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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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19th October 1870.

No. 194. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 1st October 1870, No. 5,935:—

Read the following letter from the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 19th August 1870, No. 3,815.

With reference to Board's Proceedings, dated 25th January 1870, No. 520, I have the honour to state that I have communicated with the Superintending Engineer as to the measures necessary in this district for providing suitable crossings for the convenience of traffic across river-embankments.

2. Colonel Moberly, in his letter, dated 19th February 1870, No. 327, replied that "the provision of ramps for the crossings of river and channel-banks is so "well known that the English word 'slope' is commonly used as the Telugu "translation for ramps in the applications made by villagers." He added, "I "should be glad if you could take measures to confine the traffic to the crossings "provided, as now the cattle go in very loose array and tread down the sides till "the ramp is nearly worn away. I think it would be very useful to put such ramps "(and on the same conditions as to use) to every tank-bund. The passage by "cattle, neglected as the injury generally is, frequently weakens the bank most "dangerously. I believe it would be most legitimately deemed even by the "villagers as customary labour."

3. I beg to suggest that the original cost of providing ramps across the different river and channel-banks adjoining villages, or where crossed by roads, should be provided for out of Imperial Funds on the framing of regular estimates. The same course should, I think, be followed in the case of tank-banks, the cost of one or more ramps being included in the next estimate for repairs to each tank. When such ramps are crossed by a public road, I think the cost of the maintenance can scarcely be made customary labour. There have been several differences of opinion already in regard to this matter in this district. Where a ramp is provided solely for the use of the ryots in a single village, and in the case of tank-bank ramps, the responsibility of their maintenance, may, I think, properly be conceded as customary labour devolving on the villagers, but certainly not where the ramp is provided for the convenience of general traffic by the crossing of a road. When ramps are provided in sufficient number, I apprehend that there will be no difficulty in confining the traffic to the crossings provided, but they are often at present very far apart. I do not see, moreover, how it will be possible to prevent herds of cattle, as the Superintending Engineer suggests wearing down the sides of the ramps. All we can do is to require that the ramps must be kept in order.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In future estimates for Imperial or local roads, sufficient provision should always be made for forming ramps, and flanking them with a sufficient length of fencing.

3. Ramps should also be provided wherever necessary for tanks and channels already in existence.

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4. Where the ramp is used for the convenience of a single village, it may properly be kept up by Kudemaramut, but not when it is used for traffic.

No. 195. ORDER THEREON, 19th October 1870, No. 1,595.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government concur with the Board of Revenue.

2. The necessary orders will be issued in the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Departme

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 19th Octr. 1870
Read the following Report of
the Board of Revenue.
(M.R. No. 1095, dated 10th Octr. 1870)

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c. &c. &c,

Dated October, 19*th*.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 19*th October* 1870, *No.* 1,595.

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