

(1) Number of pages _____

(2) Date of repair _____

(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE

Government of Madras

Public works

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	683 - (9)	Press
~~B.P. No.~~		Mis.
314.315.		
Dated	13-3-1844	195 .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

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

No. 314. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 13th January 1874, No. 52:—

ABSTRACT.—*Threatened failure in the harvest to the east of Trichinopoly.*—Noticing with pleasure the more favourable accounts made by the Board of Revenue relative to the — as reported by the Acting Collector, and directing communication of these papers to the Department of Public Works for early consideration of paragraph 5 of the Collector's letter relative to the requirement of subsidiary reservoirs.

No. 315. ORDER THEREON, 13th March 1874, No. 683.

IRRIGATION, No. 30.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, in continuation of G. O., of the 19th September 1873,

No. 149, and that officer will be requested to ascertain what inspections or investigations were made by Major Oakes when Superintending Engineer of the late 6th Division in connection with the projects referred to in Mr. Banbury's letter of the 29th December 1868, No. 266, and also what arrangements he himself proposes to make for enabling a decision to be arrived at as soon as possible as to the capabilities of the Trichinopoly District for the formation of additional tanks and reservoirs.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1874.*

No. 100. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th December 1873, Miscellaneous No. 8,733:—

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Trichinopoly, 15th December 1873, No. 8,733.

With reference to my season telegram of the 9th instant, I think it desirable to apprise the Board of the *possibility* of a considerable failure in the harvest to the east of the Trichinopoly Taluq, chiefly in the villages dependant on the great Kuttapar Tank which is now empty.

2. As intimated in my telegram there has been a practical failure of the monsoon almost all over the district; for, though we had a considerable fall of rain (from the west) in October as noted in the margin, the weather cleared up at the beginning of November, and there has been no rain to speak of*

Inches 16.

* Inches only 1.12.

in this part of the district since. One consequence of this failure of the rain that is expected here in November and the beginning of December has been that the Cauvery has been too low to furnish a full supply to the channels, and yet too high to permit of the construction of Corumboos; so that the first constructed (on the 27th ultimo) was breached almost immediately.

3. It has been successfully repaired at last, and water is again coming down the channel; but whether it will reach Kuttapar in time to save the crops remains to be seen.

4. The Tahsildar has just returned from the head of the Weyacondan, and is now on his way to Kuttapar, the channel being full again. Every effort is being made to expedite the flow of water by clearing out the channel; a Revenue Inspector has been sent to the villages affected to report daily on the state of affairs, and I am making special inquiries as to the condition of the crops in the Illupur Division to the south where, I am afraid, the season has been peculiarly bad and the tanks are all rain-fed.

5. A capricious season like the present clearly proves how much these long and ill-regulated channels require subsidiary reservoirs such as that described in Mr. Banbury's Report to the Board, dated 29th December 1868, No. 266, to the importance of which I drew attention in forwarding a copy on the 10th June * *Vide* Board's Proceedings No. 1,364, dated 1873. As it is, the land affected is practically as much dependant on the local rain-fall as that under any purely rain-fed tank.

6. There was slight rain here yesterday, but it seems to have passed off again.

P. S. I HAVE just learnt that water is flowing freely into the Kuttapar Tank, and trust that the crops may nearly all be saved. There is also some slight prospect of rain to-day, but the accounts from the south are not hopeful.

(Signed) J. PENNINGTON,

17th December 1873.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
13th January 1874.*

SUBMITTED for the information of Government.

2. The Board are glad to say they have heard that rain has fallen in Trichinopoly since this letter was written.

No. 101.

ORDER THEREON, 13th January 1874; No. 52.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government are glad to hear that later accounts are more favourable.

2. These papers will be communicated to the Department Public Works, for early consideration of paragraph 5 of the Acting Collector's letter.

(True Extract.)

W. H. French

Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. W. H. French.

20 spare copies

Q. H. S. G. 1/24
Cir 24 Jan 74

No 688-13-Rec'd

Pro. in the Rev. Sept. (H.E. No. 52 7/13" Jan 74)

Communicated
to the District Engineer
Tichinopoly, in continuation
of J. O. of the 19 September
1873 No 149, and that
Officer will be requested
to ascertain what inspections
or investigations were
made by Major Baker when
Superintending Engineer of the
late 6th Division in con-
nection

connections with the projects
referred to in Mr. Baileys
letter of the 29th December
1868 No 266, and also
what arrangements he
himself proposes to make
for enabling a decision
to be arrived at as soon as
possible as to the capaci-
ties of the Trickingly
District for the formation
of additional Tanks and
reservoirs.

By 20/1/74

Am.

Atty: Trichy ✓
Ch: Eng: for Dir. ✓
Rev: Secy ✓

374-315.

Desps via S-C 16/3/74

Rel: Sely/74.
26 Jan/74

ects

C/224
Govt. of 1874 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Commr
Fitchinopoly

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 13th March No 683.

No. 31493/5

Public Works, Fitchinopoly

The Secy. in the Secy Dept
Communicating to the
the Secy. in the Secy Dept's
Report relative to the
Requirements of the Im-
migration works in the D.,
Comd the Secy Dept
with instructions.