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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1864.*

No. 35. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th July 1864,
No. 4,676.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated Point Calimere, 30th June 1864,
No. 236 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings dated the 16th February 1863, No. —, directing me to report on the alleged cutting of the Marakalkarayar bank, I have the honor to state as follows.

2. The village of Ovarikudi in the Tirutalapundi Taluq is an extensive village without any drainage whatever. Owing to the heavy rains which fell in November 1862, the entire village was under water to a considerable depth, and the villagers having no other means of relief, it appears did as was customary make an opening in the right bank of the Marakalkaraiyar, and which flows close to the east of their lands. For so doing six persons were indicted before Deputy Collector T. Muttusami Aiyar on a charge of "Mischief" under Section 432 of the Indian Penal Code; but in the course of the trial it was fully established that the accused had no other means of draining their lands, and that it was customary for them to cut the bank when necessity arose therefor, and further that a surplus channel intended to be provided for their village, and, in order to obviate the necessity for so doing, had been left incomplete owing to some opposition on the part of the Mirassidars of Ovarur; through which village the channel had to be cut. It was thus placed beyond doubt that in consequence of their having no other means for draining their fields, the villagers of Ovarikudi were obliged to have recourse to their customary means of relief. Under these circumstances, the Deputy Magistrate had no alternative but to acquit the prisoners of the offence with which they were charged.

3. The question of providing drainage to the village of Ovarikudi has been under discussion since the year 1855, and has formed the subject of a lengthened correspondence between this Department and the Department Public Works. In that year an Estimate was prepared for giving it a surplus channel. Several tunnels across the intervening channels were constructed, and the channel which had been partly excavated was left incomplete, owing, as stated above, to the objections raised by the Mirassidars of the said Ovarur, through which the remaining part of the channel had to be carried. This continued until 1853, after which the question appears to have been dropped.

4. From inquiries, however, now made, it appears that the Mirassidars of Ovarur have no objections to carrying the channel through their village, provided that certain modifications are made in the work, and I shall again address the Superintending Engineer on the subject with a view to having the matter finally and definitely settled.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted for the information of Government in the Public Works Department, with reference to the Order in that Department, dated 12th February 1863, No. 358.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 36.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1864, No. 2,193.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

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Dated 25th July 1864.

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Submitting for information letter from the Collector of Tanjore reporting on the alleged cutting of the Marakalkaraiyar bank.

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