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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th April 1866.

No. 286. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on a letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, on the subject of Nanel planting at the heads, &c., of channels and streams in the Tanjore District. } (Here enter 14th April 1866, No. 1,144.)

No. 287. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1866, No. 918.

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. 1,144.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 240. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 31st March 1866, No. 2,115 :—

1. In paragraph 12 of Proceedings Chief Engineer's Circular No. CLXXI, of 1857-58, dated 19th January 1858, it was specially ruled that the sums derived from the plantations at the anicuts in the Tanjore District should be left entirely at the disposal of the District Engineer, and should be expended in keeping up the plantations and affording protection to the river banks, &c., and that after covering such charges the balances in hand on the 30th April should be paid into the Treasury to swell the Local Fund.

Extract Minutes Consultation, 6th January 1858, No. 9.

2. Though the Order quoted above has never been cancelled specifically, it has been virtually cancelled by Clause IV, paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 2,413, dated 19th August which rules that, " The receipts and expenditure of Public Works dis- " bursements from whatever source obtained and on whatever account disbursed, " whether from Local or Imperial Funds, shall be brought into the regular Public " Works Accounts so as to be finally passed through the books of the Controller."

3. I have the honor to request that the Order of the 19th January 1858 may not be regarded as cancelled by that of the 19th August 1865, because the nature of the rivers in the District of Tanjore is such that the banks constantly require protection by Nanel planting, or the heads of channels or points of separation of large streams require to be regulated in such a manner as to prevent too large a supply of water passing down either of the streams; very few of the noses at the points of bifurcation are protected by masonry works, as they should be, and it is by Nanel planting chiefly that the noses are maintained in a position to prevent an undue supply passing down either stream ; these noses or portions of the plantations at or near the points of separation are often partially injured, and it is necessary at once to restore or renew the Nanel destroyed, or to plant wild cane or Nirnoche ; perhaps 1 or 2 Rupees will suffice, if the work is carried out at once, to secure the nose, &c., &c., but if the work is delayed till an estimate has gone through the Range, the Superintending Engineer's and the Collector's Offices, the probability is that a far larger amount is then required, to say nothing of the falling of the river or the destruction of the shoal which may render the planting impossible or useless.

CLXXI.
No. 2,413.

4. It is wonderful how much expense in protective works may be saved by the judicious planting of Nanel at proper times, and though there is no difficulty in making estimates for the works the estimates would often be so absurdly small and so numerous that they would only swell the Progress Reports unnecessarily, and the consequence is that Range Officers are apt to wait till the details of Nanel planting required throughout their Range in a river are furnished, and these are embodied in one estimate, which is submitted so late as to render the execution of the work impossible, or at least retards it, so that the Nanel has not had time to take root and to afford the protection it was intended to afford on the occurrence of the first fresh Captain Chrystie, who has had considerable experience in Tanjore, and to whose care and attention, with respect to Nanel planting, the efficient state of the head of

the island of Seringum and of the main rivers generally in Range No. 1 is chiefly due, will be able to explain more in detail the advantages to be derived from the continuation of the system of management of funds derived from the anicut plantations, as approved by Government in 1858.

5. All sums in hand at the close of the official year were paid into the Treasury, and Accounts Current on the 30th April and 31st October were submitted to the District Engineer, showing receipts and disbursements, details of both being afforded.

No. 241. ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1866, No. 1,144.

ACCOUNT, No. 31.

1. The Government do not see any necessity for making the change which is recommended by the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division, nor are they aware that the operation of the orders which are contained in Clause 4, paragraph 2 of their Proceedings No. 2,413, dated 19th August 1865, entails any difficulty or inconvenience on the Executive Officers of the Public Works Department.

2. Under the Rules, no estimate is required for a new work or repair, of which the probable cost is less than Rupees 50; and, as it appears from Captain Oakes' letter above recorded that the outlay in the planting of Nanel, in each particular case, does not generally exceed, but is often considerably below that limit, there is nothing to prevent Range Officers authorizing the planting of Nanel, wherever required, from funds which should be placed at their disposal by the Collectors for the purpose from previous balances.

3. To obviate the labor and inconvenience which must attend the entry in the monthly Returns rendered to the Controller of numerous petty charges on account of Nanel planting, the Government direct that the expenditure be shown, in future, in the Range Officers' accounts in the lump against each Táluq under the head "Nanel plantations."

4. The Controller will be good enough to issue such subsidiary instructions as may be necessary for giving effect to these orders.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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