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Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th April 1876.*

Read the following papers —

No 161.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th February 1876

From A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to C. A. GALTON, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Coimbatore, 7th February 1876, No 30

I HAVE the honor to submit copy of a letter from my Deputy Collector, Northern Division, in reference to the proposed and sanctioned repair of the Camiempolliem Anicut, the repairs of which as I noticed 13th paragraph in my letter of the 14th April 1875, No 9, in Proceedings of Madras

Government, No 1,299, of 7th May 1875,*
* Communicated with Board's Miscellaneous No 4,753, of 31st May 1875
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expensive, the longer delayed, the breach naturally becoming wider, and the loss of water greater

2 The Revenue Department has undertaken the repair as executive; it requires some professional advice from the Department of Public Works in carrying out the repair, which it is presumed the Government will direct to be afforded. The anicut

itself requires repair, stones have been displaced, and the breach enlarges, clearing only the head of the channel† as above estimated for will not suffice

3. I noticed paragraph 9 in my letter referred to, that the repair of such a work is far too expensive to be left to private enterprise of petty ryots

4. I call attention to the proposal of the ryots to pay double the moderate assessment now levied on such lands as are irrigated, and I think that such an arrangement would be best for all parties.

5. The supply of water is good; it is the highest anicut on the Bhowany, and furnishes irrigation for a valuable crop; the lands also very good, as I have personally noticed

6. I have the honor to recommend that a fresh estimate for thorough repair, say Rupees 5,000, be made by the Department of Public Works. It is no use spending dribblets annually, or for a temporary purpose to be annually lost

7. The execution to be left to the Revenue Department with occasional professional advice.

8. In consideration of effective repair the assessment to be revised, double the present rate being levied

9. I noticed that when a full breach is made, the revenue falls from Rupees 1,157 to Rupees 158; or, in other words, a loss of Rupees 1,000 accrues to Government

10 To prevent this, an expenditure of Rupees 5,000 would be a good investment, the sum being, as it were, recouped in five years

11. If the offer of the ryots to pay double their present assessment be accepted, there will be a revenue of Rupees 2,176 per annum for ten years, which will secure Government from loss.

12 I should deprecate valuable land being allowed to relapse into jungle, which will result from inadequate repair, repair becomes more costly every season it is deferred; so I beg for early orders with reference to paragraph 6 on this important subject.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th April 1876.*

From A MACGREGOR, Esq, Deputy Collector of Northern Division, Coimbatore, to
A. WEDDERBURN, Esq, Collector of Coimbatore, dated Camp at Coimbatore,
12th January 1876, No 4.

When the estimate for Rupees 480 for repairing the Camempolliem Anicut was submitted, there were only two small breaches, but, owing to funds not having been received, these breaches have been much enlarged and two others have been made by the recent floods. You will see therefore that Rupees 480 is quite insufficient for the repairs now required.

2 The ryots holding land under this anicut lately met me when I inspected the place, and begged that Rupees 5,000 might be expended, and I voluntarily offered to pay double rent on their lands for ten years, so that Government might not lose by the transaction. As the anicut had been condemned by the Department of Public Works, I suggested that they should borrow the money from Government under Act XXIV of 1871, and take the work into their own hands, but that they are not prepared to do. If this anicut can be thoroughly repaired, and I believe, if sufficient funds are expended, there is no reason to consider this impracticable, the ordinary assessment would be Rupees 1,087-15-9, and if doubled, according to the request of the ryots, it would be Rupees 2,175-15-6. The money expended therefore would be fully recovered in five years with interest at 4 per cent.

3 The ryots do not wish the work to be given to the Department of Public Works, but it appears to me that their professional advice is necessary to enable the Tahsildar to carry out the work properly.

4 Colonel Wilkieson, when I personally asked his advice as to the best method of repairing the anicut, declined to give any opinion, as the work was not to be executed by the Department of Public Works, but I do not think this is fair, for although we may execute the work much cheaper, say, for one-third less than the Department of Public Works, still their professional advice is necessary, and I trust that, if my present proposal is sanctioned, orders may be issued on the subject. My proposal is that—after personal inspection by the Superintending Engineer, for I do not think the Range Officer Mr. Supervisor Scott sufficiently skilled when we have an officer of Colonel Wilkieson's experience at hand, at which I will be present—written instructions should be given me, and I would then undertake the work, and doubtless Colonel Wilkieson would advise me if any unexpected difficulty should arise.

5 If this work is not carried out, all the land which has been cultivated will relapse into dense jungle, and again become a nuisance to all travellers on that road which is much frequented by wild beasts, besides an unnecessary loss to the Government revenue.

SUBMITTED to Government, with the request that early orders may be passed for the preparation by the Department of Public Works of an estimate for the thorough repair of the Camempolliem Anicut, the ryots who will benefit by the work having agreed to pay double assessment for a period of ten years.

2 Orders are also requested as to whether the Superintending Engineer should be required to afford professional and when the work is to be executed by the Tahsildar. It seems to the Board that the result of this arrangement will be that, in case of failure or mismanagement, it will be difficult to fix the responsibility.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed)

C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No 4

REFERRED to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation for opinion
FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th March 1876

(Signed)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secy to Govt, Rev. D.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th April 1876.*

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Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

No 161-A.

A COMPLETE design, estimate, and specification for the repair of the Camempolliem Anicut and Channel can, if the Government wish it, be prepared in the Public Works Department, but the undersigned is of opinion that the Revenue Officers should either undertake the complete management and responsibility of the anicut and channel, or leave them alone. The joint management desired by the Collector is, it is thought, out of the question, the only reasonable form it could take would be that the Tahsildar should find the labor, and the Superintending Engineer do the work.

2 The Collector, in paragraph 13 of his letter, printed in Proceedings, Madras Government, of the 7th May 1875, No 1,293, says, that the Camempolliem Anicut is like the Toongabudra Anicut near Bellahoonsi, by which must be meant the part of the Walavapore Anicut north of the island. If so, it is a work which requires no professional skill, and it may be added that it will not be easy to ensure that the Rupees 5,000 proposed to be spent shall suffice to render the anicut stable even for one year. It is marvellous what gigantic stones have been used in the Walavapore and other native anicuts, and it is as marvellous how frequently such stones are displaced. South of the island at the Toombudra Anicut, a masonry wall has been substituted for the packed stone weir, the latter containing perhaps 15 to 20 times the quantity of material, and this wall has stood very well. If there be a rock foundation, a similar improvement may probably be feasible at the Camempolliem Anicut, but in the absence of rock, a stable work would be costly.

CAMP AT BANGOOMARPETT,
15th March 1876.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt-Col, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

ORDER THEREON, 10th April 1876, No 937

No 162

IRRIGATION, No 10

THESE papers will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, who will be instructed to submit a

decided opinion as to whether the maintenance of the Camempolliem Anicut requires professional agency.

(True Extract)

Colonel,

Offg Under Secy to Govt, P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation
" Revenue Department

Edw E C Shunker
Spare Copies

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 18th February 1876

N^o 30 Read the following
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Collector of Coimbatore
To, C. A. Galton Esquire
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N^o 9 in Proceedings Madras

Government No. 1299 of 7th May 1875

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(Mombatore Collrs Office) 22nd Feb 1876 } for Collector
7th February 1876 } Submitted

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True copy & Extract

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
with copy of Dy Collr's letter

Referred to the Chief Engineer for
Irrigation for opinion

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25 Feb 1876 321-322
24 Feb 1876 246 Am



Secretary to Government

AM 20/4/76

Fort St George
6 March 1876

Heavenly Channel -
in Coimbatore Dist. - Submitting
for orders of Government
Colly's recommendation for
preparation of an estimate
for thorough repair of -

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N. 8th Deputy Colly's Office,
Camp Gopichetti Polliam
22nd January 1876

N. 4

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A. M. Macgregor Esquire,
Deputy Collector, N. Division
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Proposed by Mr.
Local Agent
Known to be correct
L.A.C.

Col. P.

C. J. M.

I have & will
(2^d) A. M. Macgregor
By Collector
(True copy)
(2^d) A. M. Macgregor
for collector (True copy)

Cham
Acting Secretary



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For Review in the
of the Board of Revenue
to the Secretary to Govt
R.B. 2/11/76

Rev 7/5/76

Copy of letter of
Deputy Collector to the
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N^o 1411.

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From
 The Chief Eng^r
 for Irrigⁿ

Dated 15th March 1876
 Rec^d 18th March 1876
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Note on a Pro: of the
 Bd of Revenue, relative to
 the thorough repairing of the
 Camiempollium Channel
 Canalator Dist

60-10 April/75 No 937

Cir 20-3-76.

O.K.B.
 Pro: of the Meadows, East
 Under date the
 Read the following:

From
 The Chief Engineer
 for Irrigation } (H.E. No 1411 of 15 March 1876)

The remarks of the
 Chief Engineer for Irriga-
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 that it is of doubtful
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 on a weir of the description
 of the Camiempollium
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 description to be as indi-
 cated by Mr. Wedderburn,
 the Chief Engineer is of
 opinion that no professional
 skill is needed for restoring
 it on the present design,
 (and

and indeed the Anicut no doubt was constructed by natives without such assistance.

2 The transference of the Anicut to the Revenue Officers was arranged upon the supposition that the work was of a kind which they could manage independently of the Public Works Officers, and if this be not the case no advantage will result from the change, but rather disadvantage in every way.

The Revenue Department can decide whether the circumstances are such as to warrant the continued maintenance of the Anicut, and whether, if so, that

maintained

maintenance is to be entrusted to the Revenue Officers. If the Public Works Department is to be in any way connected with the Anicut, beyond from time to time supplying funds and reviewing the results of expenditure, the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore, should resume charge of the work.

By 16/3

[Signature]

To the Suptg. Coimbatore
- Chiefly for Navigation
- Revenue Dept.
- ~~Collection of~~

No 937

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 16th April 1906

READ the following —

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C. W.

S. E. Coimbatore }
C. E. for }
Irrigation }
Capt. D. D.

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C. W.

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To Capt. C. L. L. L.

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Com. Lat. Dr. Papers
on the subject of the
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with the request as to how
the maintenance of the
-requires professional
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