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

No. 320. Read the following Memorandum from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Madras, 17th October 1868, No. 3,493 :—

With reference to Memorandum No. 137, dated 13th October 1868, the undersigned has the honor to forward an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation, No. 919, dated 11th September 1846, communicated to the Collector of South Arcot, and Civil Engineer, 4th Division, in the Board's Proceedings, 24th September 1846.

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

No. 321. ORDER THEREON, 21st October 1868, No. 2,672.

Miscellaneous.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Govt. of [1868] Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

4TH DIVISION.

Dated October, 21st.

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G. O., 21st October 1868, No. 2,072.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 320-321.

Order relating to Palar Water Project.—
Memorandum from Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, forwarding an extract from it, recorded.

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No. 919.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th September 1846.

Read the following Paper.

From the Secretary to the Board of Revenue
in the Department of Public Works.

Submitting for Sanction an Estimate
Amounting to Rupees 14806-7-8½ for
the reconstruction of the
Anicut across the Guddelum
River in the District of South Arcot
and stating that the work is pro-
posed mainly on account of the
facilities it will afford for the growth
of Sugar Cane and that an increase
of Revenue of Rs 10000 may be safely
reckoned upon from the execution of
the project.

/ B. C. 22nd June 1846
No. 393. /

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Para: 1. It appears from the papers
before Government that the site selected
for the Stone Anicut constructed in 1838
across the Guddelum River in South Arcot
was very injudicious; the Channel flowing
from it being described as difficult to
keep open and leading through Sandy
ground which absorbed a great portion
of the water. From the Anicut moreover
being constructed above the numerous
Springs in the bed of the river, the Ryots
were

were compelled to renew annually the Earthen dams to obtain the spring water, from which labor it was supposed the Anicut would have relieved them, and they were besides exposed to the additional loss of time and expense necessary to keep the Channel open. Under these circumstances the aversion which the ryots are said to feel to the site of the Anicut can easily be understood, and the apathy shewn to keep the Channel in order, would not, in all probability, manifest itself to a work which proved a real source of benefit and profit.

2. For the two years following the construction of the Anicut, an increase of cultivation is exhibited, but there appears to have been great neglect on the part of the Collector and Civil Engineer in not taking care that the Anicut was kept in a serviceable state, that the Channel was attended to by the Ryots, and that a timely use was made of the surplus Sluice which was constructed for the very purpose of clearing the Channel, but which seems never to have

been opened.

3. The Board of Revenue, too, when they observed the diminution in the Collections should have taken immediate measures for securing the Government against the annual loss, which according to the calculation of the Collector of South Arcot, amounted to Rupees 7628.

4. But the Anicut having been allowed to fall out of repair, and the faultiness of its site being now apparent, it would be a waste of money to sanction the large outlay of Rupees 5781. required for its reconstruction, nor do the Government think that a recurrence to the Earthen dam, as advocated by the late Captain Cardon, would be attended with any effectual advantage.

5. It is stated by the Collector of South Arcot that the Ryots are now very desirous of extending the cultivation of Sugar-Cane, and that 1397 Cawnies of waste land could, with a sufficient supply of water, be made productive at an annual increase to the Revenue of Rupees 10,000. It is also stated in Mr. Norfors letter that Messrs Parry & Co are prepared to establish a Sugar factory at Cullacoorchy

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and to engage the Ryots to plant 300 Candies of Mauritius Cane if assured that such an Anicut will be constructed as would ensure their Crops against the chance of rain to which the breaking of the Earthen bunds exposes them, and as the position selected for the new Anicut and recommended by the Board of Revenue appears satisfactory to all parties, and every security seems to have been taken that the work shall be solid and effective, the Most Noble the Governor in Council resolves to submit the question, to the Government of India, and to recommend that sanction may be granted for the prosecution of the work at the estimated disbursement of Rupees 14,806-7-8½ and that further this Government may be favored with an early reply, it being important that no check should be offered to the cultivation of Sugar when the Merchants are so eager to encourage its growth, and are so ready to do every justice to the Ryots.

/ A true Extract /

/ Signed / E. P. Thompson

Secry to Govt

To

The President & Members

of the Board of Revenue in the D. P. W.

Order

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Fort St George - 24th September 1846.

Order thereon. Order to be communicated to the Collector of South Arcot and Civil Engineer Fourth Division.

/ True Extract. /

A. Bolcan Col R.E.

Sup Engr 4th D.

Revenue 1868. Oct 1st
Proc of Government for October
From, No. 3332.

The Superintending Engineer
G. D.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department
Fort Saint George

Dated 19th October 1868
Rec'd 20.

E-1. No. 3493.
A-2672.

Forwards an Extract of the Minutes of Consultation No. 919 dated 11th September 1846 regarding the submission of an Estimate amounting to Rs. 14806-7-8½ for the reconstruction of the Travandy Anicut across the Guddelam river in the District of South Arcot

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21 Oct/68

A. 320 & 321

Board's order, 24 Sept. 1846
Communicating Extract Minutes of Consultation
Extract Minutes of Consultation
dated 11th Sept. 1846.
No. 919.

Rev. 3332/68.
Read the Letter from the Superintending Engineer, dated 18th ult. No. 320.

Communicating in the views which he entertains regarding the Estimate for the Travandy Anicut across the Guddelam River in the District of South Arcot recommended by the Board in their Proceedings of the 11th instant, and submitting a Detailed Estimate for the proposed work amounting to Rupees 14806-7-8½.

Resolved