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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1872.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 23. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.
(Here enter No 790, dated 14th May 1872)

No 24. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department
(Here enter No 1,032, dated 4th July 1872)

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works

THERE is some misconception about the Polarum Island and Zemindary Estates situated in it

2 Mr Happel says "the Godavery embankment, non-repair of which caused loss to the Kesanakurru estate, *has to be repaired exclusively by Government*, as the Executive Engineer states that partial repairs are useless, as the river water can turn any short bank."

3 He further adds that the Executive Engineer states "that an estimate of Rupees 22,000 was made for complete repairs, and that the same will be put in hand *this season*."

4. Again, the Court of Wards speaks of the general embankment scheme as appearing *to have been already sanctioned*.

5. Of the three statements above underlined the first appears to rest entirely on Mr. Happel's own authority. From paragraph 35 of Major Mullins' report printed with G. O. No 1,077 of 18th April 1871, it would appear that the Polarum Island is a Zemindary unirrigated by the delta canals, and the Executive Engineer in charge of the range remarks that in his office records can be found no record of any expenditure of Government money on its banks. He is informed that the south bank of the Gowtamy Godavery which forms the northern boundary of the island has in places a small bank thrown up, he believes, by the people, and not done at Government cost.

6 The second statement is not in accordance with that of the Executive Engineer's letter referred to, which says "it is hoped that this estimate may be put in hand *another season*."

7. The third statement is opposed to that of the letter on which the order is passed, which is that the estimate is *not sanctioned*, and that it is not likely that the work will be undertaken for some few years to come.

8 Meanwhile, the work which Mr. Stuart has undertaken at a possible cost of Rupees 4,000 is a *partial repair* such as the Executive Engineer reported would be useless. Unless the two ends of the river embankment be also connected by a bund across the island, and being exclusively for protection of a Zemindary property not irrigated by Government, it does not appear how any portion of the charge to be incurred will fall on Government.

9 It appears that the estimate of Rupees 22,000 was made by a Delta Superintendent without survey or levels. When sent to the Superintending Engineer he states that he rejected it at once, as he knew it had been prepared by an

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incompetent man on insufficient data. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer appears to be impressed with the idea that the island, or at least that portion referred to, is incapable of being protected by ordinary embankments

No. 25

ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1872, No. 1,825.

IRRIGATION, No 2.

ORDERED to be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to G. O. in that department, No 790 of 14th May, and No 1,032 of 4th July 1872, and to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division
.. Revenue Department.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

No. 4,111.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 25th September 1871.

Read the following letter from W A HAPPELL, Esq, Acting Head-Assistant Collector, in charge of the Collectorate, Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Cocanada, 30th August 1871, No 308 —

With reference to paragraph 21 of the Court's Proceedings, dated the 26th ultimo, No 3,113, I have the honour to report, that the Godavery embankment, the non repair of which caused loss to the Kesenakurru Estate, has to be repaired exclusively by Government, as the Executive Engineer states, in reply to a communication addressed to him by the Collector, on the 10th June 1871, that partial repairs are useless, as the river water can turn any short bank. He says that an estimate of Rupees 22,000 was made for complete repairs, and that the same will be put in hand this season. I do not therefore consider that any further arrangements are necessary.

ORDERED to be recorded

(A true Copy and Extract)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th May 1872.*

No 175. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 29th April 1872, No. 677 :—

Read the following letter from H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Cocanada, 4th April 1872, No. 74 —

WITH reference to the Proceedings of the Court, dated the 4th ultimo, No. 406, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the Budget Estimates for Fasli 1282, (A D 1872-73) for each of the Estates of Nallamillipadu, Kapileswarapuram and Kesanakuru, under the Court's management.

* 2 An abstract of the estimates is enclosed, with explanatory memorandum.

* 3 In the first two estates there are no irrigation works. In the third (Kesanakuru) there are some (14) minor channels which irrigate the villages of Tillakuppa and Kesanakuru by sluices from the Godavery. These all more or less require repair, but it is useless to spend any money on them until the river embankment has been put in a state of security. As reported in this office letter of the 30th August 1871, No. 308, recorded in Board's Proceedings, dated the 25th September 1871, No 4,111, the Department Public Works have prepared an estimate for executing the necessary repairs at a cost of Rupees 22,000.

4 In the Kapileswarapuram Estate, a proposal has been made to improve the drainage of certain lands now paying Rupees 400, but which are likely to be abandoned if this step is not taken. An estimate for the cost of the work which has already been reported on by the Department Public Works has been called for, and on this account, a provision of Rupees 200 has been made.

5 The hamlets, Kedarlanka, Vidhivarilanka and Bollanka in the same Estate, situate in the bed of the Godavery, are secured from inundation by an embankment which has always been constructed at the expense of the Estate. The people are anxious that this should be enlarged and strengthened at a cost of Rupees 1,000. A report has been called for from the Sub-Collector as to the necessity of this expenditure, but as the proposal of the villagers is supported by the Tahsildar, Rupees 1,000 have been provided to meet the cost of the work.

ENCLOSURES Nos 1 to 9 — Budget Estimates and Memorandums

THE Budget Estimates of the three Estates of Nallamillipadu, Kapileswarapuram and Kesanukuru are approved.

2 It appears, that owing to the disrepair of the river embankment, the Kesanukuru estate has suffered loss and that urgent repairs to the irrigation works of that estate have been left undone in consequence. An estimate for the repairs in question appears to have been prepared in the Department Public Works and the charge is acknowledged to belong to the Government and not to the estate. The case will be brought to the notice of Government with a further expression of the Court's hope that funds may be provided for the work at an early date.

1871.

Court of Wards,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 25TH SEPTEMBER 1871, No 4,111.

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SEPTEMBER.

No 4,111.

Embankment of Godavery river,—non-repair of which caused loss to Kesanakuru Estate.—Letter from Collector of Godavery District stating that embankment has to be repaired exclusively by Government, and that arrangements have been made by Executive Engineer for executing the work this season, recorded

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11th May 1872.

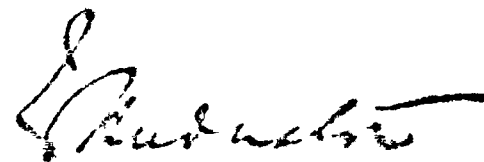
No. 176. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1872, No 790.

Miscellaneous

REFERRED to the Public Works
Department for disposal, with reference
to paragraph 2 of the Board's Pro-
ceedings.

2 The enclosures in the Board's Proceedings will be returned to them as
not required by Government.

(True Extract)



Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th July 1872.*

No. 43. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 27th June 1872, No. 1,125.—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq, Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Cocanada, 3rd June 1872, No. 147.—

REFERRING to Government Order, dated the 14th ultimo, No. 790, communicated with the Board's Proceedings of the 23rd idem, Miscellaneous No. 3,738, I have the honour to report that, in reply to a communication from this Office, dated the 30th April last, No. 76, the Executive Engineer in charge of No. 1 Range reports, that the Estimate which was prepared for the thorough repairs of the Godavery embankment, at a cost of 22,000 Rupees, which would also keep some villages of the Kesanakurru Estate now under the management of the Court, from inundation has not been sanctioned, and that it is not likely that the work will be undertaken for some few years to come.

2. The Sub-Collector, Mr. Stuart, in whose division the Estate is now situate, has personally inspected the locality, and considers it absolutely necessary that the embankment should be repaired immediately, as the income of the estate in the current year has suffered heavily owing to floods, due to the bad condition of the embankment and sluices. He has no doubt that the coming year will prove as disastrous, unless this work is commenced, without the least delay. He adds that there is not more than six weeks left of the season to complete it in, and that he cannot afford to waste a day for sanction. He therefore proposes that the repairs to the embankment should at once be commenced at the cost of the Proprietrix, amounting from 3,000 to 4,000 Rupees, and in anticipation of the Court's sanction, I have directed the Tahsildar of Amalapur to place from time to time what sums he may require, not exceeding in the aggregate 4,000 Rupees at Mr. Stuart's disposal, as occasion may require, and have directed Mr. Stuart to proceed with the work at once.

3 It would appear that the cost of repairing the embankment should be borne by Government, but as there is every reason to believe that the estate would suffer a great deal in a very short time, I hope that the Court will approve of my action. The amount has not, however, been provided for in the Budget of the estate, sanctioned in the Court's Proceedings of the 29th April last, No. 677.

THE Court approve the Collector's orders in this case

2 He should take steps to get the work examined by the Range Officer when complete and should request the Superintending Engineer to state how much of the sum expended is fairly recoverable from Government, on account of the general embankment scheme which appears to have been already sanctioned. Application will then be made to Government to refund so much to the estate.

3. The Collector should have stated what funds were at the credit of the estate to meet this charge. The Court believe that the surplus will be found ample for the purpose

*By Mr. Justice...
27th June 1872.*

*Public Works...
27th June 1872.*

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4th July 1872.*

No 44.

ORDER THEREON, 4th July 1872, No. 1,032.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Department
Public Works.

2 The Court of Wards will report
the amount debitable to Government so soon as they are in a position to do so.
(True Extract.)


Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department
,, the Court of Wards

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Memorandum by the Chief
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18/11/42

29.7.1872
Govt of Madras
REVENUE.
No. 4344

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Dated July 4th

to the

G. O. No. 144 July 1872, No. 1,032

JULY.

Nos. 4344

As per Board's Proceedings relative to repair of
the portion of the river-embankment which lies
in that estate, communicated to the Department
Public Works, and Court of Wards requested to
report the amount payable to Government on
account of general labour scheme.

Committed to the
Engineer of the 1st Division.

To 1825-26 Aug 6/12
The Secretary

18/11/42

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P. W. Dept.
No 1825. *Info*

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the *July 1872*
Read the following

Proc. of the Madras Govt.
Revenue Dept. (Here enter No 790 of 14th May 1872)
Proc. ———— & ———— & (Here enter No 1032 of 4th July 1872)
Ordered to be

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the Revenue De-
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reference to G.O. in
that Department
No. 490 of 14th May,
and No. 1032 of 4th
July 1872; and to the
Superintending Engineer
1st Division - *4/11/72*

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Govt. of (1872) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Acting Superintending
Eng^r 1st Division

Date:

By:

For:

G O 2nd Aug^t 1825.

Nos. 23-24-25

Madavery River Embank.

mem^o. Memo. by the Chief
Eng^r, P.W.D., on Rev. Sec.
relative to the cost of the
work of the Madavery River
Embankment which lies
the Kesava Kurra Estate,
and to be communicated
to the Rev. Sec^y for the
purpose of the P.W.D.