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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
17th August 1872.

No. 135. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 5th July 1872, No. 1,224 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Cocanada, 18th June 1872, No. 181 :—

In continuation of my letter of the 3rd instant, No. 147, I have the honour to forward, herewith, copy of a letter (with three enclosures in original) received from the Sub-Collector, dated the 4th instant, No. 182, on the subject of the repairs to be executed in the Kesenakurru Estate under management.

	RS.	A.	P.
1 Estimate for a sluice for ...	500	0	0
1 Do. for repairs, etc., to embankment	9,611	2	0
1 Sketch plan.			

2. I beg to call the attention of the Court to paragraphs 4 to 8 of Mr. Stuart's letter, and to request that, under the reasons given, the estimated cost of the repairs and the construction of the embankment and the sluice, amounting to Rupees 10,111-2-0, may be sanctioned as soon as possible. The amount of course includes the 4,000 Rupees applied for by me, in my letter of the 3rd instant, No. 147.

3. Referring to paragraph 9 of Mr. Stuart's letter, I beg to invite the attention of the Court to the fact that the Estate has always been protected from inundation at the cost of the Government, but that, as the Department of Public Works appear to have abandoned the work, as stated by Mr. Stuart, and as the Estate has already heavily suffered in consequence, the proposal has been made to spend the money from the funds of the Estate; I therefore request that the Court will move Government to pass such orders as they consider desirable in the circumstances of the case.

4. Mr. Stuart's proposals regarding the construction of the roads, repair of tanks, and the survey and demarcation of the Estates of the Minor, will be disposed of in my report as to the investment of Surplus Funds called for by Government, in their Proceedings, dated the 3rd February 1872, No. 230, communicated with the Court's Proceedings, dated the 17th idem, No. 321.

5. As the repairs to the old embankment are being executed, I request the favour of an early reply of the Court's opinion.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From A. J. STUART, Esq., Acting Sub-Collector, to the Acting Collector of the Godavery District, dated Bandamurlunka, 4th June 1872, No. 182 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit the following report on the Kesenakurru Estate, together with estimates for the repairs most urgently needed. This estate consists of six Delta villages, containing according to accounts acres 5,602, cents 79 of land, of which acres 2,980, cents 79 are Jeroyaty, acres 2,346 Inam, and acres 276 *bonâ* farm lands, managed by the proprietor himself. Of the total area, acres 3,517, cents 76, are cultivated, and produce an income of between 15 and 16,000 Rupees a year.

2. Of the six villages, three, Godilanka, Annampalli and Kondukuduru, are on the main land, and are watered by a Godavery anicut channel; they are in a prosperous condition, the assessment being lower in these villages than in the others; they require an under-tunnel to carry off drainage

the large surplus to the credit of the Kapileshwarapuram Estate above referred to. I request the sanction of the Court of Wards to the outlay of Rupees 1,000 from the funds of the estate upon the two tanks, and as soon as I have collected the necessary information, I shall submit estimates for the lines of road recommended. I anticipate that they may be constructed for about Rupees 2,000 a mile.

12. Lastly, as in my report upon the requirements of Kapileshwarapuram I would urge the advisability of having a survey of this estate also, I am inclined to think that the areas entered in the accounts are under-stated, and demarcation and survey could not be otherwise than useful. I would confine the Sub-division in both operations to blocks of from 5 to 10 acres, beyond which I do not see that Sub-division is of much use, while the marks are never kept up in a country like this without a stone for miles.

An Establishment consisting of—

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1 Survey Gumasta on	30
1 Peon	7
Total per annum...	444

With a provision for constructing pillars of brick-in-chunam at an amount not exceeding Rupee 1, per pillar, for 1,000 pillars, each ½ yard square and 2 feet high, of which 1½ feet would be below ground, Rupees 1,000 or a total cost of Rupees 1,500, would provide for this work in both estates, allowing roughly 100 such marks to the square mile, a number which I consider ample, and supposing that the area of the two estates amounts to 10 square miles, which I believe to be about correct. I should not be surprised if the excess found turns out to be great enough to recoup the estate for the cost of the survey and demarcation within a year or at most two, after the completion of this work.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) W. S. FOSTER,
Acting Collector.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Estimates.

ENCLOSURE No. 4.—Sketch Plan.

THE estate of Kesenakurru in the Godavery District under charge of the Court of Wards is situated on the banks of the Godavery river and some of the villages are placed on an island formed by a loop stream from the river. This island was formerly protected from floods by an embankment kept up at the cost of Government and the lands were irrigated by sluices in the bank. Of late years the embankment has been neglected and the estate has suffered serious losses in consequence. It would appear that the repairs to the embankment should properly be made by Government but it is clearly not the intention of the responsible officers to repair them at all events this year.

2. Under these circumstances the Sub-Collector has submitted an estimate for Rupees 10,000 for repairing the old embankment and further protecting the lands by another cross embankment and for constructing one sluice. He proposes to carry out these works from the surplus funds of the Kapileshwarapuram estate which belongs to the same proprietor and to seek reimbursement from Government hereafter of the whole or part of the cost.

3. In order to save the season the Sub-Collector has commenced the work in anticipation of sanction—the Acting Collector concurs with the Sub-Collector in considering the matter urgent.

4. The sanction of the Court of Wards to the repair of the old embankment, to the construction of the new cross bank and to the construction of one sluice as proposed will be conveyed by telegraph to the Collector. In the Court's Proceedings, dated 27th June 1872, [illegible] the Sub-Collector has already been authorized to proceed with the repair of the embankment. The Sub-Collector proposes also to make certain roads to deepen tanks and to have the estate surveyed on these points the Court will await the report promised by the Collector in paragraph 4 of his letter.

5. The Government are requested to take into consideration the propriety of reimbursing the estate for the cost of embanking the river.

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1872, No. 1,212.

Irrigation, No. 3.

THE Memorandum of the Chief Engineer on the subject of the protective works in question has been communicated to the Board of Revenue in Proceedings of the Public Works Department dated 2nd August 1872, No. 1,825.

2. There appears to be considerable misapprehension on the subject, and the Government must await the Board's further representation in their capacity of Court of Wards, after consideration of the Chief Engineer's remarks and renewed communication with the Acting Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Proceedings of the Court of Ward
dated 5th July 1872.
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No 181

From, W. S. Foster Esqre,
As Collector.

To, J. Grose Esqre,
Secretary to the Court of Ward
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Sir, In continuation of my letter of the
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dated the 4th Instant No 182, on the
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Estate under management.

1 Estimate for a sluice for Rupees 500
1 Do for repairs &c to embankment } 611-2
1 Sketch plan.
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4. Mr Stuart's proposals regarding the construction of the roads, repair of tanks, and the Survey and demarcation of the Estates of the Minor will be disposed of in my report as to the investment of

Surplus

surplus funds called for by Government in their Proceedings dated the 3d February 1872 No 230 communicated with the Court's Proceedings dated the 17th Idem No 321.

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(Signed) W. S. Foster

Ag Collector.

Godavery District
Collector's Office,
Cocanada 18th June/72

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Estate has suffered serious losses in consequence. It would appear that the repairs to the embankment should properly be made by Government but it is clearly not the intention of the responsible Officers to repair them at all events this year.

2. Under these circumstances the Sub-Collector has submitted an Estimate for Rs 10,000 for repairing the old embankment and further protecting the lands by another cross embankment and for constructing one sluice. He proposes to carry out these works from the surplus funds of the Kapileshwarapuram estate which belongs to the same Proprietor and to seek reimbursement from Government hereafter of the whole or part of the cost. In order to save the season the Sub-Collector has commenced the work in anticipation of sanction, the Acting Collector concurs with the Sub Collector, in considering the matter urgent.

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3. The sanction of the Court of Wards to the repair of the old embankment, to the construction of the new cross bank and to the construction of one sluice as proposed will be conveyed by Telegraph to the Collector. In the Court's Proceedings dated 27th June 1872 No 1125 the Sub Collector has already been authorized to proceed with the repair of the embankment.

The Sub Collector proposes also to make certain Roads, to deepen Tanks and to have the estate surveyed. On these points, the Court will await the report promised by the Collector, in para 4 of his letter.

5. The Government are requested to take into consideration the propriety of reimbursing the estate for the cost of embanking the River.

(True Copy & Extract)

H E Stokes

Ag Sub Secretary

To, The Chief Secretary to Government R.D. with 4 Enclosures.

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No 135

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Proceedings of the
Court of Wards.

Dated 5th July 1872.
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S.O. No 1212-17 August/72
Requesting for Rs. 6-
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-imbursing the Kapiles
-warapuram Estate for
the cost of embanking
the Godavery river
in order to protect certain
villages of the Kesanakurru
Estate from inundation

Godavery District
Sub Collector's Office
Camp Bendamurlunka
4th June 1872.

No 182.

From, A. J. Stuart Esqre,
Ag. Sub Collector.

To, W. S. Floster Esqre,
Ag. Collector.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report on the Kesankarru Estate together with Estimates for the repairs most urgently needed. This Estate consists of 6 Delta Villages containing according to accounts 5602-79 Acres cents of land, of which Acres 2980-79 Acres cents are Jeroyaty, 2346 Acres Inam, and 276 acres bona farm lands managed by the proprietor himself. Of the Total area, Acres 3517-76 cents are cultivated and produce an income of between 15 & 16000 Rupees a year.

2. Of the 6 Villages, 3 Godilanka Annampalli and Kondukuduru, are on the mainland, and are watered by a Godavery anicut channel; they are

are in a prosperous condition, the agriculturist being lower in these Villages than in the Others; they require an underground to carry off drainage under the Godavery Channel, concerning which a special report will be submitted as soon as the Public Works department supply the Estimates.

3. The remaining 3 Villages occupy the Southwest corner of the Island of Polavaram which lies between the branch of the Gautami Godavery, and a narrower loop of the same river which leaves it some 15 miles above its mouth, and after a torturous course of about 20 miles reaches the sea some 15 miles to the South of the mouth of the main branch.

This loop is about 200 yards broad, and varies in depth from 12 feet, to 25 or 30 in floods. At this time of year, it is salt throughout, but becomes sweet when the freshes come down the river, and continues so while they last. Much of the Island

Island including the Kesavakarru Estate is below the level of the ordinary freshes of the Godavery and has been embanked at the cost of Government to keep out the river and supplied with masonry sluices at intervals by the proprietor to admit such water as is required for cultivation as well as to allow of the escape of drainage.

4. As regards the portion of the Island which belongs to this Estate, the embankment having been for some years neglected requires considerable repairs, four of the five masonry sluices are it have tumbled down, and the loss to the Estate and still more to the ryots has been very great.

5. You will see from the enclosed Copy of a letter from the first Range Officer that the Public Works department do not intend to repair the Polavaram Island embankment for which they had prepared an Estimate of Rs 22,000 at present. I believe they have abandoned the work, and also the design of

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constructing an aequeduct over the loop of the Godavery to supply ancient water to the Island.

It so happens that the Kesana-karra Estate lies in some of the lowest lands of the Island and it is a sine-qua-non for its prosperity that it be protected from the Godavery floods. I have therefore prepared Estimates which amounting to Rs 9611-2- I herewith forward not only for the efficient repairs of the existing embankment but for 7 miles long a new embankment to complete the circle of the Estate and to protect the lands from inundation on the north or land side to which they are now exposed, going to the bank round the rest of the Island having fallen out of repair. This work when completed will enclose this portion of the Estate within a ring fence and

and completely protect it from floods. I am of opinion that the new embankment across the northern boundary would be a work of very great utility to the Estate even supposing the Department Public Works had otherwise decided about the general embankment or supposing that their resolution will be overruled by Government. I shall write again on this subject.

6. As soon as I have obtained from the Public Works department a suitable design and Estimate for 3 sluices to admit the Godavery freshes and at the same time contol and regulate the supply, I shall submit them for orders, but as in the meantime the prospects of the Estate are exceedingly bad

bads, and a year's delay must take place before these can be constructed, since there is not more than six weeks left of the working season, I have taken upon myself responsibility of putting in hand the restoration and extension of the embankment and the construction of one sluice (Estimate forwarded herewith) on emergency. This sluice is absolutely necessary to secure the drainage of the Estate and a moderate supply of water to the rice lands.

amounting to Rs 500.

7. I propose to bund up all the other inlets temporarily that is until the sluices are constructed as the Godavery water cannot be regulated without sluices, and the whole Estate would be flooded if the channels are left with open heads. In the year just ended nearly all the rice land was left waste, partly owing to apprehension of floods which the people had no means to control, and partly because the freshes were fewer than usual.

8. The total amount of the Estimates which I propose to carry out in the next six weeks amounts to Rs 10111-2-0, which I propose to meet from the accumulated savings of the Kapileswarapuram Estate, amounting by the latest returns from the Tahsildar of Rajahmundry to upwards of Rs 14,000, and partly from the amount in hand at the Samalkot Treasury, amounting to Rs 7094-5-2. This amount will in all probability be equalled or exceeded by the increase of income in this Estate in the next 2 or 3 years. I shall commence work immediately. Should you therefore see reason to

to disapprove of the step, I request that you will send me instructions by express. If not I request that you will ask the Court of Wards to send a telegram authorizing the work to go on as soon as your report reaches them, and in the meantime I will confine myself to repairing the existing embankment, and to collecting materials for the single sluice I consider urgently necessary this year. I may add that did it not appear very clear that the heavy loss which every year results from the want of proper protection from floods to the proprietor and still more to the ryots may be in a great measure averted for the coming year by prompt action now, I should not have allowed myself to take the responsibility of commencing works so extensive in anticipation of sanction.--

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Q. There is one more point in connection with these works to which I must allude. It has hitherto been considered an obligation on the part of the Government to keep up the Embankment so as to protect the Pole of the Polaveram Island, or at least I believe the practice has always been so and is now for the first time abandoned. It becomes therefore a point for the consideration of the Court whether the Government would not consider it Equitable to repay to the Estate the amount now to be laid out in Embanking it, or some portion of it, and to make a deduction from the Peshcush Equal to the anticipated Cost of keeping it in repair, as the Estate has funds in hand, it might be best to arrange for a deduction of peshcush to the Extent of say 10 percent upon the Sum now to be laid

laid out or such portion thereof as may be considered proper plus the Estimated annual Cost of keeping the Embankment in repair.

Whatever Course may recommend itself however I strongly urge that these necessary works may be carried out at once from Estate funds; leaving such questions as the above to be decided at leisure, as should the Government acknowledge any liability in connection with this Embankment, Compensation can be made to the proprietor for the present outlay, and unless the works are Executed at once the Estate will continue to incur a heavy loss of revenue, while the value of the lands both to Proprietor and ryots will be much increased by their Execution.

10. I may here complete the list of the more important improvements required in this Estate and to make their

their character as well as that of the works now undertaken more Easily understood. I beg to enclose a Sketch plan roughly enlarged

Road

from the Ordnance Map. There are at present no roads of any sort in the Estate. The Local Fund Board is about to construct a line of road passing through the Village of Gadelanka the property of this Estate crossing the Godavery loop by a ferry to be carried on to Yanam and thence to Cocanada as this road passes through one Village of the Estate and near the rest. I do not think it reasonable to ask the Local Fund Board to do any thing more for the Estate at present, but I propose to construct from the Estate funds several short lines of road consisting of Embankments sanded over above by which a very fair road can be cheaply constructed for light traffic. As there

there does not at present Exist a
single Cart in the Estate the traffic
cannot be otherwise done light
for some years at all Events.
The lines I propose are from
Tillakuppa to Kesanakurra about
two miles - from Pogakuvari Lanka
to Kesanakurra abut two miles from
Kesaanakurra to join the Local Fund
road above mentioned, 2 miles -
and short roads from Gadilanka
and Annampally Village Likes to
the Local Fund Road which is to
pass between and within half
a mile of either. In all about 7
miles. It is necessary to observe
that the soil is Extremely muddy
and impassable in wet weather,
and that roads are therefore much
required.

Tanks

11. The Villages of Kesanakurra and
Tillakuppa in which most of the

with drinking water during the dry
months the arm of the Godavery
which passes near them is Sea water,
and they have but one well afford
water in Kesanakurra and nine in
Tillakuppa. Each Village has a drinking
water tank filled by the Godavery
when in fresh, but both are so
silted up and shallow that they
have been dry for at least 2 months.
I propose to Expend two Rs on Each in
clearing them out and deepening them
and intend to apply to the Local Fund
Board for a grant in aid of half
this amount. The cost of these works
as well as of a portion of the roads
proposed may be met from the
large Surplus to the credit of the
Kapileswarapuram Estate above
referred to. I request the Sanction
of the Court of Wards to the outlay
of Rs 100 from the funds of the Estate

I have collected the necessary informa=
=tion I shall submit estimates for
the lines of road recommended. I
anticipate that they may be constructed
for about Rs 2000 a mile.

12. Lastly as in my report upon the
requirements of Kapileswarapuram
I would urge the advisability of having
a survey of this Estate also. I am
inclined to think that the areas
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Total per annum Rs 444
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demarcation within a year or at most
two after the completion of this work.

I have &c
(Signed) A. J. Stuart
A.S. Sub Collector

(True copy)
(Signed) W. S. Foster
A.S. Collector.

(True copy)
H E Stokes
A.S. Sub Secretary

E. Humphrey

Revenue Department.

No. 1212

PROCEEDINGS of the **MADRAS GOVERNMENT.**

Under date the 17th August 1872.

Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards

Requesting Govt to take into consideration the propriety of reimbursing the Kapileswarapuriam Estate for the cost of embanking the Godavery river, in order to protect certain villages of the Kesanakurru Estate from inundation.

H. E. 5 July 1872.

The Memo: of the Chief Engineer on the subject of the protective works in question has been communicated to the Board of Revenue in Proceedings of the Public

Public Works Dept: dated

2d August 1872 No 1825.

2. There appears to be considerable misapprehension on the subject and the Govt must await the Board's further representation in their capacity of Court of Wards, after consideration of the Chief Engineer's remarks and further communication with the Acting Collector.

L.R.

14 To the Court of Wards. dno 21st Augt/72
21 " Public Works Dept " "