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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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

No. 682. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Requesting the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division to arrange for the payment of Rupees 182 to the ryots of Damanallore, Madras District, on account of the irrigation sluice constructed by them in the bank of their tank. } (Here enter 22nd June 1869, No. 2,026.)

No. 683. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1869, No. 1,869.

Irrigation, No. 22. 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. 2,026.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 482. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 685: —

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Madras District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Saidapet, 15th January 1869, No. 12.

WITH reference to the correspondence noted in the margin, copies of which are enclosed, I have the honour to request the Board will be good enough to obtain the orders of Government on the subject, and, if they think proper, for the Department of Public Works to disburse the cost of the work mentioned in the correspondence as having been executed by the ryots.

Collector's letter to the Superintending Engineer, dated 18th December 1868, No. 406.
Superintending Engineer's reply, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 4,662.

2. Colonel Boileau, you will perceive, is decidedly of opinion that the money should not be disbursed. I am also myself against encouraging the system of villagers executing repairs of the kind described without the permission of the Revenue authorities; but I believe it would be politic not to prohibit it *in toto*, as occasionally no doubt circumstances arise which demand instant repairs being done to a tank or sluice, without the usual delay which the formality of appealing to the Engineer Department would entail. In every case, however, before payment is made, I would have the Engineer's Department certify that the work was not only well done, but was quite necessary, and that delay would have led to injury.

3. In the same way as Colonel Boileau now refuses to disburse to the ryots of Damanellore, he refused in 1865 to disburse 500 and odd Rupees to the ryots of Varadayapolium for repairs they did to their tank. The work was acknowledged to be both well done and necessary only by the Tahsildar, and not by the professional Department.

4. And as cases of the kind frequently occur, I am of opinion that some definite orders should be passed on the subject for future guidance.

From the Collector of Madras, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Saidapet, 18th December 1868, No. 406.

IN forwarding copy of a communication addressed to this office by the Tahsildar of Trivellore, I have the honour to request you will be good enough to let me know whether the sum of Rupees 230-6-3, spent by the ryots of Damanellore for repairing the sluice of the tank in that village, can be disbursed to them. The ryots have not had the permission of the Revenue authorities, neither do they seem to have received any such permission from your Department; but this, I think, ought not to be a bar to reimbursing them any money they may really have spent upon the work in question, provided the work is properly executed and is really useful.

From the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Collector of Madras, dated 22nd December 1868, No. 4,662.

IN reply to your letter, No. 406, dated 18th December 1868, I have the honour to inform you that, in my opinion, the sum of Rupees 230, spent by the ryots of Damanellore for repairing the sluice of the tank in that village, should not be disbursed to them, as it would be most dangerous

to establish such a precedent as paying up ryots, who *without any authority* repair their own works, and presume that we are going to pay them !! I shall not therefore authorise the payment of any sum until I am distinctly ordered by Government to do so.

2. I would therefore thank you to obtain the necessary orders of Government.

THE Board resolve to request the Superintending Engineer to state whether the circumstances were such as to render the immediate execution of the work necessary in the interests of Government and the ryots, and whether the work was properly constructed, and represents the money value placed on it by the ryots.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 22nd May 1869, No. 3,623 :—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd February 1869, No. 685.

Read also letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 7th May 1869, No. 776.

IN reply to Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd February last, No. 685, I have the honour to state that the ryots of Damanellore in the Trivellore Talook, Madras District, constructed an irrigation sluice in the bank of their tank, because the water for cultivation had previously been let off from a cut on a higher level than the existing sluice, to which the cultivators of the lower level lands objected.

2. The sluice was therefore a useful work, because it regulated the supply given off from the upper level, and stopped any wastage. As, however, the work was built without any authority from this department, I agree with Colonel Boileau in thinking that the villagers should not be paid for it.

3. The sluice is fairly well built, and worth Rupees 182, not Rupees 230.

IN a letter, dated 15th January 1869, (embodied in the foregoing Proceedings of the Board,) the Collector of Madras forwarded a correspondence between himself and Colonel Boileau regarding certain repairs executed by the ryots of Damanellore to the sluice of a tank in their village.

2. The ryots built a sluice at their own expense, but without obtaining the permission of the Revenue authorities ; and Colonel Boileau was of opinion that the outlay should not be repaid to them by Government.

3. The Board requested the Acting Superintending Engineer to state whether the circumstances were such as to render the immediate execution of the work necessary, and also whether it was properly executed, and represented the value placed on it by the ryots (Rupees 230).

4. It appears from Colonel Bean's reply, that the work was really useful; and may be valued at Rupees 182.

5. The Board resolve to submit the papers for the orders of Government, and recommend that Rupees 182 be paid to the ryots as the value of their work, which appears to have been of importance, as the outlet to the tank had previously been only a cut in the bund, which must have been a dangerous make-shift.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd June 1869.

6. To deny the claim will be, in the opinion of the Board, opposed to sound policy, and to admit it will not establish any dangerous precedent, inasmuch as Government will be at perfect liberty to refuse repayment when they think it right to do so.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31*st May* 1869.

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

No. 483. ORDER THEREON, 22nd June 1869, No. 2,026.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

THE Superintending Engineer will arrange for the disbursement of the amount in question from the current year's allotment for Minor New Works under "Agricultural" in the Madras District.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Accountant-General.
" Revenue Department.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

4th Division.

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Dated June, 22nd.

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G. O., 22nd June 1869, No. 2,026.

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