

Revenue (1899) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES.

G.O., No. 62

DATED 5<sup>th</sup> January 99

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Stating that the Ryots of Periyankuppam in the Tiruvallur Taluk, Chingleput Dt. should coöperate with Govt in restoring the Periyankuppam Spring Channel to its former condition.

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Rev. Sctt: Land Revenue  
Agriculture  
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Dated 8-11-98

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# SUBJECT.

Minor Irrigation works  
Requesting the sanction  
of Government for an  
estimate amounting to  
Rs 159-11-3 for clearing  
silt from the bed of a  
in the Trivellore Taluk.  
Chingleput District

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## Proceedings of the Board of Revenue

(Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture),

Dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 1898.

No. 6513 Miscellaneous

READ Again the following Board's Proceedings, No. 3445

Miscellaneous dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1898:-

Read also the following letter from J. H. Roberts

San Enquire, acting collector of the Chingleput

District, Reference on No. 93 of 98 dated

11<sup>th</sup> May 1898:-

I have the honour to submit for  
Sanction an application for allotment

for minor Irrigation works in the

Tiruwallur Taluk for 1898-99

Read also <sup>the following</sup> endorsement from the Chief

Engineer

Engineer for Irrigation, Tank Restoration Scheme,  
No. 1172 T. dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 1898:-

Forwarded to the Secretary to the  
Commissioner of Revenue Settlement, Land  
Records and Agriculture, with the following  
remarks.

Item No. 7. This work is included in Arni  
river upper minor basin investigated by  
the Tank Restoration Scheme. An estimate  
of Rs 700 for repairing and improving  
the tank was sanctioned on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1897,  
and this estimate includes provision of  
Rs 3/0 for Constructing a masonry sluice.  
As it does not appear that the work has  
yet been carried out, the Superintending  
Engineer, 5<sup>th</sup> Circle, will be requested to  
arrange to put the work in hand as  
soon as possible. The provision in the  
allotment application may therefore  
be eliminated.

Item no 8

Item no 8. According to the Tank Restoration  
Scheme estimate sanctioned in March 1889,  
this tank has only a pot sluice. When  
sanction of the Board to the present proposal  
to Construct a masonry sluice is  
Communicated, it will be noted for  
information in writing the memoir of the  
tank.

Item no 9. This tank is in red hills minor  
basin, and according to the estimate  
sanctioned from Tank Restoration Scheme  
funds in December 1888, it has a masonry  
sluice and an iron pipe sluice. It is  
not stated if the earthenware pipe  
sluice now proposed is intended to  
be an additional sluice, and if so,  
the necessity for a third sluice should

be

be stated.

2. / The other items are approved.

(Signed) R. H. N. Reid

For Chief Engineer for Irrigation T.R.S.

Resolution No. 3445 <sup>Vol</sup> 33-698

The estimates amounting to Rs 2100-13-1 for items nos 1, 3 to 6, 8, 10 & 11 in the Collector's list are sanctioned.

2. The Collector is requested to submit the report, estimate and plan relating to item no 2, so that the sanction of Government may be obtained, if necessary, for the proposed repairs under rule 30 of the rules printed in G.O. 3993 dated 2-5-93.

3. / Item no. 7 will be omitted from the allotment application as suggested by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

4. / As regards item no. 9, the Collector's attention will be invited to the remarks of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with the request-

request that the necessity for an earthenware pipe sluice in addition to the masonry and iron-pipe sluices already provided may be explained.

(In copy & extract)

(Signed) R. V. Prinsivian  
Secretary

To The Collector of Chingleput

Copy to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation  
Tank Restoration scheme.

Read also the following letter from —  
D. W. G. Cowie Esquire, acting Collector  
of the Chingleput District, Ref on No. 93/98  
dated 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1898:—

I have the honour to submit a plan and an estimate for repairing the Pirayan Kuppam Kasam — referred to in para 2 of Board's

Proceedings

Proceedings No. 3445 Dns dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1898. The Tahsildar reports that as the Kussam has become much silted up and has been left without repairs for the past 20 or 30 years, the villagers are not able to contribute anything towards the cost of repairs now proposed. The Tahsildar reports that the ryots will be able to maintain it by Kudimaramat after it is once repaired. The Kussam irrigates 45 Acres in the Periyankuppam village jointly with Odam yeri and Ayakuttai.

2. The entry in Column 16 of the application against the Pattaaperumbudem mangakuppam yeri, item no 9 referred to in para 4 of the Board's Proceedings is a mistake. The Tahsildar now reports

reports that provision has been made for the repair and improvement of the masonry sluice already in existence.

Read also Reference thereon dated 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1898 forwarding to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Tank Restoration Scheme, for favour of his remarks, with reference to his endorsement no. 1172.T dated 25<sup>th</sup> May '98 of the letter read above.

Read also the following letter from Mr. Haughey Esquire, Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Tank Restoration scheme, No. 2501.T dated 26<sup>th</sup> October 1898:-

Under the Circumstances, I have the honour to state that the necessary sanction of Government for repairing the Periyankuppam Kussam may be obtained under

Under rule 3 in G.O. No. 399-I of 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
1893.

2. / The estimate for the repair of  
Pattaperambudur, mangakuppam Eri  
may be approved.

Resolution No. 6513 This dated 8-11-98

The Board requests that  
Government will be pleased to accord  
sanction, under rule 3 of the rules  
approved in G.O. No. 399-I dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
1893, for an estimate amounting to  
Rs. 159-11-3 for excavating, and remov-  
ing silt from the bed of the Periyankuppam  
Kusam (Spring Channel) in the Trivellore  
Taluk, Chingleput District. It is reported  
that the Kusam has become much  
silted up and has been left without  
repairs for the past 20 or 30 years, that  
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the villagers are not able to contribute  
anything towards the cost of repairs  
now proposed but that the ryots will be  
able to maintain it after it is once  
repaired. It appears to the Board that,  
if Kundimaramat had been regularly  
enforced in the past years, the necessity  
for the present expenditure would not  
have arisen.

2. / In the circumstances reported by  
the Collector in para 2 of his letter read  
above, sanction is accorded for an  
estimate amounting to Rs. 111 for the  
repair of mangakuppam Eri in the  
Pattaperambudur Village, Trivellore Taluk.

(Enclosures & Extracts)

R. V. Srinivasan  
Secretary.

To The Secretary to Govt. Rev. Dept., with an  
estimate and a sketch to be returned  
Collector of Chingleput  
Copy to Chief Engineer for Irrigation, R.S.

Geo. Ch.  
11/11

DETAILED ESTIMATE No. 3 of 1896 and 97.

District.— Chingleput

Taluk.— Trivellore



Village and Survey No. Prayaukuppam no: 47

Work Repairing the Kasam of Prayaukuppam.

Saidapet Taluk (69 Villages) in 1874-75

Do. (remaining Villages) in 1876-77

Chingleput  
Madhavaram  
Conjeevaram  
Trivellore  
Ponneri } in 1876-77

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Earth work

Excavating & removing  
Earth from the bed of  
Kasam.

Commencing from the  
Head of Kasam —

| Particulars of work.     | Number. | MEASUREMENT IN <sup>feet</sup> YARDS. |          |        | Contents. |
|--------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|-----------|
|                          |         | Length.                               | Breadth. | Depth. |           |
| 1                        | 50      | 35                                    | 6        | 10500  |           |
| 2                        | 60      | 30                                    | 5        | 9000   |           |
| 3                        | 95      | 40                                    | 5        | 19000  |           |
| 4                        | 145     | 47                                    | 4        | 27260  |           |
| 5                        | 30      | 22                                    | 5        | 3300   |           |
| Total Earth work in Cft. |         |                                       |          |        | 69060     |

J. Ramesh  
M. J. O  
15/11/96

# ABSTRACT.

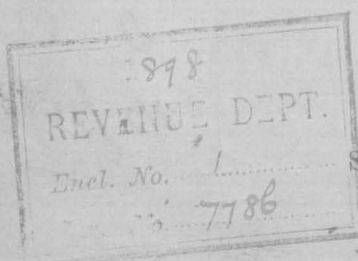
| Description of charges.                     | Quantity.     | Rate. | Per          | Amount.  | Total. |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|----------|--------|
| <u>Earth work</u>                           |               |       |              |          |        |
| Excavating & removing<br>ordinary soil: ——— | 69060<br>cft. | 2 5-  | 1000<br>cft. | 159 11 3 | X      |
| Sundries                                    |               |       |              | 49       |        |
|                                             |               |       |              | 160      |        |
|                                             |               |       |              |          | Rs 160 |

I hereby certify that the sum provided for is reasonable and proper.

*Indrajit*  
Tahsildar  
*Pranjan*  
Divisional Officer.

*P. Ramiah*  
In Irrigation Master  
15/11/26

Tahsildar.



Sanctioned 189 and 9

Collector.

Enc. No. 1 to Bd's General Govt. Reg. No. 7268 of 1898

Enc. No. 1 to Bd's General Govt. Reg. No. 7268 of 1898

Enc. No. 2 to Bd's General Govt. Reg. No. 6482 of 1898

C No. 7786 of 1898.

From the Board of Rev (Rev. Sett)

No. 65-13 Dated 8-11-1898.

FOR ORDERS.

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Under Rule 3 of the Rules approved in G.O. <sup>3993</sup> 2-5-93 estimates for repairs to Spring Channels which will not effect a permanent improvement require the sanction of Govt. if the work is to be undertaken by Govt instead of by the interested ryots. With reference to this rule, the Board of Rev submits an estimate for Rs 159-11-3 for excavating and removing silt from the bed of the Periyankuppam Kasam (Spring Channel) in the Chingleput district. It is reported<sup>x</sup> that the Kasam has become much silted up and has been left without repairs for the past 20 or 30 years and that the Villagers are

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are not able to contribute  
any thing towards the cost

of repairs now proposed, but  
that they will be able to maintain  
it after it is once repaired.

The Board remarks that if  
Kudimaramat had been re-  
gularly enforced in the past  
years the necessity for the  
present expenditure would  
not have arisen. ~~It is not~~  
~~to be expected that the~~  
~~interested parties will be~~  
~~of 1888, but they are~~  
~~reported to be unable to con-~~  
~~tribute towards the cost.~~ In

fo. 3719 8 14-9-98 in which  
the removal of silt from certain  
springs in the Kurnool St  
was sanctioned, it was dis-  
tinctly pointed out that no  
portion of the sanctioned amount  
should be expended on the  
clearance of the Channel  
proper and that in future  
springs should be cleared  
of silt by Kudimaramat.

Orders are requested  
as to whether the estimate  
forwarded

FOR ORDERS.

X The Tahildar reports  
this & Mr Cowie  
the Collector passes  
it on to the Bd.  
M  
25/11/98

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forwarded by the Board of Rev.  
is ~~to~~ be sanctioned.

Secy

A  
22-11-98  
RA  
23-11-98

No ~~good~~ reason  
is given for the  
surprising statement  
that the ryots are  
not able to contribute  
anything towards the  
cost of the repairs.

The work is all  
earth work & there  
seems no reason whatever  
why the ryots should not  
contribute the necessary  
labour.

The proposal in  
brief is to pay the  
ryots (i.e. Ken labourers)  
for doing what  
is ~~the~~ necessitated  
by their own neglect.

M  
25/11/98

Yes: put up one or two  
pronouncements really  
made by the Govt of India  
on the duty of insisting on  
this obligation on the part of the ryots  
S.A. 28/11/98 P.T.O.

Please see extract  
from the letter from the Govt  
of India no. 2925 (Cus 7669  
3-11-98 now under disposal). It is  
proposed to draw the attention  
of the Board to the Govt of India  
remarks in this paper with  
instruction to communicate  
them to Collectors for their  
information and guidance.

A  
2-12-98  
RS  
2-12-98

H. H.

Let the

Board that no sufficient reason has been  
given for the stat<sup>t</sup> that the  
ryots cannot contribute  
the small amount required to  
clear the channels, the  
siltup of which is  
due to their neglect of their  
legal obligations

3/12/98

G.  
I have never been able to understand  
why the obligation of Govt. to  
supply water to land around  
as well should be held to be  
different in the case of "Spring  
Channels" to that it is  
if the source of supply be a  
tank? -  
On that ground, can wet-  
assessment be charged except  
that the water belongs to, & is  
supplied at the cost of, the State?

If the assessment was  
reduced in consideration of the  
ryots having to keep the source in  
repair then well and good; but if the appropriate wet rate  
is imposed it is the obvious  
duty of Govt. at least to  
contribute to the cost of supply of  
irrigation -

This Spring Channel irrigates  
45 acres of wet land -  
It is not a channel (such as  
is referred to in G.O. 399  
2-5-93) in the bed of a river "which  
fills in every year & where  
fishes come down" -  
It is simply a natural spring  
with an artificial channel leading  
from it to the fields it irrigates -

For a generation Govt has  
spent nothing upon it, but has  
presumably been steadily collecting  
wet assessment -  
That in neglecting to repair

Act of 1858

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The Act was in force  
when the settle<sup>t</sup> was  
made; & even if it had  
not been it only gave  
legislative sanction to  
an immemorial custom  
the Chpt settle<sup>t</sup> took place  
bet. 1874-77

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The channel the ryots  
have neglected - a  
legal obligation is a  
pure assumption -  
It would have to be shown  
that custom required them  
to do the repairs, & Govt.  
would then have to show  
that this was taken into  
account in assessing the  
land -  
The Board has lately re-  
commended that Govt. shd  
undertake the repairs of the  
Spring Channels in the  
Cauvery by which the  
Trichy Delta is irrigated  
in the hot weather -

The G.O. of 1893 requires  
reconsideration I think,  
but this trouble may be  
shelved if the few  
special estimates re-  
commended by the Board  
are sanctioned without  
remark -  
I wd. sanction this shd.,  
though I shd. have liked to  
know at what rate the  
45 acres are assessed -

To  
H. H. Arundel

6-12-98

I regret to find myself unable  
to agree with my Hon. Colleague  
in the principle laid down in  
the part of his note marked A.

I take it that the <sup>True</sup> principle on which  
wet rate is charged is that it is  
supposed to represent half the  
net produce of the land.

The question of supplying the  
means of production whether  
labour or manure or water  
for irrigation stands quite apart.

Except so far as Govt. has accepted  
the responsibility, it is not incumbent  
on the State to ~~supply~~ expend money  
on the supply of water for irrigation.

It is not <sup>very</sup> many years ago that  
a ryot had to pay enhanced rates  
on land irrigated by water from  
a well dug at his own expense.  
He got larger produce from his  
land & therefore had to pay more  
to Govt. The enhanced rate

has been forgone by Govt. not  
because it was wrong in principle,  
but because it was thought wise  
to forego a small revenue in order  
to induce the ryot to better his  
condition.

It is only by concession <sup>and under rules</sup> that a  
ryot is allowed to erect a tank  
on his own land to catch rain  
water falling thereon, and  
irrigate his land without  
paying higher assessment.

I find this a hard saying!  
Except on the West Coast  
it is incumbent on Govt.  
to keep up the water supply  
or to reduce the assessment  
to the dry rate MS.

water-rate is charged for baling out of a river, though Govt incurs no expense and the ryots incur a great deal.  
 Even when Govt erects an irrigation work & charges a rate for water supplied, it is admitted by a clumsy makeshift for the true principle, and in the re-settlement of the Ryotwari it is proposed to adopt the true principle of the half net charge. In this case of course the Govt. has undertaken the responsibilities of repair as well as construction, but still requires the field & minor channels to be dug & cleared by the ryots.

With regard to all works of irrigation whether old or new certain duties have by custom been accepted by the ryot & by the State. What they are in each case is a question of fact. I know of spring channels in Kistna kept issuing out of sand dunes, which are kept in working order at the cost of much labour & expense by the ryot who nevertheless pays assessments as high as that paid by a fellow ryot a few hundred yards off who gets his supply from the Kistna, and with no trouble at re-settlement pays water-rate for it. At re-settlement this may be altered, not because the principle is wrong, but because we want to equalize the charges on the ryots.

In the present case I should strongly suspect that the Dabir has

The theory is that he is having gates etc. worked otherwise supply a Govt. work 1120

It is assumed that in all settled districts the rates were fixed with reference to the amount of customary labour to be given by the ryots, seeing that the State has accepted this concession in its settlement policy. I have myself done this i.e. modified rates of assessment on this ground as a Sett. officer in many cases in not a few cases.

taken no trouble in the matter or that he is an influence. He ought at least to have reported that the ryots would subscribe something in labour if not in money.

I think the reply should be that Govt. are willing to give assistance in the matter but that as the ryots have neglected their legal obligation it is necessary that they too should be cooperative in restoring the channel to working order. The extent of their coop. to be fixed with ref. to their ability by the Bd of Rev.

MA 12.12.98.  
 (not with reference to custom?)  
 To the Hon. Mr. Winterbottom  
 S. H. 17.12.98

Very likely.  
 All that I am concerned to maintain is that there is no justification for any special rule refusing Govt. assistance in maintaining irrigation from a spring channel - (that is it is) is the same whether the source of supply be a spring channel or a rain-fed tank. Both are minor irrigation works on the up-hill of the Govt. spends 4 or 5 lakhs of rupees every year. In my first note I said "it is the obvious duty of Govt. at least to contribute", and as my Hon. Colleague does not dispute this I gladly agree to his proposed order.

Personally I shd. say that the expenditure of Rs 159 once in 20 or 30 years to maintain irrigation to 45 acres was so small an outlay that we need not have asked for co-operation. But I do not object, though co-operation is not, in practice, demanded for the repair of rain-fed tanks.

as a rule,  
 30 rs  
 please see draft below  
 RA 17-12-98  
 15-12-98  
 11.199 Issue of 12/12/98

Read B.P. 6513 (Cno 7786)  
8-11-98

S.P. Mis. No 62 D. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1899

The present silted up  
condition of the Periyankuppam  
Spring channel is <sup>apparently</sup> due to the  
neglect <sup>by the ryots of their</sup> legal  
obligations, and the <sup>Govt</sup> while will-  
ing to give assistance in the  
matter is of opinion that the  
ryots <sup>also</sup> should cooperate in  
restoring the channel to working order.  
The extent of their cooperation  
being fixed <sup>with reference to their ability</sup> by the Board of  
Rev.

rs  
17-12-98

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To the B<sup>d</sup> of Rev (Rev. Secy) D. 1<sup>st</sup> 7.1.99.

under Act I, 1858

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