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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th February 1874.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 250. Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 6th January 1874,
No. 13, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Channel in Sankarainarkovil Taluq, in Tinnevelly District.*—Approving construction of a — for which certain ryots have subscribed and which is to supply certain rain-fed tanks.

No. 18.

No. 251. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

It seems to be necessary to remark that there is no information whatever upon which an opinion can be formed on the merits of the small project which has been sanctioned by Government in the Revenue Department for the improvement of the supply of a series of tanks in the Sankaranainarkovil Taluq in Tinnevelly ; but as the work is not to be carried out with public money, and as the Collector and the people who have subscribed the necessary funds are convinced of the utility of the channel, while those interested in existing irrigation under the water-supply are stated not to object to flood waters being drawn off, the project may be carried out in the manner proposed.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
9th January 1874.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 252.

ORDER THEREON, 13th February 1874, No. 352.

IRRIGATION, No. 16.

COMMUNICATED to the District
Engineer, Tinnevelly.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tinnevelly.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
6th January 1874.*

No. 24. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th December 1873, No. 2,505 :—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Nannagaram, 7th November 1873, No. 614 :—

In paragraph 73 of my letter, embodied in Government Proceedings, No. 365, dated 4th February 1869, I alluded to the anxious wish of the people to construct a channel in the Sankaranainarkovil Taluq to supply a series of rain-fed tanks from a river; before the Government Order was passed, I had left the district and did not return for two years. Since then, I have been too busily employed elsewhere to give much attention to this work, but the people are still so bent on carrying out their design, that they offer to pay all the cost, and have cut a trial channel as far as one of the tanks with the most perfect success; on referring the matter to the District Engineer, that officer informed me that there was no difficulty in the matter of levels, but that he doubted the quantity of the expected water-supply, and thought that water drawn off from the river might be injurious to the cultivation dependant on existing channels below; the villagers, however, dependant on these channels had no objection to flood water being drawn off, and as the floods down this river are usually heavy when they do occur, and it is only intended to take off such surplus as may flow into the proposed channel over a dam four feet above the bed of the river, and so rather save than injure the irrigation works below, the District Engineer withdrew his objection, on the understanding that no work should be undertaken on his responsibility without the sanction of Government, and without a regular registry of the water-supply of the river.

2. It is now five years since money was first subscribed for this work, and the people are most anxious to carry it out during the coming north-east monsoon, the only season when the gravelly soil can be worked with a momety.

3. The levels are taken, the line is marked out, and money is forthcoming; all that we need, therefore, is permission to let the ryots spend their own money in cutting a channel across a waste, gravelly plain, on the understanding that there shall be a regulating dam at the head of the channel, of sufficient height to prevent the influx of all water that does not rise four feet above the bed of the river.

4. If sanctioned, the work may be carried out under the superintendence of the Tahsildar

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. Paragraph 73 of the letter of the 6th March 1868, No. 108, proposed a channel to tanks from a stream which carries off the surplus water of two tanks.

3. It now appears that the ryots concerned are eager for the channel to be made and have subscribed the cost.

4. If the head of the channel is regulated so that water can only come into it over a dam four feet above the level of the stream which the channel tops, no harm can be done to existing cultivation dependent on the stream, but the

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District Engineer is unable, without a prolonged registry of the quantity of water in the stream to tell whether the channel will be successful or not.

5. The Board think that under the circumstances the channel should be made.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 6th January 1874, No. 13.

Irrigation, No. 1.

APPROVED.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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No. 18. 3
Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
It seems to be necessary to remark that there is no information whatever upon which an opinion can be formed on the merits of the small project, which has been sanctioned by Government in the Revenue Department, for the improvement of the supply of a series of tanks in the Sankaranainar Kovil Taluk in Tirunelveli, but as the work is not to be carried out with Public money, and as the Collector and the people who have subscribed the necessary funds are convinced of the utility of the channel, while those interested in existing irrigation under the water supply are stated not to object to flood waters being drawn off, the project may be

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9 January 1874.

Chief Engineer for Navigation

To
The Secretary to Govt M.A.

Public Works Dept. Department

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To the D.C. Tinnevely ✓
— Revenue Dept ✓
— Chief Engr for Tinnevely ✓
— Controller of M. Works ✓

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To The District Engineer
Tinnevely

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Channel. Note by the Chief
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Tinnevely D.C. Comd. to the
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