settlement was not likely to be concluded before 1899, the Board ordered the sale of the lands to be proceeded with, on the ground that it would be ^{unadvisable} ~~inadvisable~~ to allow ryots to occupy land on temporary pattas for a period of three years and then sell the occupancy right by auction.

4. The Board considers that if as stated by the Collector, there is no likelihood of the Romperu Project being completed in two or three years, and the demand for land for dry cultivation is very keen, the lands may be disposed of in accordance with the principles laid down in para 5 of Government Order, No. 732, dated 17th October 1894, the extent to be assigned to the villagers under clause (1) of the para last referred to being regulated with reference to the maximum limit of 50 per cent of the assessment of the existing holding of each ryot (Vide Government Order No. 569, dated 4th August 1894). In the case of the auction purchasers, it should be stipulated that so

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much of the lands may be required for channels and roads should be given upon payment of the proportionate part of the purchase-money, while in the case of lands which ^{might} ~~may~~ be assigned gratis, the grantees should be warned that portions required for channels &c. will be taken up without compensation except for crops actually standing on the ground.

Connel Davidson

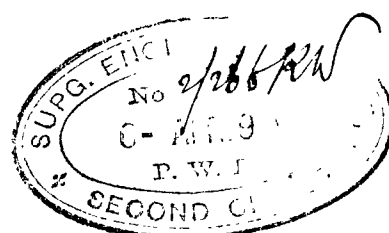
Acting Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

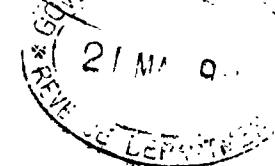
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Revenue (1899) Department.

CURRENT No. 3332



Order

From *The Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue)
Madras*

No. 1278 *Rantme*

Dated 18th May 1899

Received 21st May 1899

Registered 24th May 1899

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SUBJECT.

*Requesting the early orders of
Govt. on Board's Reference
regarding the disposal of waste
lands under the Romperu
project, Kistna Dt.*

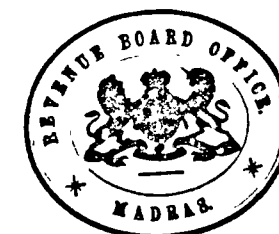
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Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
(Land Revenue).

No. 1278 Routine, dated 18th May 1899.

Read letter from R. Morris Esqr., Collector of Kistna, dated 10th May 1899, R.C. No. 331/ Gl. of 1898, to the Secretary to the Commissioners of Land Revenue, Madras.

Resolution.

The Board requests the early orders of Government on its Reference No. 72 dated 23rd January 1899 regarding the disposal of lands under the Romperu project as the Collector of Kistna has sent a reminder on the subject.

(True Extract)

James Davidson
Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Collector of Kistna.

C.B.M.

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Government {1899} of Madras.
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G.O., No. 364, 8th June 1899.

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Romperu Project.

Communicating to the Board of Revenue the note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation regarding the disposal of waste lands under the —, in Kistna district.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

READ—the following Reference of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899 :—

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Reference—No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

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(Signed) LIONEL DAVIDSON,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Endorsement Mis. No. 437.

Referred to the Public Works Department for favour of very early remarks.

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

30th January 1899.

To the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch).

READ—the following endorsement by W. HUGHES, Esq., Joint Secretary to Government, Irrigation Branch, dated 1st May 1899, No. 93-D.

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

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Irrigation Branch.

Endorsement No. 93-D, dated 1st May 1899.

Transferred to the Revenue Department with reference to its Endorsement, Mis. No. 437, dated 30th January 1899.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

READ—Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue), No. 1278, Routine dated 18th May 1899.

ABSTRACT.—Requesting early orders on Board's Reference, No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

ORDER—No. 364, Revenue, dated 8th June 1899.

Irrigation No. 7.

The Chief Engineer's note will be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to its Reference, No. 72, dated 23rd January 1899.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) N. E. MARJORIBANKS,
Ag Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Land Revenue),
with copy of G.O., No. 599 I., dated 22nd July 1896.

Exd. Shaib Karim.

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