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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th September 1863.*

No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works
Department :—

Sanctioning an Estimate for the drainage of the Tuticorin } (Here enter 18th September 1863, No. 2,714.)
harbour in Tinnevely District.

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1863, No. 1,750.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for information and communication to the Collector of
Tinnevely.

(True Extract.)

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,714.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
18th September 1863.*

Read the following letters:—

No. 409. From Captain F. J. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 7th September 1863, No. 522.

SIR,

1. In reply to G. O. No. 2,530 of the 2nd instant, I have the honor to observe that I have only altered Captain Paxton's plan in matters of detail, the water will be discharged by the same outlets north and south.

2. In the former, the drainage from the road dam, &c., passes to the swamp by the old road, cut down by the traffic. We propose to put a bank across the road at A, and to open up the line of channel. Captain Paxton thought it would be necessary torevet this bank with coral, I consider this an unnecessary expense, as sand is abundant, and for far less money we may make a heavy bank capable of resisting any flood.

3. The line to the south is also the same as that proposed by Captain Paxton, but as I have suggested the turning of the road from the Salt Pans, we have now omitted the bridge proposed in the original plan at a cost of Rupees 1,278.

4. The road is not made and possibly never will be made as I hope to get water carriage all the way.

5. Captain Paxton proposed an embankment round the town, to protect it from inundation, as last year the swamp was so full, and the water-way at C was so insufficient, that the flood reached the sea through the town.

6. But if we keep the new channels north and south clear, no water ought to lie in the swamp, and certainly not in the town, which in ordinary years can only be drained by the swamp. If the embankment were made, sluices would be required in it, but I do not, as above said, see the necessity for an embankment, and have therefore omitted it; by these alterations the Estimate forwarded in letter No. 329, 8th August 1863, has been reduced from Rupees 7,000 to Rupees 2,700 as now sent.

7. As reported in my No. 516 of 4th instant, I have ordered the commencement of the work as there is literally no outlet for the water, which can pass freely into the swamp by the old bandy track.

8. The outlet at C is closed, as the water pouring through it with great velocity destroyed the godowns on the south side, and carried away the sand to the very walls of the Cotton Screw buildings on the north side.

9. The survey which accompanied my No. 329, has not been returned; the enclosed is a sketch from memory, which I trust will serve the purpose required.

No. 410. From J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated Tenkasy, 8th September 1863, No. 252.

SIR,

1. have the honor to forward for your information copies of letters I have addressed to Captain Moberly, Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, under dates 6th July with enclosure, 8th July, and 7th September with enclosure; copies of these enclosures being reports from the Deputy Collector at Tuticorin, are also forwarded for your information. So much delay has taken place in the Public Works Department in carrying out any precautionary measures to save the town of Tuticorin from the risk of inundation, that I consider it necessary to bring the subject to your special notice, for if any damage unfortunately should happen to the town this next monsoon, the loss of property might be great, and a serious responsibility would rest with the Public Works Department.

P. S.—Since writing the above letter, I have received copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, dated 2nd September 1863, and I beg to state that an outlet for the water from the swamp behind the town of Tuticorin, is absolutely necessary to be made before the monsoon sets in, or else the beach road may have again to be cut to give

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the water vent, to prevent damage to the town. It is greatly to be regretted that the plans and estimates prepared by Captain Paxton, and countersigned by me, so far back as last April, were not earlier attended to by the Public Works Department.

No. 411. ORDER THEREON, 18th September 1863, No. 2,714.

* In letter No. 328, dated 8th August, recorded in G. O. No. 2,530, dated 2nd September 1863.

1. Under the explanation afforded, the Governor in Council sanctions the estimate amounting to Rupees 2,700 submitted* by the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, for the drainage of the Tuticorin harbour with a view to protecting the town from inundation.

2. As the work is represented to be urgently required, and has in fact been commenced by the Superintending Engineer in anticipation of sanction, the Government grant authority for the amount of the estimate being charged against the Reserve Fund of the current year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
„ Accountant General.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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