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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th March 1869.

No. 194. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Communicating to the Officer concerned for remarks, Proceedings of the Board of Revenue regarding the inadequate means of transit provided for the villages of Mungalapad and Mamidyalapad, in the Kurnool District, by the new bridges constructed across the Irrigation Canal which passes through the lands of their villages. } (Here enter 2nd March 1869, No. 667.)

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1869, No. 609.

Irrigation, No. 5.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. S. LILLY,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 667.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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Nos. 194-195.

New Bridges constructed across the Irrigation Canal in Kurnool District.—Order regarding the inadequate means of transit provided for the villagers, communicated to Board of Revenue.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd March 1869.

No. 52. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th January 1869, No. 164:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Kurnool, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1868, No. 399.

1. I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings, No. 7,882, dated 6th November 1868, regarding the foot-bridges across the canal at Mungalapad and Mamidyalapad. I trust, however, the Board will still apply to Government that no similar bridges may, in future, be built, because in all cases the canal separates the villagers from their cultivation, which can hardly be carried on without the use of bullock-bandies for carting away the produce, and I consider that in no case should a bridge be built without affording roadway for at least one bandy and a pair of bullocks at a time.

2. I have no doubt that such bridges can be made as cheap as the present bridges, which are impracticable for the passage of bandies or cattle at these places.

3. The villagers from Mamidyalapad have now to send all their cattle, ploughs, bandies, &c., from their village down the Bellary road, and thus reach their fields after travelling a distance of four miles.

4. The bridge at Mungalapad should, on all accounts, be adapted for the passage of bandies. In January 1867, the 2nd Cavalry on march was prevented by the Officer Commanding the 28th Regiment, N. I., from passing through Kurnool, as cholera had broken out in the marching Regiment.

I then arranged that the Cavalry, instead of passing through Kurnool, should pass through Mungalapad. This they were then able to do, because across the channel was a temporary bridge, which has been removed and replaced by the present one for foot passengers.

5. The 21st Fusiliers are now on their march towards Kurnool. Should information reach me of the existence of cholera in that Regiment, it will nevertheless have to pass through Kurnool, which is inhabited by more than 20,000 people, because the bridge at Mungalapad has been made too small by the Madras Canal and Irrigation Company, and there is no way of crossing the canal, but over the Gooty bridge, the road to which is through the Municipal limits.

6. The company ought to supply such means of traffic as shall not interfere with the former avocations of the villagers, or with the means of transit hitherto adopted by travellers.

If, however, the Board think that as the bridge has been built, and it would put the Company to an unnecessary expense to build another bridge, I certainly would recommend that a bridge be built at Mungalapad by Government, sufficient for the passage of at least a bandy at a time, for the use of marching Regiments in which sickness exists. It would be a grievous calamity if cholera was to be imported into this thickly inhabited town by a Regiment passing through it, simply because the *route* of the Regiment could not be changed, owing to there not being a proper bridge over the canal available, except the Gooty bridge, for the transit of troops.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd March 1869.

THE Board, in their Proceedings, dated 23rd June 1868, No. 4,630, submitted, for the consideration and orders of Government, a letter from the Collector, dated 20th May, No. 210, in which that Officer reported that great complaint had been made by the villagers of Mungalapad and Mamidyalapad as to the inadequate means of transit provided for them by the new bridges constructed across the irrigation canal which passes through the lands of their villages. The bridges were described as high and narrow and, being approached by steps, inaccessible to any but foot-passengers.

2. The Government* referred the matter to the Engineer of the Irrigation Company for report, and that Officer replied in a letter to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 28th July 1868, No. 47.

* G. O., 9th July 1868, No. 2,192, P. W. D.

3. This letter was communicated to the Board in Government Proceedings of 18th August, No. 2,190, which were forwarded to the Collector with Board's Proceedings,† wherein the Collector was informed that the Board awaited his further report after the promised visit of Consulting Engineer to the district.

† 25th August 1868, No. 6,110.

4. The Collector in reply forwarded a letter from the Agent of the Irrigation Company, in which Mr. Henslowe stated that he also had received complaints as to the inconvenience of the culverts and bridges, and that these matters would be looked to and remedied.

From further correspondence it appears that the Collector was unable to consult Captain Mullins, as requested by the Board.

5. In the letter recorded at the head of these Proceedings the Collector again brings before the Board the complaints which are still made, and advances further reasons why the means for crossing the canal should be such as to admit of the passage of at least one cart at a time.

6. He points out that, unless the bridge at Mungalapad is of this description, the passage of troops across the canal at that place is difficult, if not impossible, and that there may arise, and, indeed, have arisen, strong reasons (on account of cholera in the marching Regiment) why the troops should not have to pass through the town of Kurnool, (which they will now have to do) if this bridge be not rendered available for their transit.

On these as well as other accounts, the Board resolve to bring the matter once more before the notice of Government, and to submit the Collector's letter for consideration and orders.

TRANSFERRED to the Department of Public Works.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11*th February* 1869.

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd March 1869.

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1869, No. 667.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

Referred to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for such observations as he may have to offer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Revenue Dept.
No. 659.

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To

THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR

IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY.

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