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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
21st August 1868.

No. 358. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the revised estimate of Rupees 2,143 for the re-construction of the Singanoday surplus sluice in Tanjore District, and authorizing the transfer of certain funds as recommended. (Here enter 18th August 1868, No. 2,640.)

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 21st August 1868, No. 2,235.

Irrigation. No. 10.

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. 2,640.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th August 1868.

No. 364. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 5th August 1868, No. 509:—

1 Comparative Statement.

1. With reference to G. O., No. 3,850, dated the 10th December 1867, I have the honor to inform you that, in endeavouring to put down the foundations of the Singanoday sluice at a depth of six feet below low water mark, a very bad bottom was found, and it was not possible to get the foundations clear of water to a greater depth, as the sea at high water washes up to the bank in which the sluice was being built; moreover, the slush appeared to extend to a depth of nine feet below low water when sand was met with, and had six feet wells been sunk they would only have had a hold of three feet in sand. Again, well frames and bricks for wells were not available, as it had been intended to build the foundations in the solid, the cause of the destruction of the old sluice having been supposed, and t[illegible]orrectly, to have been due to the sinking or giving way of the wells. Under these circumstances, and in order to avoid delay, I sanctioned the formation of a wooden platform of well seasoned wood on which to construct the sluice. This platform was laid with its surface five feet below low water mark, and the interstices between the baulks were filled with concrete, thus virtually carrying down the foundations to six feet two inches below low water mark. The platform and concrete cost Rupees 546-10-0, and there has been an excess of Rupees 743-5-10 in all, which is explained in the accompanying comparative Statement.

2. The only items for which the charges appear to be unnecessarily high are for "excavating foundations and filling" and for "baling," for the former the sum allowed in the original estimate was too small; it was intended that the new sluice should be at the site of the old one, but afterwards it was deemed advisable to build at a new site, owing to the difficulty of removing the old foundations and to the inadvisability of re-constructing the [illegible] site in which the sluice had twice failed.

Mr. J. Donag[illegible]ue.

3. [illegible] Overseer in charge of the work has had no previous experience in laying foundations under difficulties, and allowed the baling to be commenced too early, then discontinued it and did not put on sufficient men. There were, however, exceptional difficulties in laying the foundations, owing to the softness of the mud, the novel nature of the foundations laid, and the delay in getting the platform made up after it was found that the foundations originally proposed were unsuitable to the locality. Under these circumstances, I beg that Government may sanction a sum of Rupees 744 to cover the excess on this work from the allotment for Minor New Works "Agricultural" by a transfer from Trichinopoly, where there is a balance of Rupees 2,237. The allotment for Tanjore has already been exceeded.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1868, No. 2,640.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

Under the explanation afforded in this letter, the Government sanction the revised estimate of Rupees 2,143 for the

re-construction of the Singanoday surplus sluice in the Myaveram talook of the Tanjore District, and to meet the cost of the work, they authorize the transfer of funds recommended in paragraph 3.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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