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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th January 1878, No. 79 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following papers:—

No. 72. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 29th December 1877, No. 3,439.

Read the following paper:—

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st December 1877, No. 5,317.

From J. LEE-WARNER, Esq., Special Assistant Collector, Ramnad, to H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated ——— No. 391.

In continuation of my report of yesterday's date, I have the honor to inform you that a large tank at Ramnad at last gave way on the 7th. After so many weeks' anxiety about its safety and after I had taken every precaution to secure that, the result is I cannot say how disappointing to me. The Tahsildar managed to save a small supply of water, but the remainder simply overwhelmed the Chukkarakottai tank between the eastern and southern calingulabs of the latter: one thousand yards of bund have disappeared, and nothing remains of the vast sheet of water which I had to travel round when I left Ramnad ten days ago but the pools in the pits. The immediate cause of the disaster was not so much the rush of the Vigai, which I had managed to combat hitherto with success, but the bursting of innumerable tanks west of the Penacomboy and between Paramagudy and Ramnad, all of the water which necessarily came down towards Ramnad. The outlook of the Famutly and Ramnad Taluqs for the year 1878 is now very bad, and I beg that no time may be lost in acquainting the District Engineer that communication must be restored for the Ramnad at any cost, and that I consider it would be imperative on the Government to open some large works within the estate from the month of January next. The choice of roads is immense. The department has only to take the blank map of the district and draw lines in any direction within the estate which they please and form a road there. It may be taken for granted that the new works will not interfere with any existing work. The roads at present indicated in the maps that I have seen are mere fictitious. The roads which I prefer are the Aruppukkottah Viruputty roads, a road to connect Kamuthy *via* Mudukulathur with Ramnad, and a road from Ramnad to Permagudy.

2. As regards estate works I feel that it is no use to sit in idle despair, and in my opinion every tank that has breached and the Gundar river must be immediately repaired. I propose therefore that the Maramut establishment of the estate be reformed under Mr. Arbuthnot as soon as possible; and, to meet the cost of works, that the Government of India be solicited to increase the loan to this estate by an additional two lakhs of Rupees. If the estate works are not in readiness to give employment before February, I am afraid that there will be the same exodus of the able-bodied as in last year, and then we shall be having a repetition of the relief

camps and money-dole of July and September of 1877, only on a much vaster scale. I hope to be able to reach Madura about the 20th, when I can discuss the future of the estate more fully; and at the same time give you complete list of the tanks which need reconstruction or repair.

No. 196.

SUBMITTED for the information of Court of Wards. It is very much to be regretted that at the close of this long famine fresh calamities should have occurred. The Special Assistant Collector promises personal consultation, and I will then forward specific proposals. The District Engineer and Inspector of Post Offices have been addressed to in regard to the defects and irregularities complained of.

MADURA,
17th December 1877.

(Signed) H. J. STOKES,
Acting Collector.

From H. J. STOKES, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Madura, 17th December 1877, No. 175.

In continuation of my foot-note, No. 174, dated 15th instant, forwarding copy of a demi-official from the Special Assistant Collector, dated 8th idem. I have the honor to enclose copy of another communication from him, dated 11th idem, No. 390, further reporting the mischief caused by floods. I am of opinion that it is absolutely necessary to replace Mr. Arbuthnot's services at the disposal of the Special Assistant Collector.

SUBMITTED for the information of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 18th December 1877, No. 5,269.

2. The Collector's further report and proposals are awaited. Meanwhile the Court of Wards consider it absolutely necessary that Mr. Arbuthnot's services should be replaced at their disposal, and request that early orders to that effect may be passed, and communicated to the Collector by telegram.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Sub-Secretary.

Mr. J. ARBUTHNOT's services will be replaced at the disposal of the Court of Wards, and another Engineer deputed to the duty of Surveyor, and the necessary orders will be issued at once in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secretary to Government.

No. 73.

ORDER THEREON, 5th January 1878, No. 79 W.

ADVERTING to G.O., No. 901 W, dated 6th October 1877, the services of Mr. Assistant Engineer Arbuthnot are replaced at the disposal of the Court of Wards. The special duty of surveying the best line for a tramway from the town of Shevavunga will be taken up by Mr. C. Jenkinson, who will be at once made available for the duty.

2. The District Engineer of Kurnool, under whose orders Mr. Assistant Engineer Jenkinson is serving, will arrange for his immediate relief and direct him to proceed

forthwith to Madura and report himself to the District Engineer for the survey work noted above.

3. The District Engineer of Trichinopoly will arrange for the immediate relief of Mr. Assistant Engineer Parsick now serving under his orders, and will direct Mr. Parsick to report himself to the District Engineer, Madura, for duty to take charge of the Ramnad Zemindary *vice* Mr. Arbuthnot about to proceed to England on medical certificate.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" District Engineer, Kurnool.
" " Trichinopoly.
To Mr. C. Jenkinson, with G.O., No. 904 W, of 6th October 1877.
To the Revenue Department.
" Court of Wards.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER
MADRAS

1st of January 1878.

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Mr. Assistant Engineer in charge, to be
relieved by Mr. Jackson from the special
duty of supervising the work done by the

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Extract from His Grace the Governor's
Note, dated 26th December 1877 relating
to floods in Ramnad.

The Chief Engineer will im-
mediately return Arbutnot to
Court of Wards and deputee another
Engineer on the special duty of
investigating the nature of the road
which may be suitable for trans-
way through the Shivagunga and
Ramnad Districts.

(Signed) B. S.
(In charge of the)
At the District Office
Under Secy. to Govt.

Am. S. S.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government.

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J. Lee Warner, Esq^r.

To

Special Assistant Collector Pannad

H. J. Stokes, Esq^r.

Esq. Collector of Madras.

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(True Copy and Extract)
(Signed) C. A. Galton
Sub. Secretary.

Order thereon 29 December 1877. No. 3239

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(True Extract)

For Campbell

Under Secretary to Government

To,

The Public Works Department.

Capt. Ashmole

with an extract from his papers re

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vice Mr. Ashuthanath
about to proceed
to England on medical
Certificate.

To
The D^r. Madura
Cong: Eng^r for P^r 31.
D. E. Kurnool
& Trichinopoly
Mr. C. Jenkinson
with S O No 904 W
of 6th Oct 1877.
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To *Mr H. S. Madura*

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