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No. 11. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 18th May 1872, No. 798 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 18th April 1872, No. 625, Revenue Department :—

ABSTRACT.—*Passage of Carts across Nizampatam Canal.*—Explanation of the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, with reference to the prohibition in connection with it, with orders thereon.

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WITH reference to paragraph 7 the Collector is requested to favour the Board with his opinion at an early date. No provision has been made in the budget, but funds can probably be allotted from general savings under salt, at any rate for the more inexpensive structure indicated which the Board have no doubt will be sufficient in many places and at all events will be better than nothing.

2. The Board hope it is not now too late to remedy the great injustice which has been done to the people of the Kistna Delta in the matter of channel crossings.

3. When the Kistna channels were laid out a bridge was provided at each lock, and no where else. The locks as a rule in the main canals were 10 to 12 miles apart; for some of the channels, however, there were *no locks* and there were therefore *no bridges*. This was the case in the Kummamur channel which leaving the main canal to Nizampatam about 12 miles below the anicut runs for 30 or 40 miles down to near Chinna Ganjam, in which distance there is but one bridge where the road from Guntoor to Nizampatam crosses it. It has a rapid stream, and is for many months not less than 4 feet deep. As a matter of course it in many places intersects village lands or divides the village from its fields.

4. The Superintending Engineer says "I have received no complaints from the people themselves." But the Board are assured by their 2nd Member that complaints were frequent in his time, and it is likely the people have wearied of complaining in vain.

5. The Board resolve to call upon the Collector for a report of the wants of the district in this respect, he should state the number of miles of channels in the Delta of such depth as to require bridges—the number of bridges provided—the number of ferry boats supplied by Government on these channels and the manner in which they are maintained.

6. He should then state how he proposes to remedy the deficiency of means of communication, where he will propose bridges and where ferries—how he will maintain the latter how he would propose to regulate the crossing of cattle so as to combine with the least injury to the canal banks—the greatest accommodation to the people.

7. The Board think there should be a foot-bridge at every village and a cart-way bridge every six miles one between every two locks. As to the character of these bridges they believe the cheapest form and that most easy to work when boats are to pass, is that used at ordinary locks where the gates have a bridgeway upon them. A skeleton gate with its bridgeway would be easily worked by a single man who should be paid out of canal receipts, the size of the moveable gate

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No. 12. Order thereon, 3rd June 1872, No. 862.

| Separate Extract, No. 1. |
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| Salt. |

Communicated to the Department of Public Works.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Public Works Department,
the Board of Revenue.

1872.

# Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

Proceedings, 18th May 1872, No. 798.

Encl.

Received 3rd June.

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No. 793.

*Boat—Wharf*—on Nizumpatam canal, in Kistna District, near salt works.—Opinion of Collector requested on suggestion of Government for construction of — or of a timber structure on wooden piles. Report also requested from Collector on wants of Kistna Delta in regard to bridges, ferries, etc.

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No. 12

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

REVENUE.

To

The Public Works Department,

&c., &c., &c.

Read

G. O., 3rd June 1872, No. 528.

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*3rd June* 1872.

No. 7. Read the following letter from the Conservator of Forests, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Ootacamund, 22nd May 1872, No. 1,227 :—

With reference to G. O. No. 199 of the 31st January 1872, I have the honour to forward a sketch map and documents as per margin.

Tracing of a portion of Ordnance Map showing the tract of country of Travancore Government.
Letter No. 106, dated 3rd May 1872, from the Acting Deputy-Conservator of Madura, etc., Forests to the Conservator.
Copy of Memoir Descriptive of the Tenkarai Taluq of Dindigul.
Do. of an Extract from the Minutes of Governor in Council, dated 2nd November 1821.
Do. of a letter No. 20, dated 6th March 1872, from Mr. J. Munro to the Acting Deputy-Conservator.
Do. of a letter No. 363, dated 26th February 1872, from the Acting Collector to the Deputy-Conservator of Forests.
Do. of a letter No. 469, dated 15th March 1872, from do. to do.

2. The forests which I proposed that this Government should lease from Travancore are all the tracts contained between the blue dotted line (or ridge of ghauts) and the Penár river.

3. If this tract could be leased from Travancore on *Stump fee*, our Forest Department could work and conserve it systematically on the completion of a ghaut-road, as we have a Deputy-Conservator and establishment at hand. The Travancore Government can only work it through our forests and into our territory, which, if allowed, will probably result in much clashing at some future date and militate much against conservancy and the checking of smuggling, etc., in both territories, and cause endless disputes. Their Government have already, I believe, commenced operations on a very petty scale, but as they tax west timbers entering their territories, and make a monopoly of others, thereby preventing our department from ever working any of our tracts down to the westward, it is a question for Government to decide what can be authorized in the present case; at any rate a clear definition of rights, etc., should be laid down for the guidance of our officers.

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No. 8. Order thereon, 3rd June 1872, No. 860.

Forests No. 2.

Ordered to be communicated to the Resident Travancore, with reference to his letter of 18th January 1872, No. 9, in order that the views of the Sirkar on the subject of leasing the forest tract in question may be ascertained.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
*Secretary to Government.*

To the Resident in Travancore and Cochin.
,, the Conservator of Forests.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 122.

Cotacamund 22nd May 1872

From

Major R. H. Beddome

Conservator of Forests.

To,

The Honorable H. Studleston

Secretary to Government

R. D.

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Conservator of Forests

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Conservator of Forests.

To The Secy. to Govt.
R. D.

Dated 22d May 1872.

Despatched

No. 1227

Enclosure. No 7 Encl
to Conservator's Corresp
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Subject.

Submits a sketch map and certain documents with reference to GO No 199 of 31st January 1872 about leasing certain forest tract from the Travancore Sircar.—

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No 860 - 3d June/72

Answered 7th Dec. 1872 No 1793 Conservator of Forests Madras

Communicates his views of this subject

Answered 2 Dec. 1872 No 1793 Conservator of Forests Madras

Requests the favour of receiving the Travancore Survey Maps

Answered 11th Dec. 1872 No 1793 Conservator of Forests Madras

Requests the return of Travancore Survey Maps

Returned 17th Dec. 1872 No 1793 Conservator of Forests Madras