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No. 23. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 11th December 1871, No. 3,719:—

WITH reference to G. O., 30th June 1871, No. 1,749, calling for further information on the re-opening of Seeshamungalum tank supply channel, Polur Taluq, North Arcot District, which was sanctioned in G. O., 1st October 1870, No. 2,374, I have the honour to report that the estimate only requires revision in respect to the compensation as follows:—

Land assessed as dry and Poramboke	4 Acres, at 35 an acre, or ten years' purchase...	Rs. 140
Land assessed as wet	11 Acres, at 85 or ten years' purchase, at Rs. 8½	935
		Rs. 1,075
Amount of estimate		9,300
		Rs. 10,375

or Rupees 475 in excess of the sanctioned estimate.

2. I think ten years' purchase *at this high assessment is considerably more* than the land would sell for, at least it is my impression after inquiring into the case on the spot.

3. With reference to the remarks of the Board in paragraph 4, it will not injure the water-supply of any of the tanks in the Jaghire; on the contrary a supply can be given from the channel to two small tanks (the Moochun tangle and Culpoody tank) by building a small sluice on the channel.

4. It will not destroy any portion of rice land, except that which it is proposed to give compensation for, as two aqueducts are provided in the estimate for carrying the water of the Moyanampoondy across the channel which crosses the paddy land just below the bund.

5. No other line can be taken to supply the Seeshamungalum tank at a moderate cost, and the proposed channel was where the original line was carried, as is shown by deep cuttings now not effaced. It appears to me that the Moyanampoondy tank was made long after the channel, and that the channel was then filled in by the Jaghiredar where it crosses the low ground below the tank, which is the only portion of the line that is not clearly to be seen.

6. It would cost too much money to make a line from the river near the spot marked "Temple" and so through the tank Moyanampoondy, as there would be much rock cutting.

7. It was proposed to make an anicut on a ledge of rock above the Arnee Fort; but it would cost a lakh of rupees, and not be in any way remunerative.

8. The Seeshamungalum tank, since the report from Captain Hasted, R. E., of 30th August 1870, has been almost without water, though this year it is very full owing to many tanks in Jaghire having breached. If the channel is made several tanks below Seeshamungalum will obtain a certain supply of water which has not been calculated in the expected increase of revenue.

9. I would, in conclusion, strongly urge on Government early permission to go on with the work for which there is an allowance in the Budget of Rupees

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3,000, and I do not think that there will be any opposition, as the Jaghiredar is now dead, and he seemed only to object because some ancestor had filled up the channel, and not from any valid reason.

No. 24. ORDER THEREON, 1st February 1872, No. 313.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

WITH the Order of Government, No. 1,749, dated 30th June 1871, the estimate for the supply of the Seeshamungalum tank was returned to the Superintending Engineer with a view to the reconsideration of the question relative to the line the new channel should follow, as the Jaghiredar of Arnee declined to give up the land in rear of the Moyanampoondy tank through which it was proposed to take the channel.

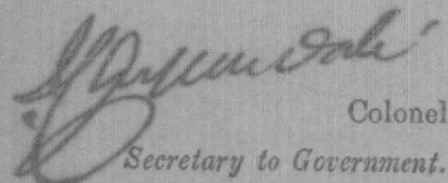
2. The Superintending Engineer states that the channel cannot be taken along any line but that selected without incurring considerable expense, and that the line is really to follow, as nearly as possible, the original line of channel which appears to have been filled up by a former Jaghiredar when the Moyanampoondy tank was formed. Aqueducts have been provided to admit of the lands dependent on the Moyanampoondy tank being uninterruptedly supplied from the tank, and two small tanks within the limits of the Jaghire may, it is said, receive a supply from the new channel. No injury can therefore be done to the Jaghire by the excavation of the proposed channel. If therefore the guardians of the heirs of the late Jaghiredar will not assent to the excavation of the proposed channel on compensation being paid for the land required for it, the Government direct that the land be taken up under Act X. of 1870.

3. In carrying out the work care should be taken that the aqueducts are completed before the supply to the lands from the tank is interrupted by the excavation of the proposed channel.

4. The Superintending Engineer estimates the amount to be paid for the land at ten times the assessment, and this, he states from inquiries made by him, will probably be sufficient. Rupees 475 are thereby added to the estimate which now amounts to Rupees 10,375.

5. The Government sanction the prosecution of the work as Rupees 3,000 have been allotted for it in the Budget of 1871-72, but the land within the Jaghire will not be entered upon till formally handed over to the Public Works Department by the Collector, who will take immediate steps to acquire it under Act X. of 1870.

(True Extract.)


Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin..

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

4TH DIVISION.

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Dated February 1st.

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Seeshamungalum Tank supply channel—
Instructions issued for the acquisition of
the land required for the Seeshamungalum
tank supply channel under Act X. of 1870,
and for the prosecution of the work.

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