M.R.O. 14-5,450—22-10-25.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	1398	Press Mis.
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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 18th May 1868.

No. 443. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on letter from Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, regarding the re-classification of the Conservancy Establishment of the Godavery district. } (Here enter 13th May 1868, No. 1,525.)

No. 444. ORDER THEREON, 18th May 1868, No. 1,398.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) . SEW.
Acting Under Secretary to ...ent.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Departm...). 1,525.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 354. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 18th April 1868, No. 8 :—

1 Detailed Statement.
1 Abstract do.
G. O. No. 1,281, dated 21st November 1853.
" " 1,701, of 29th June 1863.
" " 2,642, dated 29th August 1867.

1. I have the honor to submit a list of Conservancy Establishment for the Godavery Delta (Irrigation and Navigation) for sanction, in lieu of the existing establishment sanctioned by the Government Orders noted in the margin.

2. The fault of the present establishment is, that it comprises a large number of under-paid men, whose duty was intended to be, to distribute the water brought by the principal branches from the main canals. Of course the practical result is that they interfere with every ryot's water supply: on the one hand, extorting money before they allow A. to take his fair share, and, on the other, receiving a bribe for an unfairly large share to B. Being ignorant and idle, as well as untrustworthy and corrupt, these men, besides bringing disgrace on the Government, whose paid agents they are, are not only useless for any good purpose, but a constant source of trouble and anxiety to the Range Officer.

3. It is accordingly proposed to dispense with the services of the 58 Channel Superintendents, and 143 Peons or Lascars, and to apply the saving of Rs. 1,254—

1st. To increasing the number of well-paid servants of the establishment; and,

2nd. To increasing the pay of the Lock Goomashtas and Lascars.

4. At present we have three Delta Superintendents on 70 Rupees, and eight Navigation Superintendents on 50, besides the 58 Channel Superintendents and their Peons. I propose 27 Delta Superintendents on pay varying from 70 to 30 Rupees per mensem, (the term Navigation Superintendent should be discontinued) with 49 Lascars on 5 Rupees.

Their principal duties to be, to watch the river banks, the canals and principal branches, and all masonry works. To prevent damage by weather or water action, to see that the canals, banks, and sluices, &c., are not tampered with or injured by ryots or others, to see that the Range Officer's orders regarding the proper depths to be maintained at the several locks and regulating calingulahs are accurately carried out; to keep the Range Officer informed of the condition of crops under irrigation, and the state of the water supply; to see that the navigation Bye-laws are not infringed by dhonies and 'adary boats; to prepare estimates for, and superintend execution of clearances and bank repairs.

5. It will *not* be their duty to distribute water, on the contrary, they will be prohibited from interfering with the distribution, beyond seeing that the several distributive and regulating sluices and dams are being worked according to the Range Officer's orders, (these will generally be standing orders, only in some few cases or instances will special orders be required.)

6. With properly constructed distributive works (sluices and dividing dams), and strict enforcement of the law against ryots tampering with such works, there need be no personal interference on the part of either the Public Works or Revenue subordinates in the distribution of water between different villages drawing water from the same branch channel. Disputes between ryots of the same village should be settled *in* the village; I mean, without any interference by Government servants, except in serious cases of deprivation of water right, which should be made the subject of special enquiry by the Collector. I do not mean it to be understood that in the Godavery Delta the works of distribution are all properly constructed and complete; we are, however, advancing towards it, and with some special temporary works, there will be no difficulty in ensuring a proper distribution to villages without any personal interference.

7. The pay proposed for Lock Goomastahs and Lascars is, for the former, from 15 to 8 Rupees, according to the importance of the Lock, and for the latter 6 Rupees for three-fourths of the men and 5 Rupees for the remainder, young hands would enter the service on the lower rate. These increased rates of pay are still low for the service required from the men.

Statement of Anicut and Conservancy Establishment of the Godavery Delta as existing and as proposed.

No. and date of Order.	Present Scale.	Salary per month.	Proposed Scale.	Salary per month.	Increase per month.	Decrease per month.
	No. 1 Range or Eastern Delta (including Anicut Establishment).		*No. 1 Range or Eastern Delta (including Anicut Establishment).*			
G. O. No. 1,281, of 21st Nov. 1853.	1 Irrigation Writer	15	1 Delta Superintendent	70		
	1 Shroff	10	2 Do. at 50 Rupees	100		
G. O. No. 1,701, of 29th June 1863.	15 Channel Superintendents at 12 Rupees ...	180	4 Do. at 40 ,, ...	160		
	2 Do. do. at 10 ,, ..	20	2 Do. at 30 ,, ...	60		
G. O. No. 2,642, of 20th Aug. 1867.	8 Lascars at 5 Rupees	40	14 Lascars at 5 ,, ...	70		
	40 Do. at 4 ,, ...	160	2 Lock Superintendents at 15 Rupees ...	30		
	14 Lock Superintendents at 8 Rupees... ...	112	4 Do. at 12 ,, ...	48		
	5 Do. at 6 ,, ...	30	8 Do. at 10 ,, ...	80		
	1 Delta Superintendent	70	4 Do. at 8 ,, ...	32		
	3 Navigation Superintendents at 50 Rupees...	150	60 Lock Lascars at 6 Rupees	360		
	5 Lascars at 5 Rupees	25	20 Do. at 5 ,, ...	100		
	50 Do. at 4 ,, ...	200	25 Anicut and Calingulah Lascars at 6 Rs. ...	150		
	1 Goomastah	18	15 Do. at 5 ,, ...	75		
	1 Do.	15	3 Maistries at 18, 15, and 12 Rupees ...	45		
	1 Do.	7	2 Goomastahs and Clerks at 15 ,, ...	30		
	2 Maistries at 14 Rupees	28	1 Shroff	10		
	1 Do.	12	1 Superintendent on river bank above anicut.	15		
	3 Lock Superintendents at 8 Rupees	24	4 Lascars at 6 Rupees	24		
	62 Lascars at 5 Rupees	310				
	1 Superintendent on river bank above anicut.	15				
	4 Lascars at 6 Rupees	24				
		1,465		1,459	.....	6
	No. 2 Range or Central Delta.		*No. 2 Range or Central Delta.*			
	1 Delta Superintendent	70	1 Delta Superintendent	70		
	15 Channel Superintendents at 12 Rupees ...	180	1 Do.	50		
	1 Do.	10	3 Do. at 40 Rupees	120		
	1 Lascar	6	1 Do.	30		
	8 Lascars at 5 Rupees	40	11 Lascars at 5 Rupees	55		
	19 Do. at 4 ,, ...	76	2 Lock Superintendents at 12 Rupees ...	24		
	1 Navigation Superintendent	50	2 Do. at 10 ,, ...	20		
	3 Lascars at 5 Rupees	15	2 Do. at 8 ,, ...	16		
	6 Lock Superintendents at 8 Rupees	48	18 Lock Lascars at 6 Rupees	108		
	24 Lascars at 4 Rupees...	96	6 Do. at 5 ,, ...	30		
		591		523	.....	68
	No. 3 Range or Western Delta.		*No. 3 Range or Western Delta.*			
	1 Delta Superintendent	70	1 Delta Superintendent	70		
	1 Irrigation Writer	15	3 Do. at 50 Rupees	150		
	14 Channel Superintendents at 12 Rupees ...	168	5 Do. at 40 ,, ...	200		
	4 Do. at 10 ,, ...	40	2 Do. at 30 ,, ...	60		
	3 Lascars at 5 Rupees...	15	20 Lascars at 5 ,, ...	100		
	32 Do. at 4 ,, ...	128	4 Lock Superintendents at 12 Rupees	48		
	3 Navigation Superintendents at 50 Rupees ...	150	5 Do. at 10 ,, ...	50		
	12 Lock Superintendents at 8 ,, ...	96	4 Do. at 8 ,, ...	32		
	1 Do.	6	40 Lock Lascars at 6 ,, ...	240		
	6 Lascars at 5 Rupees	30	14 Do. at 5 ,, ...	70		
	61 Do. at 4 ,, ...	244	6 Calingulah Lascars at 5 ,, ...	30		
		962	1 Clerk	15		
				1,065	103	.....
	No. 4 Range or Ellore High Level.		*No. 4 Range or Ellore High Level.*			
	7 Channel Superintendents at 12 Rupees ...	84	1 Delta Superintendent...	50		
	20 Lascars at 4 Rupees	80	1 Do.	40		
	1 Navigation Superintendent	50	4 Lascars at 5 Rupees	20		
	1 Lascar	5	1 Lock Superintendent	12		
	1 Lock Superintendent	8	1 Do.	8		
	6 Lascars at 4 Rupees	24	4 Lock Lascars at 6 Rupees	24		
			2 Do. at 5 ,, ...	10		
			3 Calingulah Lascars at 6 Rupees	18		
			8 Do. at 5 ,, ...	40		
		251		222	.....	29
	Total ...	3,269	Total ...	3,269	103	103

* Required for the whole year.—*Vide* my letter No. 290 of 23rd March 1868.

DOWLAISHWERAM,
17th April 1868.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th May 1868.

ABSTRACT.

Proposed scale of Anicut and Conservancy Establishments.

	Eastern Delta and Anicut.	Central Delta.	Western Delta.	Ellore High Level.	Total. No.	Total. Rs.	
Delta Superintendents at 70 ...	1	1	1	...	3	210	
Do. do. at 50 ...	2	1	3	1	7	350	
Do. do. at 40 ...	4	3	5	1	13	520	
Do. do. at 30 ...	2	1	2	...	5	150	
Lascars at 5 ...	14	11	20	4	49	245	
							1,475
Lock Superintendents at 15 ...	2	...	...	...	2	30	
Do. do. at 12 ...	4	2	4	1	11	132	
Do. do. at 10 ...	8	2	5	...	15	150	
Do. do. at 8 ...	4	2	4	1	11	88	
Do. Lascars at 6 ..	60	18	40	4	122	732	
Do. do. do. at 5 ...	20	6	14	2	42	210	
							1,312
Anicut and Calingulah 6 ...	25	...	...	...	28	168	
Lascars at 5 ...	15	...	6	3	29	145	
Maistries at Rupees 18, 15, and 12	3	...	...	...	3	45	
Goomastahs and Clerks at 15 ...	2	...	1	...	3	45	
Shroff at 10 ...	1	...	...	...	1	10	
							413
Superintendent on river bank above anicut at 15 ...	1	...	...	...	1	15	
Lascars at 6 ...	4	...	...	...	4	24	
							39
							3,239

Dowlaishweram,
18th *April* 1868.

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

No. 355. Order thereon, 13th May 1868, No. 1,525.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 41.

1. Under the circumstances brought to notice in this letter, the Government concur with the Superintending Engineer in considering it desirable to re-classify the Conservancy Establishments of the Godavery District in the manner explained by that Officer, and, as the measure will not be attended with any additional expense, His Excellency in Council authorizes the Superintending Engineer to give effect to the arrangement.

2. It is observed that the details of present establishment, as shown in the Comparative Statement submitted by Captain Ryves, do not correspond with those appended to the Budget for 1868-69.

	Rs.	
1 Superintendent	15	For conservancy of river embankment between Polaram and Vizeswaram.
4 Lascars at 6 ...	24	

3. The question of charging the cost of the establishment marginally noted to Local Funds is under consideration in the Revenue Department. See G. O. No. 1,487, of the 11th instant.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant General.
" Revenue Department.

Ex. S. T. Augustin.

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