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18th January 1866.*

No. 438. Read the following letter from the Collector of Tinnevely, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tinnevely, 18th December 1865, No. 488 :—

With reference to the subject mooted in paragraph 3 of the Government Order on Board's Proceedings of 24th November 1865, No. 554, regarding the Tambrapoorni Anicut project, at Streevycoontam, for the improved irrigation of the District, and for the eventual supply of water to Tuticorin, I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence between me and the Superintending Engineer on the subject, from which it will be seen that the originally recommended project was sent for the approval of the Court of Directors in 1856, but probably suspended on account of the mutiny, and has not been revived until recently. Wishing to revive the project, I addressed Colonel Moberly, who, however, was of opinion that a better line and other advantages would be found at Murdoor for the canal. It seems advisable that so desirable a project as increasing the irrigation of a province should not be weighted with the expense of providing the means of navigation, unless that object was found to be quite feasible, and not likely to clash with the more necessary object of irrigation. I would strongly recommend that the comparative merits of the projects proposed by the two Engineers, Colonels Horsley and Moberly, should be tested by Captain Payne being deputed to survey and report on the comparative expense and advantage of each project.

From the Collector of Tinnevely to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, Madura, dated Tenkasy, 4th October 1865, No. 288.

1. I have the honor to request your opinion regarding the Tambrapoorni Anicut project, at Streevycoontam. The estimates were prepared by Captain Horsley, and the amount Rupees 3,85,000 included provision for navigation, and a bridge at the anicut, as well as irrigation. The project was recommended by the Madras Government to Government of India for sanction on the 12th August 1856, but nothing further on the records appears about it.

2. A numerous signed petition from the European and Native residents of Tuticorin has been sent to me, to be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor, in which they pray for a water supply to their town.

3. The above anicut project, among its other advantages, would have supplied the town with fresh water. You are aware of the total absence of good water in the town, aggravated by the drought of late years. It is not unlikely that the inhabitants, like those of Kurnool, would be inclined to pay for a supply of water brought within their reach.

4. It was estimated by Captain Horsley, that the financial advantages of the irrigation project would amount to Rupees 40,000 increase of annual revenue. Mr. Silver's estimate, prepared from the returns of the Tahsildars, anticipated an increase of Rupees 46,346. The advantage to the Maniachy Zemindar was estimated at Rupees 6,200 increase. He did not admit that it would be so much, but offered Rupees 3,000 and more. Mr. Silver considered that he was unable to pay, owing to his being embarrassed. Of course, if his water supply was increased a charge would be made for the same, on all conversion of dry into wet cultivation.

5. Captain Horsley considered that if the irrigation project alone were taken on hand, the work might be done for a lac less than his estimate, or for Rupees 2,85,000.

6. I shall be obliged for an expression of your views, whether a sufficient quantity of water ordinarily runs to waste, which might be utilized to the extent estimated for (the maximum profit appears generally to be taken), what alteration of the estimate is requisite in the rates after the lapse of ten years, and whether any, and what reduction in the amount of work is possible.

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7. The prospective advantages of the project are indisputable, the question is whether they can be fully realized, and at what cost. If there be sufficient water, now wasted, to produce the estimated results when utilized, and if a moderate profit, say 10 per cent, on the outlay can be secured, it appears a duty to bring forward the project which has already had the recommendation of the Madras Government.

From the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Collector of Tinnevely, dated Thathamputty, 11th October 1865, No. 1,302.

1. I have the honor to refer you to G. O. No. 2,617 of 11th September 1863, for a reply to your No. 288, 4th instant, copy of which I enclose, as I presume you cannot have received it.

2. As soon as I can render Captain Payne's services available, I propose that he shall examine the project, which I think far more likely to answer and to be also more economical, viz., the raising Murdoor Anicut and enlarging the existing channels from it, to carry their own supply, and also that for the land below which it is proposed to irrigate, and to convey a supply to the town of Tuticorin, the urgent need of which, I much regret, I cannot immediately remedy.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) A. WEDDERBURN, Collector.

Transferred to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, for disposal.

26th December 1865.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary, Revenue Board.

No. 439. ORDER THEREON, 18th January 1866, No. 210.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 79.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, with reference to the Orders of Government, No. 2,696, dated 6th December 1865.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer of the 8th Division.
,, Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N. 488. Tinnevely 18th December 1865

From A. Wedderburn Esq.
Collector

To W. Hudleston Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Fort Saint George

Sir, With reference to the subject mooted in para 3 of the Government Order on Board's Proceedings of 21st November 1865 No. 554, regarding the Tambapoomi Anicut project at Theerapootam, for the improved irrigation of the District and for the eventual supply of water to Tuticorin. I have the honor to submit copies of correspondence between me and the Superintending Engineer on the subject, from which it will be seen that the originally recommended project was sent for the approval of the Court of Directors in 1856, but probably suspended on account of the mutiny, and has not been revived until

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Sir
Your most Obedt Servt
A. Wedderburn
Collector

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From A. Wedderburn Esq
Collector

To Lieut Colonel F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 8th Division
Madras

Sir,

I have the honor to request your opinion regarding the Sambaipoine Amicut project at Streerycoontam. The estimates were prepared by Capt Stoddy and the amount Rupees 38,500 included provision for navigation, and a bridge at the ancient, as well as irrigation. The project was recommended by the Madras Government to Government of India for sanction on the 12 August 1856, but nothing further in the records appears about it.

2 A numerous signed petition from the European and native Residents of Tuticorin has been sent to me, to be forwarded

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3 The above ancient project, among its other advantages, would have supplied the town with fresh water. You are aware of the total absence of good water in the town, aggravated by the drought of late years. It is not unlikely that the inhabitants, like those of Kurnool, would be inclined to pay for a supply of water brought within their reach.

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(Signed) A. Wedderburn
Collector

N. 1302

Superintending Engineer's Office
8th Dr. Thakurpally
11th October 1865

From The Superintending Engineer
8th Division

To The Collector of
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(Signed) F. J. Roberts L. A. C. E.
Supt. Engineer 8th Division

(True Copies)

A. C. M. S. S. S.
Collector

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