

Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

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G.O., No. 94 M

DATED 14th January 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Berijam Project.

Communicating to the Municipal Council, Periyakulam,
G.O., Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch), communicating
to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, endorsement from the Local
and Municipal Department transferring correspondence regarding the
----- Madura district and directing that officer to proceed with
the investigation of the project and report the result at an early
date.

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No. 1104 I., 19TH DECEMBER 1895.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

READ—the following paper:—

From M.R.Ry. I. R. MUTTUSWAMI AIYAR Avergal, Chairman-Delegate, Municipal Council, Periyakulam, to the Chief Secretary to Government (through the Sub-Collector and the Collector of Madura), dated 11th November 1895, No. 273.

With reference to G.O., Mis. No. 1572 M., dated 30th September 1895, communicating the letter of the Superintending Engineer on the Berijam project, I have the honour to submit copy of the resolution of the Council, No. 207, dated 5th November 1895, and the letter of the Councillor M.R.Ry. I. R. Muttuswami Aiyar Avergal, and to request that Government will be pleased to order an investigation of the project. The council approves of the proposal of the Engineer to form a lake at Berijam. The project serves twofold purposes, viz., the irrigation of the fields of Thenkarai and some other villages, and the water-supply of the town of Periyakulam. Irrigation is to be considered of primary importance and water-supply secondary. The Sub-Collector and the Collector have favourably endorsed the view of the council to utilize the project for the water-supply of the town (*vide* G.O. No. 1852 M., dated 3rd December 1894). The Deputy Sanitary Commissioner also recommends the same (*vide* enclosure to this office letter No. 272, dated 11th November 1895, on water-supply).

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. I. R. MUTTUSWAMI AIYAR Avergal, Municipal Councillor, to the Chairman, Municipal Council, dated Periyakulam, 9th October 1895.

With reference to G.O. No. 1572 M., dated 30th September 1895, and Superintending Engineer's letter No. 461, dated 28th August 1895, I beg to inform you that the Municipal Council must request the Government to make the proposed lake at Berijam and, in deciding the uses to which the lake is to be put, to consider the irrigation of Thenkarai, Pappayampatti and Thamarai-kulam fields and the rest of the Varahanadhi river basin in Periyakulam taluk and of Mannavanur in Kodaikānal to be of primary importance and the water-supply of Periyakulam municipality to be of secondary importance.

2. In paragraph 3 the Engineer says: "Whether the channel carries sufficient water in the dry season, I cannot say." As a pattadar of Thenkarai village I know that water scarcity occurs in the channel in the months of December, January and February and wet cultivation of fields above the tank suffers much annually. Numerous petitions to the Revenue officials will clearly prove this. Though there is not complete shavi, the outturn is below the average when there is no rain in those months. In the dry season succeeding these months up to October, the quantity of water decreases to a very great extent. Revenue officials knew full well that shavi occurs and remissions are not granted owing to the failure of ryots to protect shavi at the time of inspection and to poor outturn of crops. The poor condition of the ryots is very convincing and this should make the Government consider the formation of the lake as of primary importance.

3. The Engineer suggests that the municipality should improve the rough stone anicut at the head of the channel. This is a natural dam known as Thalayarudaiyar Covil dam which sends all the water which the Varahanadhi channel would carry into it and sends the surplus into the Varahanadhi river in the rainy season. In the dry season water does not escape into the river. This river is empty at the head near the hills and gradually increases in volume of water lower down owing to springs below. I do not think that any improvement in water-supply will be made by improvement to this dam.

4. The proposal to make a lake at Berijam ought to be urged by the Council. Pumping water would cost us much. Storing water in Periyakulam tank is objected to on two grounds—wastage by evaporation, and drainage of wet fields above it. As Berijam project is useful for ryots of the whole river basin and to Mannavanur on the other side of the hills and will give us sufficient pure water, we should urge the Government to consider the water-supply of our town, together with the question of the irrigation of these villages, and to sanction the project.

Proceedings of the Municipal Council, Periyakulam, dated 5th November 1895.

207. Read G.O., Mis. No. 1572 M., dated 30th September 1895, communicating the letter of the Superintending Engineer with regard to the Berijam project.

Read also remarks of Councillor M.R.Ry. I. R. Muttuswami Aiyar Avergal and the inspection notes of the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner on the subject.

Resolution.—The Government will be requested to order an investigation of the project as suggested by the Superintending Engineer. The council resolves to adopt the remarks of the councillor so far as the purposes for which the project is to be applied.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) I. R. MUTTUSWAMI AIYAR,
Chairman-Delegate.

E.C. No. 4469 Gl.

Forwarded.

15th November 1895.

(Signed) J. K. BATTEN,
Ag. Sub-Collector.

E.C. No. 4908 Gl.

Submitted for the favourable consideration of Government.

2. In forwarding the Sanitary Commissioner's Inspection notes for 1894 (embodied in G.O. No. 1852 M., dated 3rd December 1894), the then Collector and Sub-Collector both spoke approvingly of the scheme.

MADURA,
20th November 1895.

(Signed) J. TWIGG,
Ag. Collector.

No. 1719, Local and Municipal.

Transferred to the Public Works (Irrigation) Department.

FORT. ST. GEORGE,
4th December 1895.

(Signed) W. W. PHILLIPS,
Acting Assistant Secretary.

ORDER—No. 1104 I., dated 19th December 1895.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, with reference to G.O. No. 834 I., dated 14th October 1895.

2. The Superintending Engineer will be directed to proceed with the investigation of the Berijam project and report the result at an early date.

(True Extract.)

W. W. Phillips
Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Local and Municipal Department.
" Revenue Department.

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