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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 30th September 1868.

No. 458. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st August 1868, No. 6,037.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Amalapur Talook, 9th January 1868, No. 7:—

1. In reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 7,514, dated 18th November 1867, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter, which I have received from the Superintending Engineer, on the subject of the wants of this district in regard to irrigation works.

2. This letter will explain, better than anything I can write, what these wants are.

3. I have not visited the spots wherein Captain Ryves proposes the formation of new, or improvement of existing works; because, as the Board will see from what he says, that my doing so, when levels and surveys have still to be made, would be useless.

4. The only important work that requires repairs, and which was constructed by the former Native Government, is the large tank at Lingamparru in the Peddapoor Talook. Its repair has for long been a pressing want, and should be at once undertaken. But here, too, levels and a survey are a necessary preliminary; and the tank and its feeding streams are situated in such a jungly and feverish part of the district, that it cannot with safety be visited for this purpose before March or April.

5. I shall forward the accounts and statement required by paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Proceedings now replied to as soon as they are prepared.

From the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Camp at Dowlaiswaram, 21st December 1867, No. 247.

1. In reply to your letter,* dated 2nd instant, I have the honor to state that the new and important projects of Irrigation in this district, which have been postponed for want of funds or for other causes, are—

* No. 78.

† Statement.
‡ Board's Proceedings, No. 7,514, of 18th November 1867.

I. The Delta Project.

II. The construction of a large tank by a bund across the Yerracalwa valley near Unnamulanka.

2. For the former I am now preparing estimates and drawings, and funds are provided in the Budget of 1868-69, for taking the work in hand. I propose to commence with the Western Delta.

3. For the second, surveys and levels have been in progress during the last few months, and will be completed as soon as possible; the fever season and the want of competent surveyors have interfered with our operations here.

4. I am not aware of the existence in the district of any remains of important irrigation works constructed by the old Native Governments.

5. I think that the proposed improvement of the large tank near Lingamparru is a project which ought to be gone into; there is also a favorable site for a large tank in the upper part of the valley of the Yerracalwa, three or four miles north of Chintalapudi, and Captain Beckley has suggested the bunding of the Tammilar valley near Vizayaray. If I can get surveyors I will have these sites properly examined in the course of the next six months.

6. I append a Statement shewing the Budget grants for, and the expenditure on irrigation repairs during the last three years 1864-5-6-7, the Budget grant and amount appropriated for expenditure on sanctioned estimates up to 1st instant for the current year 1867-68, and the Budget grant proposed for next year. You will observe that the average of the annual grants for the last four years is 1,45,000 Rupees, and that in 1866-67 it was only 1,20,000 Rupees.

= more upon this point.
Should

7. The grant is obviously inadequate to maintain the irrigation works of the district in proper order.

The tanks and irrigation channels in the talooks of Ellore, Yernagudem, Rajahmundry, and Peddapur ought to have at least 20,000 Rupees per annum spent upon them. The expenditure on river embankments, groynes, revetments, nanul and other works to keep the Godavery in its proper channels, and to prevent disastrous inundations, cannot properly be kept below 40,000 Rupees* per annum. We then have left for the maintenance and repair of the Anicut and Delta irrigation works only Rupees 85,000, or about three Annas per acre of the Sarwa paddy† crop, or one Rupee per 50,000 cubic yards of water delivered.

* This would be about 300 Rupees per mile of embankment.

† This excludes the Dalva crop and the large area of chillies, turmeric, etc., watered by the Anicut channels.

8. The annual grant for agricultural repairs, in the Godavery district, ought to be 1,80,000 Rupees‡ now; and when the Delta works are fully completed 2,20,000 Rupees *plus*, due provision for the repairs of new works outside the Delta, such as the proposed tanks at Unnamulanka and Lingamparru.

‡ On 7½ per cent. on the water rent received by Government; the above includes 1½ per cent. properly chargeable to land assessment, namely, the river bank maintenance.

Budget grants for expenditure on Irrigation Repairs, Godavery District.

	1864-65.		1865-66.		1866-67.		1867-68.		1868-69.
	Grant.	Expenditure.	Grant.	Expenditure.	Grant.	Expenditure.	Grant.	Expenditure.	Grant proposed.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Delta... Anicut and Head Works	1,45,650	37,469	...	37,504	...	12,481	...	9,428	1,40,000
1. Delta... Channel sluices, Drainages, etc.		50,149	1,42,091	64,535	1,09,484	65,553	1,18,442	39,474	
1. Delta... River defences...		47,071	...	42,460	...	29,870	...	27,556	
2. Tanks, etc.....	15,502	15,404	15,922	15,916	10,866	9,504	21,558	10,069	
Total...	1,61,182	1,50,093	1,58,013	1,60,415	1,20,350	1,17,408	1,40,000	86,527	

CAMP DOWLAISHWARAM,
21*st December* 1867.

(Signed) J. G. RYVES, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

Submitted for the information of Government.

No. 459. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1868, No. 2,514.

Irrigation No. 19.

Communicated to the Public Works Department in order that a report may be obtained as to the result of the examination into the projects referred to in paragraph 5 of the Superintending Engineer's letter. The Superintending Engineer's remark as to the insufficiency of the allotment for agricultural repairs in the Godavery District will be considered in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.
,, the Board of Revenue.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Depart.

W. 2505.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt. under date the 29th Sept. 68

Read the following

Ro: of the Bd. of Revenue.

Supporting recommendation of Collr. of Malabar that Road Cess Act No. III of 1866, be declared in operation in Wynaad from 1st Oct. 1868, and that rate of cess be six pies in each rupee of assessment or rental.

(R. l. 17th Augt 1868, No. 5948).

The Govt. consider it very questionable whether the introduction of the Road Cess Act into Wynaad would not be calculated to prevent any action being taken by the local proprietors upon the recently passed Wynaad Police Act, and they accordingly resolve to request the Board to obtain the Collector's opinion upon this point. Should

it appears that
Should ~~nothing be~~
done by ~~those interested~~
~~under the provisions~~
~~of the Tolls Act, the Govt~~
will be prepared to re-
consider the matter.

for information of a
few months last
Winter has been.

This should be put
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for the information
of the Members.

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