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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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14th February 1868.*

No. 279. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1868, No. 958.

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Nellore, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Camp at Mogallur, 27th January 1868, No. 218:—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated 8th January 1868, No. 101, I have the honor to forward a letter from the Superintending Engineer, in which he states that one estimate, for the extension of the East Coast Canal from Dugarazupatnam to Krishnapatnam, amounted to Rupees 2,35,000, but that the line has not been finally settled, nor placed under his superintendence. I cannot agree with Colonel Winscom in thinking that this is a work that may be set aside for the present, for I believe that to provide cheap water communication between the Northern Circars and Madras, by a through canal, would do more than many other means that might be taken to avert the consequences of famine for the future, and the scheme is so feasible a one, as there are many backwaters along the line which would greatly facilitate its construction.

2. In the present year, the districts of Vizagapatam and Godavery have had an unusually good harvest, and the prices there are very low. If this grain could only be brought down by the cheap means of water transit to Nellore and North Arcot, then there would be little fear of scarcity here. Even as it is much grain is being brought down by sea and land, and this it is that keeps down prices in this district.

3. Such an undertaking as the canal would attract labor on a very large scale, and would afford not only present relief, but confer a permanent benefit on the country.

From the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Acting Collector of Nellore, dated 22nd January 1868, No. 120.

1. With reference to your Memorandum, No. 143, dated 17th instant, appended to Proceedings of Revenue Board, No. 101, dated 8th January, I have the honor to inform you that the estimate, for the canal from Dugarazupatnam to Krishnapatnam, amounted to Rupees 2,35,000. It was framed by Mr. R. Kennedy, then Special Executive Engineer in charge, and was objected to by his successor, Mr. Fraser, who preferred a line originally proposed by Captain Chambers, of the Engineers. In the last Government Order on the

No. 159, dated 20th January 1865. subject in my Office, it was not decided which line should be adopted. I think the line is too far removed from the famine districts, to expect many laborers to proceed to it, and it would not be advisable to prosecute the work, unless it could be done in a systematic manner. It has not been hitherto placed under the superintendence of this Office.

2. The lines and works I mentioned in my letter, No. 102, dated 14th December 1867, and No. 116, dated 14th January, are more favorable for the relief of the sufferers from famine. I will direct the Range Officers to make ready estimates for as many tanks as require repair in the Rapur, Oodiagherry, and Atmakur talooks, and I think that these, together with the road-works referred to, will be found to meet the necessities of the people.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board in their Proceedings, under date 8th February 1868, No. 963, have already recommended that Mr. Fraser, Civil Engineer, be directed to proceed

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to Dugarazupatnam with permission to make such outlay, in anticipation of sanction upon the proposed line of canal, as can conveniently be undertaken in the present official year. They fully concur with the Acting Collector as to the importance of the work.

No. 230. ORDER THEREON, 14th February 1863, No. 417.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Department
Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

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No. 473.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Dated 8th February 1863.

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No. 953.

Submitting report from Acting Collector of
Nellore, relative to the extension of the East
Coast Canal from Dugarazupatnam to Krishna-
patam.

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Comm. to the S. W.

14th Feb 1863

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