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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th March 1863 :—
Read the following letter from J. W. B. DYKES, Esq., Collector of Nellore, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras, dated Indukurupett,
10th March 1863, No. 57.

SIR,

1. Having yesterday inspected the bank ordered to be raised across the Pulicat lake, I do myself the honor to report for the information of the Board the progress made.

2. The bank, for convenience of reference, may be divided into two portions, the eastern, joining the north-east corner of the island of Vénád with Sriharikota, the western, joining the south-west corner of the same island with the main land. And these portions again are divided, the former by a hummock called Gangaram dibba, the latter by three similar sand drifts, on which a sparse vegetation has secured what the winds had effected in the first instance.

3. Taking the portions and subdivisions of the bank as given in the preceding paragraph the work to be done and what has been done, in round numbers is as follows :—

<i>Eastern Portion.</i>		Yards.
1. From Vénád to Gangaram dibba.....		1,400
2. „ Gangaram dibba do. Dorwaripalem Kilpah, in Sriharikota...		3,400
Total...		4,800

or a little short of three miles, of which about 80 yards has still to be raised to full height in each sub-division and will be done to-day.

<i>Western Portion.</i>		Yards.
1. From Vénád to Vereti Monna.....		100
2. „ Vereti Monna do. Pennal dibba.....		600
3. „ Pennal dibba do. Muchila dibba.....		250
4. „ Muchila dibba do. Karjata on the main land.....		3,200
Total...		4,150

or two and half miles, of which the first subdivision is completed, in the second and third there is about 80 yards to be done, in each, and in the fourth about 200 yards, and 200 to be completed to full height; the whole of which, with the number of men now on the work, it is expected will be completed by tomorrow evening.

4. Altogether it will be seen we have had to raise five miles of bank since the lake went down enough to let us begin work. And as the southerly winds are not looked for before the new moon on the 20th and the bank it is expected will every where be completed by tomorrow evening, I think I may venture to report that the task has been accomplished, and that by the time the bank is likely to be required, it will have set and be in good order to meet the objects for which it has been raised.

5. After inspecting the bank the whole length I re-crossed the bed of the lake, to the north of Vénád, and found it every where perfectly dry and firm under foot.

6. When I was last at Vénád, a fortnight ago, the water was still standing between the island and the main land, and only a few yards of the bank had been thrown up; the satisfactory progress made since, we owe to the Zemindar of Venkatageri, whose villages line the western shore of the lake, and whose cordial co-operation it gives me much pleasure to bring to the favorable notice of the Board.

7. Whilst the general success attending operations that require to be carried on so rapidly, we owe to the indefatigable zeal and the ability of Cumile Narayanasami, who suggested the bank and backed by his subordinates in the Salt Department has completed it.

1. Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government.
2. The Collector will in due course report the effect of the work, and the Board await a Statement of its cost.
3. They request Mr. Dykes to convey to the Venkatageri Zemindar their acknowledgment of the valuable assistance afforded by him in securing the speedy completion of the bank.
4. They are always glad to learn that the Deputy Collector maintains his character for efficiency and zeal.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

ORDER THEREON, 21st March 1863, No. 558.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ Department Public Works.

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Submitting a letter
from the Editor of the
Herald on the subject
of the 10th anniversary. The
bank and the course the
Patient took.

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