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Read the following papers:—

No. 190. From the Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Peermade, 21st December 1869, No. 108.

I HAVE very lately had the opportunity of visiting the site of the proposed anicut on the Perryaur. I returned by an extensive tract of hill country usually known as the Cardamon Hills, above the Cumbum and Comebay valley in the Madura country. The Comebay Zemindar and some of the Madura ryots visited me, and were very urgent that the upper portion of one of the affluents of the Perryaur, which affluent receives a considerable extent of the drainage of the hills just above Comebay, should be turned into the Comebay country. The work they described as easy, the natural features and configuration of the locality offering considerable facilities for execution. The result they said would be the conversion from dry to rice cultivation of some 25,000 cottas of land about Comebay in the Madura District.

2. The people were certainly earnest in their desire that the project should receive attention. Making all allowance for ignorant or interested want of appreciation of difficulties and exaggeration of probable returns, I was decidedly impressed with the opinion that the project was well worth investigation.

3. And as work is not, I believe, being pressed on very rapidly at the larger and more important project on the Perryaur, it occurred to me that Government might think it desirable to direct inspection of the locality by some of its Engineers, with a view to a preliminary report being made as to whether the probabilities of success warranted further action or not.

4. I am sure the Sirkar will be happy to give such assistance as may be necessary towards making the necessary investigations. The anicut and head-work would be in the Travancore territory, to which also the water to be diverted belongs.

FORWARDED to the Public Works Department, with a request that instructions may be issued in that department for the examination of the project alluded to by the Resident in Travancore and Cochin for the submission of a preliminary report thereon.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
8th January 1870.

(Signed) J. I. MINCHIN,
Acting Chief Secretary.

No. 8.

No. 191. NOTE *by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

IT will be seen from the papers printed in Proceedings Madras Government of the 26th November 1869, No, 3,763, that the officers employed on the Perryaur project will have as much as they can do to complete that project by about the middle of this year. Should the estimates then be ready for submission to Government, two officers might be employed in ascertaining whether any of the affluents of the Perryaur, which take their rise on the margin of the Cumbum valley, could, at a moderate cost, be diverted to the eastward, and, judging from the Atlas sheet, it is probable that this will be found practicable. The area of drainage basin above

the diverting works will not be large, but it may nevertheless be found that a quantity of water sufficient for local requirements immediately to the eastward may be thus obtained.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th January 1870.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Major, R.E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 192. ORDER THEREON, 11th February 1870, No. 473.

IRRIGATION, No. 6.

THE Government are much obliged to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin for the suggestions contained in his letter, and, as soon as two officers can be spared from the investigations in connection with the project for diverting the upper part of the Perryaur into the Madura District, an examination of the affluents of that river to the northward will be made, with a view to ascertain whether any of these can be turned to the eastward for the benefit of the Comebay country, and of other villages in the Cumbum valley.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Acting Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

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To

THE RESIDENT IN TRAVANCORE

AND COCHIN.

Dated February, 11th.

Recd. Encl.

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Perryaur.—Passing orders on papers relative to the project for diverting the water of one of the affluents of the Perryaur into the Comebay country, Madura District.

No. 108.

Resident's Office, Travancore,
Peermade, 21st Decr. 1869

From,

C. A. Ballard Esqre
Resident in Travancore & Cochin

To,

The Honorable R. S. Ellis &c.
Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

Sir,

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Madura district.

2. The people were certainly earnest in their desire that the project should receive attention. Making all allowance for ignorant or interested, wants of appreciation of difficulties and exaggeration of probable returns, I was decidedly impressed with the opinion that the project was well worth investigation.

3. And as work is not I believe being pressed on very rapidly at the larger and more important project on the Perriyar, it occurred to me that Government might think it desirable to direct inspection of the locality by some of its Engineers with a view to a preliminary report being made as to whether the probabilities of success warranted further action or not.

4. I am sure the Sirkar will be happy to give such assistance as may be necessary towards making the necessary investigations. The ancient head works would be in the Travancore territory to which also the water to be diverted belongs.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt,

W. Ballard
Resident

H.J.Pr

Forwarded to the Public Works Department with a request that in the event of the project alluded to by the Resident in Travancore & Cochin being sanctioned for the construction of a preliminary report thereon.

J. S. Reid Lieut
Offg Chief Engr
dated 8/1

Recd 10 January 70
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To the Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Government of His Excellency the Governor in Council a report by Lieut Colonel Pennycuick R.E. on the Periyar and the Cumbum Valley Projects.

2. I am directed to request that you will move the Government to sanction the Project detailed in the accompanying report and estimate for the purpose of ascertaining the water supply available from the Periyar and the practicability of the Periyar and the Cumbum Valley Projects.

I have &c
(Signed) J. S. Reid Lieut
Offg Chief Engr
for Secy to Govt

Public Works Dept (1)
No 190
Dated 10th January 1870

Forwarded to the Chief Secretary to Government Fort St George

Recd 21 Jan 70

Public Works Department
Revenue Branch
No 27 dated 20th January 1870

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue

By order &c
(Signed) J. Thomas
Secy to Govt

Public Works Dept (1)
No 190
Dated 10th January 1870

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

By order &c
(Signed) J. Thomas
Secy to Govt

Pol. Dept.

No. 473

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Political Branch
Under date the 11th January 1870

Received the following

From the Resident in Travancore
& Cochin Sanderson U.E. Kindersley Esqr.
To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
& Public Works
No. 8 dated 7th January 1870

The Government are much obliged to the Resident in Travancore and Cochin for the suggestions contained in his letter, and to communicate to the Officers concerned for their information from the investigations in connection with the project for diverting the upper part of the Periyar into the Madura District.

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Pol. Dept.
No. 130

From
The Secretary to Govt
of Madras Pol. Dept.

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation.

Sir,

Dated 11th January 1870
Despd 13th January 1870
Recd 12th [illegible]

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No 473. 11th February 1870

Note on a letter from the Resident in Travancore & Cochin suggesting for the consideration of Govt the project of turning the waters of one of the affluents of the Periyar into the Cumbum country in Madura

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Periyaur Cyclone relative to Project for diverting the waters of the affluents of the Periyaur into the Cumbey Country, Travancore &c.

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