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3th July 1874.*

No. 132. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Negapatam, 27th May 1874, No. 238:—

IN 1861 Government directed that the grass plantations on the north side of the Coleroon, in the limits of Tirumanoor, Munjamodoo, Karapakum, and Aunimungalum, should be handed over to Tanjore District, as their maintenance affected the head of the Munnyaur head; regarding certain claims made by the Tirumalavadi Thavasthanum to portions of these padugays the Board of Revenue, in Proceedings No. 3,142, dated 17th June 1861, decided they had no claim, and that should they make any it must be finally decided in the Law Courts; the reason of this decision was that the grass in question was in the bed of a navigable river.

2. Since this date these plantations have been much increased, and now extend in the limits of Aramanacoorchy, beyond the limits handed over to this district. The Range Officer of Woodiarpolliem, by name Syed Yusuf Saib, this year found this out, and sold by auction this portion of the grass. Lieutenant Smart brought this to my notice, but neither he nor myself at the time was aware that the grass was beyond the limits handed over to this district, (of course, when Tanjore and Trichinopoly were one division this was no consequence, now they are under different District Engineers it is of little consequence if the two district Engineers act together.)

3. I wrote to the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, thinking the grass was under my charge, and requested him to stop all interference of the Range Officer.

4. In the meantime Lieutenant Smart inspected the plantation and found that the Tirumalavadi Thavasthanum had planted grass in the bed; he considering it was in the limits handed over to his charge, burnt and destroyed it.

5. Tirumalavadi Thavasthanum have commenced proceedings in the Sub-Magistrate's Court against the Monegar and Cottens, who acted under Lieutenant Smart's orders, for mischief. I have requested the Collector of Trichinopoly to remove this case from this Court, as there is, I believe, a good deal of ill-feeling regarding the case.

6. I have written to the District Engineer of Trichinopoly, pointing out the mistake that has been made, and saying that I have no objection to the grass in the limits of Aramanacoorchy being handed over to him, but that I must request him to prevent the Thavasthanum people from planting in the bed of the river, or laying claims to any portion of it, and pointing out what I consider the bad behaviour of the Range Officer of Woodiarpolliem, who should have explained matters before selling the grass, and who also should not have allowed the Thavasthanum people to plant in the river bed.

7. In conclusion, I have the honour to request the sanction of Government for my entertaining a Vakil and to defend the Monegar and Cottens, a probable expenditure of Rupees 25. I have directed Lieutenant Smart to entertain one in anticipation of sanction.

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8th July 1874.

No. 133.

ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1874, No. 1,825.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

The defence of the Monegar and Cottens referred to is authorized, in the first instance, at the public expense, and it will depend upon the facts elicited at the trial whether a refund will be required or not.

2. The District Engineers concerned should lose no time in taking the necessary steps for acquiring the river margins here and elsewhere, where the right to plant manual is liable to be disputed, and where it is desirable that the conservancy of the river and all operations within its boundaries should be entirely in the hands of Government officers.

3. Concerted action between the District Engineers of Trichinopoly and Tanjore with respect to work to be done on the parts of the Coleroon, Cauvery, and Vennaur, which run through their respective charges, is essential, and should be secured by conference or otherwise, as frequently as may be necessary.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
Trichinopoly.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.

No. 238.

District Engineer's Office
Camp. Negapatnam
27 May 1874.

From

Major W.R. Mead R.E.

District Engineer of Tanjore

Quintt Col. John Mullins R.E.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Sir,

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no consequence now they are under different District Officers it is of little consequence if the 2 District Officers act together.)

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Your most obedient servant
M. Smart Major R.

District Magistrate

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To District Engineer, Tanjore ✓
do Trichinopoly ✓
Chief Eng. for Govt. ✓
Revenue Dept. ✓
S. Capins despatched to all 14/7/74.

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To



The Dist. Supt.
Pangloss

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

8 July 1874. No. 1826

Nos 132-133.

Suit

The defence of the suit
brought against the Monegar
and others in connection with
Nand plantation on the north
side of the Coleroon in the
Pangloss D. authorized with
remarks - and concert of
action ordered to be secured
between the D. Engineers of
Pangloss & Brahmaputra with re
spect to work to be done on
the left of the Coleroon Canals.