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19th May 1873.

No. 303. Read the following letter from Major J. O. HASTED, R. E., District Engineer, Kistna, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R. E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Masulipatam, 11th April 1873, No. 5:—

I HAVE the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter addressed to me by the Collector requesting me to refund to the Zemindar of Nuzivid Rupees 900 expended by him in excavating a certain channel in the Nuzivid Zemindary.

2. The facts of the case, as stated in the Collector's letter, appear to be correct, and may be briefly stated as follows:—In 1865, in consequence of petitions received from the villagers of Vemanda and Ventrappagada, the Supervisor in charge of the 6th Range, in communication with an official deputed by the Collector, reported that a channel might be dug to water certain lands in the Nuzivid Zemindary at a cost of Rupees 1,227, etc.; that the villagers were willing to do the work on condition of the money being refunded; the Nuzivid Zemindar agreed to pay a water-tax of Rupees 4 per acre on the land irrigated by the channel, requesting that the money expended by the villagers, which would be advanced by him, might be refunded. The work appears to have been examined by an Overseer (now dead) of this department, who in 1866 gave a takeed to the villagers stating that work to the amount of Rupees 900 had been expended on the channel. The Nuzivid Zemindar claimed the refund, and the subject after having been apparently lost sight of for a time led to a lengthy correspondence between the Collector and the Superintending Engineer.

3. Colonel Moberly apparently objected to paying for the channel on the grounds that it had been undertaken without proper authority, and there was no proof of the work having been properly done. The Range Officer was, in 1870, thereupon called on to report on the subject, and having had the channel measured found that the length and top width of the channel agreed with the pit book forwarded by the Zemindar, but that the depth could not be checked owing to the silt deposited in the five years. He stated that it has been ascertained from the Collector that the average amount of cist paid by the Zemindar for each of the four fushies 1276, 1277, 1278, and 1279, has been Rupees 1,215. The channel will not be interfered with by any of the proposed improvements in the delta, but will continue to be utilized.

4. Under these circumstances, and looking to the agreement to pay water-rate given by the Zemindar and the water-rate hitherto paid, I think that, although there is nothing to show the channel was properly levelled and laid out, yet the returns have been such that the expenditure incurred should be refunded to the Zemindar, even should formal agreement have been entered into with this intention. If you agree with me, I have the honour to request you will obtain sanction for the amount to be paid, and, if practicable, allot funds for the purpose.

Rough sketch showing position of channel is enclosed.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th May 1873.*

From G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Acting Collector of the Kistna District, to Major J. O. HASTED,
R. E., District Engineer, Kistna, dated Masulipatam, 14th December 1872, No. 2,932.

With reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to send me Rupees 900 for refund to the Zemindar of Nuzivid under the following circumstances:—

To Superintending Engineer, No. 1,137 of 1870.	
From " " 321 of 1871.	
To " " 603 of "	
From " " 358 of "	
To " " 1,306 of "	
From " " 36 of "	
To " " 2,014 of "	
From " " 147 of "	
To " " 252 of 1872.	
From " " 211 of "	
To " " 1,139 of "	
From " " 7 of "	

2. The ryots of the villages of Vemanda and Ventrappagada in Nuzivid Zemindary presented an arzee on the 22nd June 1865 to Menda Padmanabhaya Naideo, Supervisor in charge of the 6th Range, Department of Public Works, stating that if a branch channel be excavated

from the new branch channel, they would convert into wet 1,200 acres of dry land, and pay the fixed rate of water-tax at 4 Rupees an acre; that the work will cost about 1,000 Rupees; and that if there be no funds available, they will advance the same on condition of having it refunded on the estimate being sanctioned.

3. This arzee came into the hands of the Collector, who forwarded it to the Deputy Tahsildar of the Nuzivid Division with an order No. 76, dated 21st July 1865, in which he was directed to proceed at once to the villages in company with the Supervisor to inspect the locality to ascertain the probable outlay required for the channel, and the extent of land that the ryots proposed to irrigate; also to find out whether the ryots were willing to advance the estimated amount on the condition stated in the arzee. At the same time an *hazetnamah* was sent to the Nuzivid Zemindar informing him of the above circumstances, and requesting him to give his opinion about the project, and also to report whether he would be willing to pay water-rate on the irrigated land as he was responsible for it and not the ryots.

4. In his arzee, dated 23rd July 1865, No. 58, the Sub-Magistrate reported that he and the Supervisor inspected the locality for the proposed channel; that the estimated cost was Rupees 1,227; that the ryots agreed to make an advance of funds on condition of receiving it back when the estimate was sanctioned; and that they had paid there and there Rupees 150, and had promised to pay the remainder, Rupees 1,077, in two instalments.

5. In his arzee dated 24th August 1865, the Zemindar of Nuzivid agreed to pay the water-tax, and requested that the sums advanced by him through the villagers for the excavation of the channel might be refunded after the estimate was sanctioned.

6. In reply to Deputy Tahsildar's arzee, No. 58, an order was issued to him on the 29th July 1865, directing him to obtain agreements from the ryots to execute yearly at their own cost the necessary repairs to the channel.

7. With his arzee, No. 95, dated 8th November 1865, the Deputy Tahsildar forwarded the agreement of the villagers to the above effect.

8. The villagers paid 900 Rupees, and the channel was excavated under the superintendence of the Overseer of the Department Public Works.

9. Since that the Zemindar has been asking for a refund of the money, to which, I believe, you will agree with me that he is entitled, and I have the honour to request you will furnish me with the necessary funds to repay him.

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19th May 1873.*

No. 504.

ORDER THEREON, 19th May 1873, No. 1,395.

IRRIGATION, No. 15.

SANCTIONED. The channel will be considered a Minor New Work, and will be paid for from the funds provided for that purpose in the current year.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,

Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ District Engineer, Kistna.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

No 5

District Engineer's office Hiskia
Camp Maculapatan
11 April 1873

From,
The District Engineer
(Hiskia)

To,
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation & Marbas

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
herewith copy of a letter addressed to me
by the Collector requesting me to respond
to the Zamindar of Sugimil Agoodbanda
by him in excavating a certain channel
in the Sugimil Zamindari.
The facts of the case, as stated in the
Collector's letter appear to be correct and
may be briefly stated as follows. In 1865
in consequence of petitions received from
the villagers of Tomanla and Tanta-prajala,
the Supervisor in charge of the 6th Range,
was

in communication with an official
deputed by the Collector, reported that
a channel might be dug to water certain
lands in the village of Gaurindar at a cost
of Rs 1227 & that the villagers were
willing to do the work on condition of
the money being repaid, the village
Gaurindar agreed to pay a water rate of
Rs 1 per acre on the land irrigated by
the channel, requesting that the money
expended by the villagers, which would
be advanced by him might be repaid.
The work appears to have been commenced
by an order (No. 100) of the Department,
who in 1866 gave orders to the Village
stating that work to the amount of Rs 900
had been expended on the channel. The
village Gaurindar claimed the refund
and the subject after having been on
apparently lost sight of for a time, led to
a lengthy correspondence between the
Collector and the Public Engineer.

x in 1870

3 Col. Moberly apparently objected to
paying for the channel on the ground
that it had been undertaken without
proper authority, and there was no proof
of the work having been properly done.
The Range officer was x thereupon called
on to report on the subject and having had
the channel measured found that the length
and top width of the channel agreed with
the pit book forwarded by the Gaurindar
but that the depth could not be checked
owing to the silt deposited in the years.
He stated that it has been ascertained
from the Collector that the average
amount of silt paid by the Gaurindar
for each of the 4 fushes 1296-77-78 & 79
has been Rs 1215. The channel will not
be interfered with by any of the proposed
improvements in the Delta, but will
continue to be utilized.

4 Under these circumstances and looking
to the agreement to pay water rate given
by the Gaurindar and the water rate
hitherto

hitherto paid, I think that although
there is nothing to show the channel was
properly levelled and laid out, yet the
returns have been such that the expenditure
incurred should be refunded to the
Zamindar, even should further payment
have been entered into with the intention.
If you agree with me, I have the honor
to request you will obtain sanction for
the amount to be paid, and if practicable
allot funds for the purpose.

Rough sketch showing position of
channel is enclosed.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedt
servt
D. B. B. B.

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No 2932.

His High District Collector's Office

P. W. 1873 Department
of Public Works
No 2538.
O. B. 27.

From
The District Engineer
His High

To
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation

Dated 11 April 1873
No 2538
Ref 2538-2

Forwards copy of a letter
from the Collector His High
acting for a refund
to the Zamindar of
Rajid, of Rs 900 expended
by him, in erecting a
certain channel in his
Zamindari and request
sanction and funds
for the payments of
the 1873-74 May 1873.

O. B. 27.

Refd to Government on 11/1/73

No 2932.

District District Collector's Office
Assam 14th December
1872.

From

J. H. Cannon Esq^r

Acting collector of the District
District

To,

The District Engineer

District District

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence
noted in the margin, I have the honor
to request that you will be good enough
to send me Rs 900 for refund to the govt
in aid of charges under the following
circumstances.

2. The ryots of the villages of Pannoo
and Vantapragada in Surgis Division
clerk presented an argee on 22nd June 1865,
to Chandra Radhachand Singh a sub-divisional
superintendent in charge of the 6th Range D.P.W.
stating that if a branch channel be
excavated from the main branch channel,
they would convert into wet 1200 acres of
dry land, and pay the fixed rate of water
tax at 4 Rupees an acre; that the work
will cost about 1000 Rupees; and that
if there be no funds available, they will
advance the same on condition of having
it repaid on the estimated harvest
season.

3. This argee came into the hands of the
Collector who forwarded it to the Deputy
Commissioner of Surgis Division
with

To Surgis, No 1137
of 1870
From Do No 324 of 1871
To Do No 603 of 80
From Do No 358 of 80
To Do No 1306 of 80
From Do No 36 of 80
To Do No 271 of 80
From Do No 447 of 80
To Do No 252 of 1872
From Do No 211 of 80
To Do No 1117 of 80
From Do No 7 of 80

with an order No 76 dated 21st July 1865, in which he was directed to proceed at once to the villages in company with the Supervisor, to inspect the locality, to ascertain the probable outlay required for the channel, and the extent of land that the ryots proposed to irrigate, also to find out whether the ryots were willing to advance the estimated amount on the conditions stated in the order. At the same time an Insaytumnah was sent to the Murgid Zamindar informing him of the above circumstances, and requesting him to give his opinion about the project and also to report whether he would be willing to pay water rate on the irrigated land, as he was responsible for it and not the ryots.

4. In his order dated 20th July 1865, No 58, the Submagistrate reported that he and the Supervisor inspected the locality for the proposed channel; that the estimated cost was Rs 1297; that the ryots agreed to make an advance of funds on condition of receiving it back when the estimate was sanctioned, and that they had paid there Rs 150 and had promised to pay the remainder Rs 1077 in two instalments.

5. In his order dated 24th August 1865, the Zamindar of Murgid agreed to pay the water tax, and requested that the sum advanced by him through the villagers for the excavation of the channel might be repaid, after the estimate was sanctioned.

6. In reply to Deputy Sahasibach order No 58, an order was issued to him on 29th July 1865, directing him to obtain agreements from the ryots to execute yearly at their own cost, the necessary repairs to the channel.

7. With his order No 95, dated 3rd November 1865, the Deputy Sahasibach forwarded the agreements of the Villagers to the above effect.

8. The Villagers paid 900 Rs, and the channel was excavated under the superintendence of the Quincey of the D. P. W.

9. Since that the Zamindar has been asking for a refund of the money, to which I believe you will agree with me that he is entitled; and I have the honor to request you will furnish him with the necessary funds to repay him.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) G. D. Curran
Acting Collector
(True copy)

Pls attend to Major R. G.
District Engineers
District District

Ms. 2538/73.

2/6/27/73.

Enclosure of letter
Ms. 2538/73
from the District
Engineers to the Chief
Engineer for the
District.
1/6/27/73.

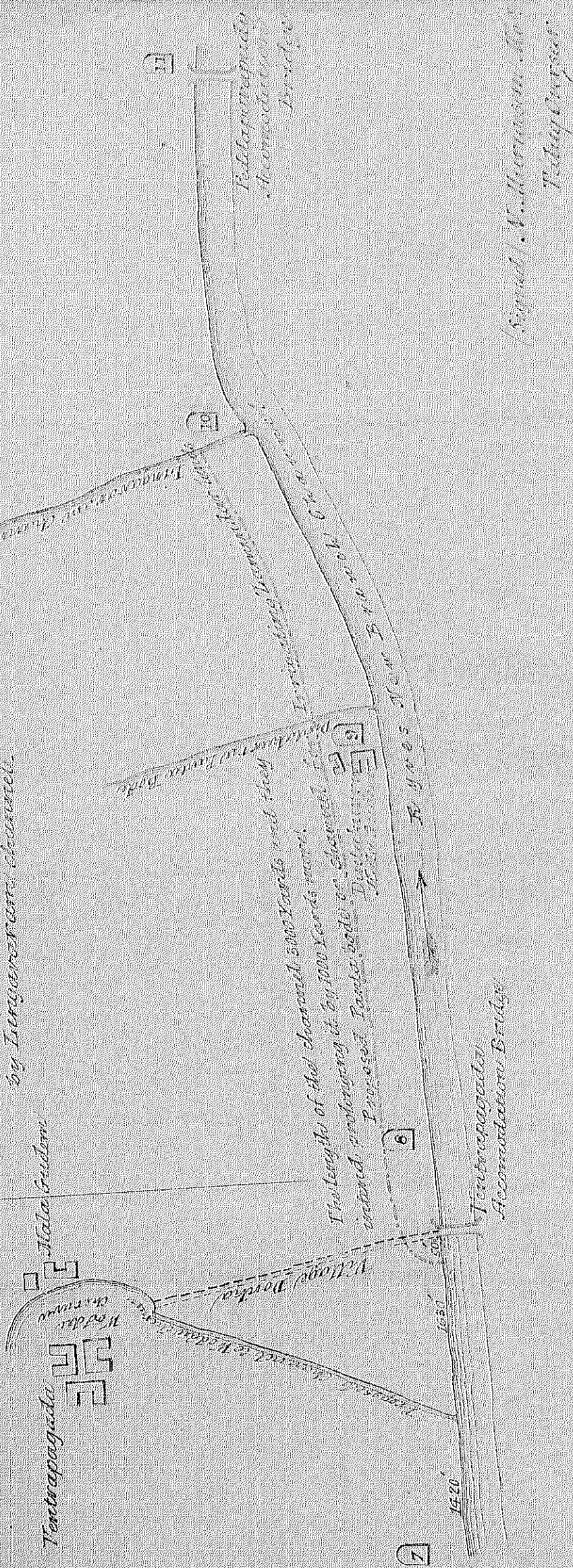
P. M. 2538/73.

Enclosure is a letter from the District Engineer, K. R. S. of 11 April 1873 to the Chief Engineer for Irrigations.

Irrigable land under the proposed Channel.

Ventrapagada	30.77
Wanapamudi	131.80
Vintakurru	195.50
Pedaparapudi	17.32
Maheswarapuram	29.20
Gurundapuram	32.42
Total	547.01

* This land has been better watered by the old Ventrapagada channel and this by Lingapuram channel.



25/7/72

N. 1395
M. D.

Pro. of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:

From the St. Eng., Kistna (H.E. No. 5 of 11 Apr 73)

Sanctioned. The Channel will be considered a minor new work, and will be paid for from the funds provided for that purpose in the current year. It is to be regretted that the District Engineer's application was not

G.M. submitted

~~submitted in time to~~
~~allow of funds being~~
~~made available in~~

~~1872-73.~~ ~~Un~~ 23/4/73

Last sentence
objected to as
Major Spotted
only joined the
District in Jan'y
should to make
inquiries -

Wm.

To the Chief Engr^g for Brigades
" D. H. M. S. M. S.
" Revenue Dept.
" Controller of P. W. S.

Dec^r 2^d 1873.

N^o 303-304.

C/2538

Govt. of 1873 Madras,
PUBLIC WORKS.

to the Chief Engineer for
Navigation

Date:

Recd.

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C. 19/11/1395

No. 2034301

Channel. The amount
to the Engineer of Madras
of the amount expended
by him in excavating
a channel, sanctioned
with remarks.