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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th April 1877. No. 1,105.

No 18 Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
dated Fort St. George, 13th March 1877, No. 142 W —

From Major J. BEATTY, R E, Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery
District, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp,
Kannapuram, 5th March 1877, No 3,480.

With reference to G O, No 163, of 18th January 1877, I have the honor to
inform you that the Polaveram River Embankment Establishment consists of one
Superintendent and four Lascars, and its cost is annually as follows —

1 Superintendent at Rupees 15	..	..	..	..	RS
4 Lascars at Rupees 6	..	..	..	..	180
					288

Total per annum . 468

2 That embankment, as you are aware, is one of the most important in the
district, as the result of breaches in it would be serious damage by inundation, through
the Rallimadugu, to the works and irrigation in the Western Delta, independently of
injury to property and villages higher up in the Yernagudem Taluq

3 The establishment is much required to guard the embankment and its protec-
tive works, more especially the nanel grass plantations, from the injuries they are in
constant danger of sustaining from all classes of the inhabitants in its neighbourhood

4 During the freshes the villagers often, through ignorance, think they can
relieve or secure the safety of their own village by cutting the bank in some other
village lower down, or if their village lie on the berm outside the embankment, they
may expect to lower the height of the fresh there by cutting the embankment near it.
In the great fresh of July 1875, if the Range Officer had not been on the spot the
people of Thallapudi would have cut the bank at their village with the sanction of
the Tahsildar, who was with difficulty persuaded by Mr Martin not to authorize them
to make a breach Again, ryots holding land just within the embankment are often
ready to cut the bank in high freshes in order that their land may benefit by the heavy
deposit of silt in case of inundation, regardless of the great loss of life and property
that may thus be caused.

5 In the dry season the embankment establishment looks after the safety and
extension of the protective works, chiefly nanel grass plantations The soil collected
by these plantations makes such valuable ground for tobacco cultivation that, if not
constantly watched, the ryots are quite capable of destroying in a few days some
plantation that may be invaluable for the protection of the river's margin, and you
are aware how the line of embankment from Polaveram to Vejaishweram is endangered
by a series of sets. The plantations are being gradually extended, but these require
constant watching As an instance of the danger to these plantations I may mention

* Western Delta

that at the Chiguru lunka, in the limits of
Kakaraparru,* where the department has
been laboring for years for the protection of the margin from erosion, a mischievous
renter has suddenly uprooted 56,000 yards of grass before the Range Establishment

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discovered what he was doing. He will be prosecuted by the Range Officer but will doubtless be acquitted on the plea of ignorance, or escape with a slight fine. And here I may observe that the fine of Rupees 50, proposed in paragraph 1, of the "Heads of proposed Draft Bill for the conservancy of Rivers Act," will, I fear, be utterly insufficient to have any deterring effect.

6 Hitherto for some years the cost of the establishment, as given in para. 1, has been met from Local Funds, but the Local Fund Board has now declined to pay it, and an allotment to cover its cost in the present year should be made from Imperial Funds

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Tabular Statement of a Conservancy Establishment for the Polaveram Embankment, Godavery District

EXTRACT FROM HOME DEPART- MENT OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA	No	Date	Office to which the proposition refers	NATURE OF CHARGE						PROPOSITION						Local Government's recom- mendation		P W Financial Dept Department		Orders
				Present Scale			Proposed Scale			Permanent	Temporary			Grounds of Proposition.			Remarks	Remarks		
				No	Designation.	Pay	No	Designation	Pay		Increase per Month	Decrease per Month	Period						Increase per Month	
..	1	Godavary Dis- trict	1 Superintendent	15 0 0	1	Superintendent	15 0 0	RS.	RS.		RS.									
..	4	Polarvam River Embankment, or right em- bankment of river above head of Delta	4 Lascars at 6 Rs .	24 0 0	4	Lascars at 6 Rs .	24 0 0													
			Total	39 0 0		Total	39 0 0													

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LINS, Lieut-Col, RE,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

FORT ST GEORGE,
13th March 1877.

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SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government with a recommendation for the sanction of the establishment. The required tabular statement has been prepared in this office. The establishment will appertain to Ordinary, Agricultural, River Embankments.

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

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No 19 ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1877, No 1,105

IRRIGATION, No 1

Establishment.

THE proposal for the sanction of this Conservancy Establishment as an Imperial charge will be submitted for the consideration of the Government of

India together with a copy of Proceedings of Madras Government, No 163, of the 18th January 1877.

(Here enter No 1,106, dated 4th April 1877)

(True Extract)

Lieut-Col, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Godavery
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation
,, Examiner of Public Works Accounts

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No 3480 General

From,

The Offg. Superintending Engineer
Godavery District

To,

The Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras.

Camp Rannapuram 5 March 1877

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 163 of 18th January 1877, I have the honor to inform you that the Polavaram River Embankment Establishment consists of one Superintendent and 4 lascars, and its cost is annually as follows:—

1. Superintendent at Rs. 15 — 1.80

4. lascars at Rs. 6 — 2.88

Total per annum, Rupees. 4 6 8

2. That embankment, as you are aware, is one of the most important in the District, as the result of breaches in it would be serious damage by inundation, through the Rallimadugu, to the works and irrigation in the Western Delta, independently of

of injury to property and villages higher up, in the Yernagudem Taluq. —

3. The establishment is much required to guard the embankment and its protective works, more especially the nanel grass plantations, from the injuries they are in constant danger of sustaining from all classes of the inhabitants in its neighbourhood —

4. During the freshes, the villagers of ten, through ignorance, think they can render or secure the safety of their own village by cutting the bank in some other village lower down, or if their village lie on the bank outside the embankment, they may expect to lower the height of the fresh there by cutting the embankment near it. In the great fresh of July 1875, if the Range Officer had not been on the spot, the people of Thallapudi would have cut the bank at their village with the sanction of the Tahildar, who was with difficulty persuaded by Mr. Martin not to authorize

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Tabular Statement of a Conservancy Establishment for the Polaveram Embankment, Godavery District.

Extract from Home Department of Government of India		Office to which the proposition refers.	Nature of charge.		Proposition								Grounds of proposition	Local Government's recommendation.	Orders of the Govt. of India.	
No.	Date.		Present scale	Proposed scale	Permanent		Temporary				P.W. Dept.	Financial Department				
					Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Period.	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Period.						
No.	Date.	No.	Designation	Pay	No.	Designation	Pay	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Period.	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.	Period.	Remarks	Remarks	Order
			Godavery District.	1	Superintendent.	15	1	Superintendent.	15							
			Polaveram River.	4	Lascars at 6 Rs.	24	4	Lascars at 6 Rs.	24							
			Embankment,													
			or right embank-													
			ment of river above													
			head of Delta.													
			Total	39		Total	39	39								
NB The scale needs no alteration, but the cost of establishment has hitherto not been an Imperial charge.																

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From,
The Chief Engineer
Godavery Dist.
Madras
The Chief Engineer
13th March 1877
Rs. 34.80
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4th April 1877 P.W.D.

Office of the Chief
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Fort Saint George -
13 March 1877.

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Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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From
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P.W.D

15th 1877

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Dated 13 March 1877
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Colaveram River Embankment.
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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 4 April 77

Read the following -

Endorsement of the Ch Eng for (N. 142 - W of 13 March 1877)

The proposal for the
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 before now

18 Godavery
 Ch. Eng.
 W. W. R. 20-4-77

No. 1106

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

To

The Secretary to the
Government of India

P. W. Dept.

Fort St George, 4 April 1877

SIR,

In forwarding for the
sanction of the Government of
India a proposal to charge to
Imperial funds the cost of
an establishment for con-
veying the right embank-
ment of the Kodavery above
the Ament, I am directed
to explain briefly the reasons
for this proposal.

2 An establishment
was originally entertained

from local funds to watch
the western bank of the
Godavary. The Madras
Government in 1868 decided
that, as the sale proceeds
of the grass grown upon the
embankment were credited
to local funds, these funds
should bear the cost of
the detachment. And
until 1874 the charge was
so debited. In that year
it was ruled in the Public
Works Department that all
grass rents on irrigation
works were to be credited
to Imperial Revenues. And
the Board of Revenue,
inasmuch as the cost of
the Conservancy detach-
ment was principally met
from the proceeds of the
sale of grass grown on the
embankment, struck out

the charge from the local
fund Budget.

3. I am to say that the
Government concurs with the
Board in considering that
the detachment ^{is} properly
chargeable to Imperial funds
as it is employed to secure
the safety of the embank-
ment, and though the latter
carries a local fund Road
the latter is maintained
separately from local funds.

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To *the S. C. Godavery*

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ment, Godavery Dt -
The proposal to charge
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