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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 2nd August 1872.

Read the following papers:—

No. 23. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.

(Here enter No. 790, dated 14th May 1872.)

No. 24. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department.

(Here enter No. 1,032, dated 4th July 1872.)

Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Department Public Works.

THERE is some misconception about the Polarum Island and Zemindary Estates situated in it.

2. Mr. Happel says "the Godavery embankment, non-repair of which caused loss to the Kesanakurru estate, *has to be repaired exclusively by Government*, as the Executive Engineer states that partial repairs are useless, as the river water can turn any short bank."

3. He further adds that the Executive Engineer states "that an estimate of Rupees 22,000 was made for complete repairs, and that the same will be put in hand *this season*."

4. Again, the Court of Wards speaks of the general embankment scheme as appearing *to have been already sanctioned*.

5. Of the three statements above underlined the first appears to rest entirely on Mr. Happel's own authority. From paragraph 35 of Major Mullins' report printed with G. O. No. 1,077 of 18th April 1871, it would appear that the Polarum Island is a Zemindary unirrigated by the delta canals, and the Executive Engineer in charge of the range remarks that in his office records can be found no record of any expenditure of Government money on its banks. He is informed that the south bank of the Gowtamy Godavery which forms the northern boundary of the island has in places a small bank thrown up, he believes, by the people, and not done at Government cost.

6. The second statement is not in ordance with that of the Executive Engineer's letter referred to, which says is hoped that this estimate may be put in hand *another season*."

7. The third statement is opposed at of the letter on which the order is passed, which is that the estimate is *not tioned*, and that it is not likely that the work will be undertaken for some few years to come.

8. Meanwhile, the work which Mr. Stuart has undertaken at a possible cost of Rupees 4,000 is a *partial repair* such as the Executive Engineer reported would be useless, unless the two ends of the river embankment be also connected by a bund across the island, and being exclusively for protection of a Zemindary property not irrigated by Government, it does not appear how any portion of the charge to be incurred will fall on Government.

9. It appears that the estimate of Rupees 22,000 was made by a Delta Superintendent without survey or levels. When sent to the Superintending Engineer he states that he rejected it at once, as he knew it had been prepared by an

incompetent man on insufficient data. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer appears to be impressed with the idea that the island, or at least that portion referred to, is incapable of being protected by ordinary embankments.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1872, No. 1,825.

IRRIGATION, No. 2.

ORDERED to be communicated to the Revenue Department with reference to G. O. in that department, No. 790 of 14th May, and No. 1,032 of 4th July 1872, and to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.

(True Extract.)

C. H. Henkies Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Revenue Department.

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Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Godavery River Embankment.—Memorandum by the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, on Revenue Proceedings relative to the cost of the repair of the Godavery river embankment which lies in the Kesanakurru estate, ordered to be communicated to the Revenue Department and to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division.