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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th September 1866.

No. 375. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating letter from Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, relative to the expenditure on certain channels in the Trichinopoly District. } (Here enter 5th September 1866, No. 2,836.)

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 17th September 1866, No. 2,488.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue in continuation of G. O. of 13th August 1866, No. 2,055.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 2,836.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 130. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Valagudi, 25th August 1866, No. 591 :—

1. I have the honor to reply to G. O., No. 2,484, dated 7th instant. The expenditure on the channels specially adverted to in paragraph 8 of the Acting Collector's letter is as follows :—

Channel.	Expenditure.		Estimates of 1866-67.
	1865-66.	1866-67 up to 31st July.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Wyacondan...	4,017	3,902	7,083
Peruvally	2,417	1,507	2,272
Iyen	824	...	...

2. The head of the Wyacondan channel requires improvement; an estimate providing for its improvement was submitted on the 4th November 1865, and is now under re-consideration under the Orders contained in G. O., No. 595, dated 20th February 1866, and will shortly be re-submitted with a report, provision being made in the Budget of 1867-68 for the sum required for the improvements proposed. A large quantity of silt both in the eastern and western portions of the channel has been removed during the late working season, and with regard to the clearing adverted to by the Collector as going on when he wrote, I have to observe that the work then in progress was not included in the estimates sanctioned by me, but was being carried out by the desire of the Tahsildar from a small balance on those estimates, and when the river was freshed, the work should have been stopped; the Overseer, however, most improperly requested the Tahsildar to close the head sluice, and the Tahsildar most unfortunately complied with his request. On hearing that the head sluice was closed, I addressed Colonel Greenaway, who in reply wrote as follows :—

26th June.

"The very objectionable proceeding therein referred to was of course without either my authority or knowledge. I found it out the next day by the absence of water in the channel, and sent peremptory orders to countermand it, and to prevent such occurrence for the future. All the sanctioned estimates for the channel clearance have been either completed or stopped long ago.

No. 263, 5th July.

"The one here referred to was a small clearance in Shengolum limits applied for by the Tahsildar, which I allowed to be done out of a small saving on the other estimates, while the water was out of the channel in that part for a few days, owing to the Dark's bridge shutters being closed to supply the fort tanks, &c., &c."

3. What the Collector means by "useless style of repairs" is not clear, and I can only say that if the channel establishments in Trichnopoly only made use

of the works provided for the conservation of the channels, and checked the proceedings of the Mirassidars, who too often wantonly injure the channels by opening new heads, putting banks across the channels, cutting madays in the banks, &c., &c., much of the work which is now required would be unnecessary. The Collector's attention has been called to this subject more than once, and doubtless steps will be taken to check the irregularities complained of.

To Collector No. 1,631, 17th January 1866.
No. 285, 16th June 1866.

4. With regard to the condition of the Peruvally and Iyen channels, the Collector is mistaken, as will be observed from the following extract from Colonel Greenaway's Inspection Report for July.

"Having devoted special attention during the month to all the river chan-
"nels in the range, I have great satisfaction in stating that on the north bank the
"Iyen, Peruvally, Pungany, and Cudoovoy channels, with all their branches, are
"in a thoroughly efficient state, and amply supplied with water, the only complaints
"were from the extreme end of the north branch of the Iyen, where for a time the
"supply failed owing to waste from the upper sluices."

5. Nothing further in the Collector's letter appears to require notice, unless perhaps his remark that the channels should have been cleared in January or February, or even March; the Collector is apparently not aware that in the Trichinopoly District water is required for cultivation till late in March, and the clearing of the channels cannot be undertaken till a later period.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 5th September 1866, No. 2,836.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 25.

The foregoing letter will be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to the Orders in this Department No. 2,484, dated the 7th August 1866.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
" Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

P.C. 13th August 66 No 3015

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Communicating
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6th Divn relative to the
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