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Government of Madras.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th July 1868.

No. 257. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Communicating to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, for report, letter from Collector of Kurnool regarding the inadequate means of traffic afforded to certain villagers by the new bridges constructed across the irrigation canal which passes through the lands of their villages. } (Here enter 9th July 1868, No. 2,192.)

No. 258. ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1868, No. 1,952.

Irrigation. No. 8.

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. 2,192.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 226. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd June 1868, No. 4,630 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 29th May 1868, No. 210.

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of the Board the constant complaints I have received from the villagers of Munagalapad and Mamidyalapad, in the Ramalkota Talook, regarding the inadequate means of traffic afforded to them by the new bridges constructed across the irrigation canal which passes through the lands of their villages.

2. The bridges are very high, and extraordinarily narrow, the breadth not being more than about four feet, and the approaches to the top being by means of steps. Nothing, therefore, can cross these bridges but persons on foot, the passage of bullocks, bandies, &c., being entirely impossible.

3. I wrote to the Chief Engineer of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company on the subject, and was informed that the bridges were constructed on plans furnished by the Consulting Engineer.

4. Considering that these villages are separated by the canal from their cultivation, for which bullocks and bullock-bandies, &c., must be constantly used, the hardship is a very great one.

5. If I am not in time to save these villages from the grievance to which they have been subjected, I trust I am early enough to put a stop to any similar bridges being constructed along the line of canal, and I do myself the honor of requesting that the Board will make a representation on the subject to Government.

6. I consider when the right of way has been interfered with by a canal, it is the bounden duty of the constructors of that canal to place the villagers and travellers in such a position that they may, with equal facility, be enabled to carry on their avocations and travelling, after the canal is cut, either by means of sufficiently large and easily approached bridges, or ferries, or by any other efficient means, as they were previous to the construction of such canal.

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1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

2. The bridges referred to appear to be built in the manner stated, with the object of admitting of the use of boats in the canal. Bridges which open for the passage of boats (as in a lock) would probably be better suited.

3. In the present case, as the ryots have no means, except the bridges referred to, within a reasonable distance, of conveying their carts and cattle across the canal, the Board are of opinion that they have good ground of complaint.

Transferred to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government, R. D.

30*th June* 1868.

No. 227. ORDER THEREON, 9th July 1868, No. 2,192.

IRRIGATION, No. 15.

Communicated to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for early report.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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7 Aug.t/68 C.t No 2612.

From the Chief Engr. dated 7th/68

Communicating to the Govt. Engr. & C. Co's for a short letter from Colr. of Kurnaul regarding the inadequate means of traffic afforded at certain bridges by the new bridges constructed across the Jumna Canal which passes thro' the lands of their villages.

Submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue Board.

14th July/68.

14th Augt. To the Govt of Punj. with Govt P.W.D. No 2192 Dated 14th July

Submitted to the Revenue Board.

14th July/68.

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