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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
29th June 1869.

No. 652. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Sanctioning with remarks estimate of Rupees 21,360, for excavating a drainage channel from the Sultanagram swamp aqueduct, on the Masulipatam canal, to the Tidal creek. } (Here enter 14th June 1869, No. 1,928.)

No. 653. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1869, No. 1,854.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,928.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated the 2nd, 1869.

Read,

G. O., 29th [illegible], No. [illegible].

Ditto,

Ditto, 25th [illegible], No. [illegible].

Drainage channel from Sevagunga [illegible] Masulipatam Tidal creek in Kistna District.—Public Works Department sanctioning estimate for its execution [illegible] recommended to Revenue Board.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 14th June 1869.

No. 288. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 31st May 1869, No. 200:—

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Masulipatam, 17th May 1869, No. 33.

1 Sketch.
1 Detailed Estimate.
1 Abstract do. Rupees 21,360.
1 Specification Report.

I HAVE the honour to forward plans and estimate for digging a channel by which to carry the water from the country on the right bank of the Masulipatam canal and the Sultanagram swamp to the creek running into the sea, near the Fort of Masulipatam; the fourth item in paragraph 8 of letter from this Office No. 7, 17th April 1865.

2. The work was begun, and Rupees 3,383 were expended from Local Funds under a misapprehension that the work was of a purely municipal nature.—*See* G. O., No. 1,502, 2nd June 1865.

3. In No. 118, 18th November 1868, Colonel Winscom has pointed out the mistake, for from want of an outlet much land is swamped for a considerable period of time, and probably in consequence Reh (Sawadu) is engendered.

4. Rupees 5,000 have been, as promised in your No. 108, 1st December 1868, allotted in Budget No. 419, page 28; but after we have paid our debt of Rs. 3,383, we shall have only Rupees 1,617 for this important work.

5. I hope that not only will early sanction be accorded, but an additional allotment of Rupees 5,000.

6. The calculations have been made by Mr. McAlpine from Bidders' Tables, and have been carefully checked by myself.

From Lieutenant-Colonel G. V. WINSCOM, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Bezoarah, 18th November 1868, No. 118.

IN G. O., No. 1,502, dated 2nd June 1865, the late Superintending Engineer of this Division placed before Government a scheme for making a cut through the sand ridge at Sevagunga, in order to drain off the vast accumulation of water which, coming from the west, inundates and renders impassable for many months in the year several miles of country, much of which might be recovered by the drainage suggested; and it was further intended that by this very useful work the tidal creek at Masulipatam should be deepened: but in the G. O. in question it was decided that the scheme should lie over.

2. There seems to have been some misapprehension of orders from the beginning on the matter, probably owing to the statement that of the Rupees 60,620, for which estimates were submitted, part was spoken of as chargeable to Municipal, part to Local, part to Income Tax, and part to Imperial Funds. At any rate, Rupees 2,608-14-1 were spent on making the cut through the sand ridge at Sevagunga, before I stopped the work. It is a project that should be taken up soon, for it bears in itself the elements of great good, both in the reclamation of land and the improvement of the Masulipatam creek; and whilst much regretting that any work should have been unwittingly done without the sanction of Government, I would respectfully ask not only that the amount already spent may be duly sanctioned but that early provision be made for the continuation of the work to the full extent originally proposed.

THIS letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, transmits estimates, Rupees 21,360, for the drainage channel near Masulipatam, which has been entered in the Budget of 1869-70, and an allotment of Rupees 5,000, for the year, made in anticipation of the

Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Item 419, page 28.

receipt and sanction of an estimate. It forms a portion of the works on which orders were passed by Government on the 2nd June 1865, No. 1,502.

2. From the late Superintending Engineer's letter* it appears that the channel will drain a large extent of country which is now flooded and rendered impassable for many months, and it is considered that much of this area might be reclaimed and made useful were this channel, which was commenced under a misapprehension after the passing of the Order of Government above quoted, completed.

* No. 118, 18th November 1868.

3. Colonel Moberly reports that Rupees 3,383 have been expended from Local Funds, and it is mentioned that it is intended, on the sanction of the estimate, to repay this. It appears to be tolerably clear that the work is one which, if beneficial to the town of Masulipatam, is also much needed as a part of the arrangements necessary for improving this part of the Kistna Delta, and it would seem to be advisable, therefore, that this drainage scheme should be treated entirely as an Imperial work.

4. The balance of the allotment available for the current year's expenditure, after reimbursing Local Funds, would be only Rupees 1,617, and, if funds are available, an increase of the allotment of the current year to 10,000 Rupees is recommended.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Major, R. E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 289. ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1869, No. 1,928.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

THE Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 21,360, for excavating a drainage channel from the Sultanagram swamp aqueduct, on the Masulipatam canal, to the Tidal creek, but there are no funds available, under Miscellaneous Public Improvement, for the increase of the allotment made for this work, against Item No. 419 of the Budget. If therefore it be found necessary to reimburse Local Funds, at once, the expenditure made when the work was supposed to be a municipal one, the further expenditure in the current year must be confined to the balance of the allotment of Rupees 5,000 which will then alone be available.

(True Extract.)

J. Mullins Major, R. E.,
Ag. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

2nd Divn.

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Dated June, 1869.

Read 18th — Encl.

G. O. No. June 1869, No. 1,023.

JUNE.

Nos. 288-289

Drainage Channel.—Estimate of Rupees 21,300, for excavating a drainage channel from the Sultanagram swamp aqueduct, to the Masulipatam canal, to the Tidal creek, sanctioned with remarks.

No 1852-29 June

Walter Elliot