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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
28th July 1868.

No. 435. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Recording papers regarding the unsatisfactory report of progress on the Cortelliar river and Pennargudi backwater bridges. } (Here enter 24th July 1868, No. 2,384.)

No. 436. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1868, No. 2,038.

Irrigation, No. 12. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 598. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Camp at Chittrachavady, 12th July 1868, No. 1,754.

Read the following letters :—

From the Assistant Engineer in charge No. 1 Range, Madras District, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Camp at Vullur, 6th July 1868, No. 539.

1 Agreement and Schedule of prices for Cortelliar river bridge with Security paper.
1 Do. for Anicut at Vullur.
4 Copies of Notices to Contractor.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 1,585, dated 2nd instant, informing me that Supervisor Subroya Charrier's report of progress on the Cortelliar river and Pennargudi backwater bridges is very unsatisfactory, I have the honor to report that the supplier, Parthasaradhy Naidoo, has entirely failed to supply materials for the Cortelliar river bridge, as per his agreement; it is true that he lost about five lacs of bricks by the rains, but he has had an opportunity, since the 5th of last month, to resume operations, but he failed to take advantage of it, until a few days ago. I have sent him notices, &c., from time to time, copies of which are herewith enclosed, as also his contract agreement, and beg you will grant me authority to cancel his contract for the supply of materials. With regard to the Pennargudi backwater bridges, it rested entirely with the Supervisor to make his own arrangement to collect materials, but he has allowed Poodoovail Shunmoogam Moodeliar to collect and cart laterite stones and stone lime without an agreement, who has been up to date very slow about it, in consequence, as he states, of the bad state of the quarry roads after the rain. The cartage of laterite jelly to the road was stopped for many days, owing to the bullocks being required for ploughing, &c. I am sorry to report that Supervisor Subroya Charrier appears to have no tact in carrying out large masonry works, inasmuch as I have written him many letters regarding the collection of materials, and he admits that he is afraid to lay out money on the purchase of articles from the local market, unless through a supplier, and he has been quite as dilatory in forming the Government brick-field at the Cortelliar as the Contractor.

2. I propose giving my whole attention to Trunk Road No. 6, and Vullur Anicut during July, and have no doubt that future reports will be more satisfactory.

3. I am afraid that it will also be necessary to cancel Vellary Naidoo's contract for the Vullur Anicut, as at present materials are not being collected quickly for that work. A report on the progress of the work will be sent to you in a day or two.

4. I may here observe that the distances of the laterite stone quarries from the Vullur Anicut and Pennargudi backwater are fully ten miles, with no made roads, but a common cart track over very bad soil and impassable in wet weather, and the great difficulty with regard to the bricks is to procure wood.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th July 1868.

From the Assistant Engineer in charge No. 1 Range, Madras District, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Camp at Vullur, 7th July 1868, No. 540.

1. With reference to the Proceedings of Government, No. 2,092, dated 1st July 1868, and your Endorsement thereon, No. 1,639, dated 4th July, requesting a report of the cause of delay in commencing the Vullur Anicut, I have the honor to report that your sanction was obtained on the 23rd April to give the work out on contract to Vellary Naidoo, as per his schedule of rates, and it then took to the 1st May to draw up the agreement, and make final arrangements regarding the work.

2. The Contractor had a great many obstacles thrown in his way by the villagers of Seemaveram and Meenjure, the former objecting to bricks being made on their lands, and the latter to the new head to channel being cut; reference in consequence had to be made to the Tahsildar of Ponnairy, which caused a delay of many days; in fact, the Contractor did not commence to mould bricks before the 20th May, and the rain that fell on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th June, destroyed the whole of the sun-burnt bricks, and as the weather was threatening with slight showers up to the 20th, the Contractor refused to resume operations in the brick-field until the 21st June.

3. I personally took charge of the Anicut works yesterday, and immediately made arrangements to purchase all good bricks* procurable within three miles of the work. The new head to supply channel is completed, and a strong turf dam across the river will be finished to-morrow, and the river water turned into the channel. A kiln, containing about two lacs of bricks, will be fired to-morrow morning. There are only, I am sorry to say, one hundred stones, each containing nine cubic feet, carted on the work, owing to the quarry being situated ten miles from Vullur, and the road bad and almost impassable after a fall of rain. Supervisor Subroya Charrier, B. C. E. reports there are a great many stones collected in quarry, but the supplier cannot command more than twenty† carts at present.

* About 1½ lacs purchased.

† Forty carts will be employed from the 8th instant.

4. I have commenced excavating foundation and making brick cubes, and will commence sinking wells immediately the Contractor's kiln of bricks are burnt. Shell chunam is being supplied from Madras, and stone lime carted on the work.

5. I may here observe that it generally takes fully three months for materials to be collected for isolated masonry works out in a District even under favorable circumstances; however, every exertion will be made to complete the foundations and aprons to anicut this official year.

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1. Submitted to Government with reference to paragraph 2 of their Order, No. 2,092, dated 1st July 1868.

2. Paragraph 1 will receive due attention.

3. A report has been called for in connection with paragraph 3.

(Signed) A. J. M. BOILEAU, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Porceedings of the Madras Government, Poblic Works Department, 24th July 1868.

No. 599. ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1868, No. 2,384.

IRRIGATION, No. 27. Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.

R^d. 28th July 1868.

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