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Read the following papers:—

No. 23. From the Acting Collector in charge of the Special Agent's Department, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 29th July 1872, No. 110.

For many years there have been disputes between the French and English ryots in the neighbourhood of the village of Bahoor regarding the distribution of the waters of the tank bearing the same name, and, in order to dispose of the rival claims which were of annual recurrence, concessions of revenue had frequently to be made. Last year, Mr. Garstin, in company with our Engineers, visited the locality where, under instructions issued by His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India, he was met by M. Sicé, the Chef-de-Service der Contributions, and M. Carriol, the Chief Engineer of the French Government. The representatives of both Governments were satisfied that all disputes might be set at rest by a slight modification of the existing irrigation works, and a draft programme of what was to be done was shortly afterwards drawn up, but, unfortunately, Mr. Garstin was compelled to return to England before the agreement was concluded, and it fell to me to carry out his intentions.

2. On the 2nd instant, MM. Sicé and Carriol were deputed by His Excellency the Governor of the French Settlements in India to meet the Superintending Engineer and myself at Cuddalore in view to disposing finally of the question. This was fully discussed, and the result of our conference was the enclosed Convention which has received the approval of the French Government, and now only requires to be ratified, in duplicate, by His Excellency the Governor in Council. May I ask the favour of your retransmitting the documents to me as soon as this formality has been complied with.

(*Copy.*)

In supersession of all other previous Agreements or Conventions, and in final settlement of the long-pending disputes between the two Governments in regard to the overflow of the water of the Bahoor Tank on the lands forming the waterspread of the said tank within English territory; the following Convention or Articles of Agreement have been drawn up, and agreed to, by the undersigned representatives of the respective Governments after due inspection of the localities concerned, and a full examination of the several interests involved in the questions of dispute.

Article 1.

To construct an embankment in a straight line from the solitary palmyra tree on the north bank of the Bahoor Tank indicated on the plan by the letter S. to the east of the Caramodu sluice indicated on the plan by the letter T. The expense to be borne by the English Government by whom the work will be carried out. The earth required for the embankment to be taken as equally as possible from both sides.

Article 2.

The north bank of the Bangarvoikal from the point where the channel is crossed by the new embankment to the Cootyancoopum Bridge to be raised, strengthened, and maintained at the expense of the English Government. The south bank between the same points to be raised, strengthened, and maintained at the cost of the French Government.

Article 3.

A sluice to be built in the new embankment in proximity to, and on the same level as, the existing Caramodu sluice to supply the Caramodu and Irulansandi villages from the Bahoor Tank. Another sluice to be constructed in the same embankment at a point to be determined by the Engineers of the respective Governments to supply the Ooleriputt Tank. The sill of this sluice to be on a level with the crest of the Bahoor Calingulah, and the width to be one foot. The cost of the first sluice to be borne by the French Government, and of the latter by the English Government.

Article 4.

The Ooleriputt branch sluice to be furnished with a shutter to prevent wastage. The regulation of the supply to rest with English Engineer.

Article 5.

A Calingula (Cassis) to be constructed on the same level as the sill of the calingula of the Bahoor Tank on the north bank of the Bangarvoikal at the point where the Comara Covil Oday stream falls into the canal. The cost of this work to be borne by the English Government by whom it will be carried out.

Article 6.

The English Government to pay one-sixth of the cost of the clearance of the Bangarvoikal to be calculated on the average expenditure of the past five years. This amount not to exceed Rupees 100 to be paid on the month of March in each year to the French Government through the Special Agent's Department.

Done in duplicate at Cuddalore, this sixth day of July 1872.

Delegués du Gouvernement Francais.

Le Chef du Service des Contributions.
(Signed) EUGE. SICE.

Le Chef du Service des Ponts et Chaussées.
(Signed) A. CARRIOL.

On the part of the English Government.

(Signed) H. E. SULLIVAN,
Acting Collector and Special Agent.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer.

Approuvé,
Le Commissaire General de la Marine,
Gouverneur des Establissements Francais de l'Inde.
(Signed) FARON.

Sanctioned.
(Signed) HOBART,
Governor in Council.

No. 24. From the Acting Collector in charge of the Special Agent's Department, South Arcot, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Cuddalore, 6th August 1872, No. 114.

I have the honour to enclose a plan of the proposed works referred to in the Convention with the French Government forwarded to you with my letter of the 29th ultimo, No. 110, for ratification by His Excellency in Council, and beg to apologize for omitting to send it before.

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

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, 17th August 1872, No. 317.

The Governor in Council approves and sanctions the Convention referred to in the first of the foregoing letters, and directs that it be returned to the Special Agent and Collector of South Arcot duly executed.

(True Extract.)

Acting Under Secy. to Govt.

To the Special Agent and Collector of South Arcot,
with the Convention in duplicate, and the plan,
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. J. Wright.

Asst. to Secretary to Govt.

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To

THE SPECIAL AGENT AND
COLLECTOR OF SOUTH ARCOT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated August, 17th.

Recd. 27th *Encl.*

G. O., 17th August 1872, No. 317.

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Approving and sanctioning the Convention between the French and English Governments regarding the distribution of the water of the Bahoor Tank, submitted by the Collector and Special Agent, South Arcot, and directing that it be returned duly executed.

No 163
Encl to the S.A.S.A. &c
to Bahoor Tks.
27 Aug 72.