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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th January 1867.

No. 434. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Approving Mr. Barnett's proposal to construct paved cause-ways across certain large rivers, at his own cost and risk, and authorizing that gentleman to construct a cause-way on the conditions stated by him across the bed of the Chittravutty *as an experiment*, and requesting the Collector of Cuddapah to explain the delay in the disposal of Mr. Barnett's letter. } (Here enter 16th January 1867, No. 151.)

No. 435. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 206.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue, who will obtain and submit the Collector's explanation.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 151.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 306. Read the following letter from Mr. E. W. BARNETT, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Condiporam, 29th January 1867, No. 121G :—

1. Captain Mullins, R. E., Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation Company, informs me that he has written to you regarding a proposition I made to Government, through the Collector of Cuddapah, to construct causeways across several of the large rivers between Cuddapah and Bellary, and recommends me to forward you a copy of my letter to the Collector.

2. I herewith beg to enclose you a copy of said letter, to which, up to the present time, no reply has been received.

3. If necessary, I shall be glad to send you a section of the causeway I propose making.

From Mr. E. W. BARNETT, to the Collector and Magistrate of Cuddapah, dated 25th October 1866, No. 57 G.

1. I have the honor to request you will be kind enough to lay the following proposition before the proper authorities, with such remarks thereon as you may deem advisable.

2. That whereas great inconvenience, expense, and delay is experienced by all who are called upon to transport merchandise or goods across the various large rivers between Cuddapah and Bellary, such as the Chittravutty, the Pennair, and the Huggry.

3. The inconvenience arises from the difficulty in procuring bullocks to assist bandies across the sandy beds, which assistance is absolutely necessary in the case of laden bandies. The expense arises from the fact that no special cattle for this purpose are provided, and that the neighbouring villagers are at liberty to dictate their own terms to the proprietors of any bandies requiring their assistance.

4. The delay arises from the said proprietors having to search out and then bargain with the owners of the cattle to render their assistance. And not unfrequently is it the case that bandies are delayed for days together for want of such assistance.

5. There can be no doubt that if these difficulties were overcome by constructing a road across these rivers, at least equal to existing roads on either sides, that it would be a great advantage to all who are called upon to transport goods, and to the public generally.

6. The cost of hiring cattle to pilot bandies across these rivers in the dry season varies from eight to twelve Annas per bandy ; during the rains, whilst the rivers are still passable, a double number of pilot cattle are required, of course at a double expense.

7. In order to avoid all this inconvenience, delay, and expense, to a certain extent, I have to request that Government will allow me to construct, at my own cost and risk, a paved causeway across the bed of the Chittravutty, by way of experiment, which causeway shall be made and maintained as a road at least equal to the neighbouring roads, on the following conditions :—

1st.—That the Government authorize me to make use of the bed of the Chittravutty river in order to construct a causeway to facilitate the passing of the ordinary conveyances of the country.

2nd.—That Government authorize me to collect and appropriate tolls on all conveyances, cattle, or passengers making use of the said causeway at the following rates :—

For all four-wheel vehicles, one Rupee crossing.
For all laden two-wheel vehicles, eight Annas.
For all empty do. do. four Annas.
For all cattle unburthened, one-half Anna.
For all do. burthened, one Anna.
For all passengers, including bearers in case of palanquin, &c., one-half Anna.

3rd.—That all wheeled vehicles intending to cross this river, and passing within one mil from either bank along the public road, shall be compelled to pay toll.

4th.—That no other individual or Company shall be allowed to construct a causeway across this river, tending to divert the traffic along the public road from this proposed route.

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 16th January 1867, No. 151.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 67.

1. The Government see no objection to Mr. Barnett constructing, at his own cost and risk, paved causeways across the beds of the Chittravutty, the Pennair, and the Huggry, to facilitate the passage of those rivers, and to his re-imbursing himself the expense by levying the tolls he proposes on all conveyances, cattle, or passengers making use of those causeways, provided that the causeways do not in the least degree interfere with the present passage of the rivers between the terminal points of the roads on either bank, and that the use of the causeways shall be perfectly optional. His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly authorizes Mr. Barnett to construct a causeway, on these conditions, across the bed of the Chittravutty *as an experiment.*

2. The Government note that Mr. Barnett's proposals were submitted to the Collector of Cuddapah so far back as the 25th October last. Mr. Smith will be requested to explain the apparently unaccountable delay which has been permitted to occur in the disposal of Mr. Barnett's letter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To Mr. E. W. Barnett.
To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Revenue Department.

Rxd. S. T. Augustin.

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