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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th June 1868.

No. 457. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Approving of the estimates of Rupees 940 and 814 for the construction of a certain road dam and road in the district of Trichinopoly. } (Here enter 12th June 1868, No. 1,857.)

No. 458. ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1868, No. 1,724.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. SEWELL,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,857.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 279. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 26th May 1868, No. 204 :—

3 Abstract Estimates.
1 Plan.
* For constructing a Road Dam 53 yards long, in the Dindigul road, on the 26th mile, Rupees 940, with Plan.
For restoring a portion of the Trichinopoly and Madura road, between Covilputty and Thoverancoorchy, Rupees 814.

1. I have the honor to forward the estimates noted in the margin,* and to request that funds may be provided for them.

2. These roads were damaged by the heavy rain in January last, which breached the tanks in their neighbourhood. These tanks are for the most part tanks which are not the property of Government, but of neighbouring Zemindars. What may be the liability of the Zemindars with regard to injuries caused to public works, owing to their tanks not being in proper order, I am not aware; but there is no doubt that the provision of extra waterway on the Dindigul road is due entirely to the defective condition of the tanks above the Manaparai tank.

3. The four small valleys which drain into the Manaparai tank appear to be about 72 miles in area, and after filling eighteen tanks, the Manaparai tank receives the balance of the drainage. Of the nineteen tanks in the valleys, only seven are said to be the property of Government, and they are said to be held by the Coomaravadi Zemindar, who is stated to be responsible for their condition, and no work is executed in them by Government.

Seven tanks out of nineteen appear to have been breached. In a valley such as this, the breaching of one tank probably causes a breach in that below it, the lower tanks being supplied by the surplus of the upper; it is impossible, under these circumstances, to judge with any degree of accuracy what waterway should be provided in the road.

4. A breach at the same spot occurred in November 1866, and the road has been often breached before at the same spot; it is clear, therefore, that some extra provision for the escape of surplus water is necessary, in addition to the 13 feet bridge which now provides for the drainage of the valley, and which would be sufficient could the safety of the tanks above be ensured.

5. The breaches in the Madura road, between Covilputty and Toverancoorchy, are also due to the breaching of tanks in the Murrungapuri Zemindary; it is not proposed here to provide extra waterway, but unless the tanks, which here lie tolerably close to the road, are repaired, this road must always be in danger of being breached.

6. From "These tanks," in paragraph 2 to the end of paragraph 5, is an extract from a letter to the Collector of Trichinopoly, which accompanied these estimates when forwarded to him for countersignature.

7. If funds can be provided, I beg that the estimate of Rupees 7,960, which was sanctioned for entry in the Budget in G. O., No. 3,127, dated 27th October 1863, may be sanctioned for executions.

Madura road.

The estimate provides for metalling, from he 6th to the 14th mile from Trichinopoly; this portion of the road has never

been metalled; here and there metal has been provided from the maintenance allowance, but the soil is very bad, and the road can never be in good order until it has been properly metalled. In the Kulitalai talook the metalling in the 41st, 42nd, and 43rd miles, from Trichinopoly, requires renewal at a cost of Rupees 3,600. I would be glad if funds could be provided for these miles also. An abstract estimate for these three miles is enclosed, the 37th, 38th, and 40th miles require some portion of their metal renewed, but this can be provided for by appropriating the maintenance allotment for the 41st to 43rd miles, if the enclosed estimate is sanctioned.

No. 280. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1868, No. 1,857.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 38.

1. The Government approve of the estimates of Rupees 940 and 814 for the construction of a road dam in the 26th mile of the road from Trichinopoly to Dindigul, and for the restoration of a portion of the road from Trichinopoly to Madura between Covilputty and Thoverancoorchy in the district of Trichinopoly.

2. As the Government have no money at their disposal for appropriation to the works, it will rest with the Superintending Engineer to make arrangements for providing the required funds.

3. The Superintending Engineer will bring forward the estimates referred to in paragraph 7 for the improvement of portions of the line from Trichinopoly to Madura in his Budget lists for 1869-70. Captain Oakes should have stated whether the estimate of Rupees 7,960, which was prepared more them five years ago, will now be sufficient.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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