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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 26th November 1866.

No. 640. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the entry of the estimate for constructing a dam, &c., across the Seeaur or Kamandala river near Palavet, in North Arcot District, in the Budget of 1867-68, and referring, for consideration in the Revenue Department, paragraph 7 of Colonel Boileau's letter, regarding the liability of the Arnee Jaghirdar to pay a portion of the estimated cost of the works. } (Here enter 21st November 1866, No. 3,713.)

No. 641. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1866, No. 3,235.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,713.

Ex. S. T. Augustin.

No. 462. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 17th November 1866, No. 3,188 :—

1. I have the honor to forward plans (as per margin) and a specification and estimate Rupees 31,700 for constructing a dam across the Seeaur or Kammandala river, and for improving the existing and digging some new channels (*vide* Plan C.) to feed the large Calambur, and numerous other tanks in the country, partly belonging to Government and partly to the Arnee Jaghirdar, south-west, south, and south-east of Arnee, in the North Arcot District.

1 Estimate.
1 Specification.
6 Plans.

2. There existed formerly at the points marked A. and B. in the Plan A. two dams, constructed by the natives very many years ago, the one for the Alleabad or Calambur tank, and the other for the Vellur tank. When Mr. Assistant Engineer George visited them about three years ago, he found these dams with large breaches in them, and submitted estimates for their repairs. These were accordingly carried out, but unfortunately the works were still found unable to withstand the impetuous floods of the Kammandala river. The dams gave way as was reported in my endorsement No. 3,189, dated 14th December 1865, and it was then determined to propose the reconstruction of the upper one only, and divert a channel from the Alleabad tank channel to that of Vellur, as shown in Plans A. and C. The project, as now submitted, will provide such a great increase in the volume of water carried down, that many tanks in the Arnee Jaghir, and Government tanks even *eastward* thereof, including the large Government tank of Seesamungalum, will be benefited.

3. The anicut (Plan B.) now proposed by the Sub-Engineer to be constructed, is to be of a very substantial character, and we may confidently look to its withstanding the force of the floods. The anicut and sluice will cost 11,400 Rupees, other necessary masonry works 1,400 Rupees, and the channel work, involving the excavation of 1,34,886 cubic yards, 18,900 Rupees.

4. Of the proposed works the Collector of North Arcot writes : " This important project is well known to the Collector. The work provided for in the estimate is absolutely necessary, and will, if not executed, entail much further loss of revenue." Mr. Robinson adds that " a sum of Rupees 5,000 has been allotted for this work from the special grant, in consideration of its importance. The estimate is therefore recommended for sanction."

5. I had an opportunity lately of witnessing the good results of a portion of this expenditure, for the Sub-Engineer had raised a temporary dam and partly cleared the channel, and tanks which for years had not received water got a good supply.

6. The Government will observe by the Ayacut Statement which accompanies, that no great *increase* of revenue is expected, but, as stated by the Collector, the project is rather intended to restore a failing revenue. The Revenue Statement now sent, evidently does not take into consideration the increased supply of water that will be thrown into the Seesamungalum and other tanks below it, and the additional lands that will consequently be taken up for cultivation under them.

7. It may be well here to raise the question as to whether, as the Jaghirdar of Arnee is likely to benefit considerably by the project, he should not be called upon to pay a quota of the proposed expenditure.

8. With these few remarks I solicit the sanction of Government to the estimate, Rupees 31,700, being entered in Budget 1867-68.

9. The expenditure on special grant this year will be duly reported.

No. 463. ORDER THEREON, 21st November 1866, No. 3,713.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 95.

1. With this letter the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division submits an estimate of Rupees 31,700 for constructing a dam with subsidiary masonry works across the Seeaur or Kammandala river near Padavet, and for improving existing and cutting new channels of supply to the Calambur and other important tanks, partly belonging to Government and partly to the Arnee Jaghirdar in the North Arcot District.

2. Colonel Boileau explains that the dam is to replace two others which were breached in 1865, and that its construction will not only restore a falling revenue but will also admit of an additional quantity of land being taken up for cultivation under the Seesamungalum and other tanks below it. The Collector strongly recommends the project and under all the circumstances the Government resolve to sanction the entry of the estimate in the Budget of 1867-68.

3. Paragraph 7 of Colonel Boileau's letter regarding the liability of the Arnee Jaghirdar to pay a portion of the estimated cost of the works will be considered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, with one Estimate, one Specification, and six Plans.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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P. W. Department

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No. 3713.

Sanctioning the entry of the estimate for constructing a dam across the Secaur or Ramanada River near Padavel in N. Arcot District, in the Budget of 1867/68; and referring for consideration in the Revenue Department para. 7 of Col. Boileau's letter regarding the liability of the Arnee Jaghirdar to pay a portion of the estimated cost of the works.—

No. 3235.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

26th Nov. 1866

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