

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
1st February 1872.*

No. 23. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th December 1871, No. 3,719:—

With reference to G. O., 30th June 1871, No. 1,749, calling for further information on the re-opening of Seeshamungalum tank supply channel, Polur

1 Map.

Taluq, North Arcot District, which was sanctioned in G. O., 1st October 1870, No. 2,374, I have the honour to report that the estimate only requires revision in respect to the compensation as follows:—

Land assessed as dry and Poramboke	4 Acres, at 35 an acre, or ten years' purchase... ..	Rs. 140
Land assessed as wet	11 Acres, at 85 or ten years' purchase, at Rs. 8½	935
		Rs. 1,075
Amount of estimate		9,300
		Rs. 10,375

or Rupees 475 in excess of the sanctioned estimate.

2. I think ten years' purchase at this high assessment is considerably more than the land would sell for, at least it is my impression after inquiring into the case on the spot.

3. With reference to the remarks of the Board in paragraph 4, it will not injure the water-supply of any of the tanks in the Jaghire; on the contrary a supply can be given from the channel to two small tanks (the Moochun tangle and Culpoody tank) by building a small sluice on the channel.

4. It will not destroy any portion of rice land, except that which it is proposed to give compensation for, as two aqueducts are provided in the estimate for carrying the water of the Moyanampoondy across the channel which crosses the paddy land just below the bund.

5. No other line can be taken to supply the Seeshamungalum tank at a moderate cost, and the proposed channel was where the original line was carried, as is shown by deep cuttings now not effaced. It appears to me that the Moyanampoondy tank was made long after the channel, and that the channel was then filled in by the Jaghireदार where it crosses the low ground below the tank, which is the only portion of the line that is not clearly to be seen.

6. It would cost too much money to make a line from the river near the spot marked "Temple" and so through the tank Moyanampoondy, as there would be much rock cutting.

7. It was proposed to make an anicut on a ledge of rock above the Arnee Fort; but it would cost a lakh of rupees, and not be in any way remunerative.

8. The Seeshamungalum tank, since the report from Captain Hasted, R. E., of 30th August 1870, has been almost without water, though this year it is very full owing to many tanks in Jaghire having breached. If the channel is made several tanks below Seeshamungalum will obtain a certain supply of water which has not been calculated in the expected increase of revenue.

9. I would, in conclusion, strongly urge on Government early permission to go on with the work for which there is an allowance in the Budget of Rupees

2 I think ten years purchase as

at this high assessment is considerably more than the land would sell for, at least it is my impression after inquiring into the case on the spot.

3 With reference to the remarks of the Board in Para 4, it will not injure the water supply of any of the Tanks in the Jagher on the contrary a supply can be given from the channel to two small Tanks the Moochun Tangli and Culpoody Tank by building a small sluice on the channel.

4 It will not destroy any portion of rice land except that which it is proposed to give compensation for, as two aqueducts are provided in the estimate for carrying the water of the Moogumpondy across the channel which crosses the paddy lands just below the bund.

5 No other line can be taken to supply the Seesamungalum Tank at a moderate cost, and the

proposed

proposed channel was where the original line was carried as it shows by deep cuttings now not effaced. It appears to me that the Moogumpondy Tank was made long after the channel and that the channel was then filled in by the Jagherdar where it crosses the low ground below the tank which is the only portion of the line ^{that} is not clearly to be seen.

6 It would cost too much money to make a line from the river near the spot marked "Temple" and so through the Tank Moogumpondy, as there would be much rock cutting.

7 It was proposed to make an aqueduct on a ledge of rock above the Mue Fort, but it would cost a lac of rupees and not in any way remunerative.

8 The Seesamungalum Tank since the report from Captain Hasted P.E. of 30 August 1870 has been almost

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at it is very full, owing to many small
mountain jaghirs having breached. If the
it channel is made, several lands below
the Sesamungah will obtain a certain
3 supply of water, which has not been
calculated in the expected increase of
4 Revenue.

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9 I would in conclusion
strongly urge on Government early
permission to go on with the work
for which there is an allowance in
the Budget of Rs. 3000, and I
do not think that there will be any
opposition, as the Jaghirdar is now
dead, and he seemed only to object
because some ancestor had filled
up the channel, and not from any
valid reason.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant

Wm. H. Wilson Colonel Q. B.
Superintendent of Division

With the order
of Government No 1749 dated
30th June 1886 estimate for
the supply of the Seccha-
mangalam tank was
returned to the Superin-
tending Engineer with
a view to the reconsidera-
tion of the question rela-
tive to the line the new
channel should follow as

The Jagheerदार of Arnee
declined to give up the
land in rear of the Moyanam.
pondy tank thro' which
it was proposed to take
the Channel.

The Superintending
Engineer states that the
Channel cannot be taken
along any land but that
selected without incurring
considerable expense and
that the line is really
to follow, as nearly as
possible, the original line
of Channel which appears
to have been filled up by
a former Jagheerदार when
the Moyanam pondy tank
was formed. Aqueducts
have

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have been provided to ad-
mit of the lands de-
pendent on the Moyanam
pondy tank being un-
interruptedly supplied
from the tank and two
small tanks within the
limits of the Jagheer-
may, it is said, receive
a supply from the new Chan-
nel. No injury can
therefore be done to the
Jagheer by the excavation
of the proposed Channel.
If therefore, the heirs of
the late Jagheerदार will
not assent to the excava-
tion of the proposed
Channel on compensation
being

being paid for the land
required for it the Govern-
ment direct that the land
be taken up under Act
x of 1870.

In carrying out
the work care should be
taken that the Aqueducts
are completed before the supply
to the lands from the tank
is interrupted by the exca-
vation of the proposed
Channel.

The Superintending
Engineer estimates the amount
to be paid for the land at
10 times the assessment and
that he states from enquiries
made by him will probably
be sufficient. Rupees 475

are thereby added to the
estimate which now amounts
to Rupees 10,375.

The Government
sanction the prosecution
of the work as Rupees 3,000
have been allotted for it
in the Budget of 1871/72
but the land within the
Tageer will not be entered
upon till formally handed
over to the Public Works
Department by the Collector
who will take immediate
steps to acquire it under
Act x of 1870.

To The Engineer in Charge
Ch. Engineer in Charge
Per. [Signature]
Controller [Signature] 2-2-72

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To The Superintendent Engr
4th Division

Date:

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No. 23424

Sesha-mun-alum tank supply
canal. Instructions issued
for the requisition of the
land required for the
Sesha-mun-alum tank
supply channel under
Act x of 1870 and for
the prosecution of the
work.

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