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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
14th March 1873.*

No. 148. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 6th March 1873, No. 322 :—

Read the following :—

From H. E. SULLIVAN, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Tindevanum, 22nd January 1873, No. 16.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to my letter, No. 5, dated 8th instant, to explain that, owing to a pressure of work at the time, I erroneously stated that the estimate submitted was for improving the approaches to the Chunampett Salt-pans, referred to in my communication of the 11th December, No. 403, and the District Engineer, copy of whose letter was enclosed, appears to have fallen into the same mistake.

2. The estimate for Rupees 3,600, which formed an enclosure to my letter of the 8th instant, was for the reconstruction of the embankment across the back-water between Merkanam and Thenpaukem, which was, with the exception of the bridges, carried away by the recent inundations, and it is the restoration of this approach to the *Merkanam* salt-works which is now being proceeded with, the work being of more importance than the improvement of the approaches to the Chunampett Salt-pans.

3. I have since received the Order of Government, dated 9th instant, No. 22, sanctioning the amount of estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,183, for the last-mentioned work under Separate Revenue, Salt. I have now the honour to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the estimate for Rupees 3,600 for the repair of the Merkanam-Thenpaukem embankment instead as the most important work. Of this amount Rupees 3,183 can be met from savings under "Petty Construction and Repair" in the Salt Budget, and the balance, Rupees 417, I request may be sanctioned from Provincial Funds.

4. I extremely regret having again to trouble the Board and Government in this matter; but the demands for money to repair damages caused by the recent heavy rains have been so numerous, and the sources whence they should be met so difficult to decide, that I trust the blunder may be excused. As directed in the Order of the 9th instant, I will arrange for the disbursements being made through the Revenue Department. The other Order therein quoted, dated 20th December 1872, No. 1,709, is not to be found in the records of this office, and I request that it may be furnished to me.

5. It may perhaps facilitate the matter if I point out that the embankment connecting Merkanam with Thenpaukem, though originally constructed under the supervision of the authorities of South Arcot, is on the boundary between this district and Chingleput, Thenpaukem being in the latter district.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 12th February 1873, No. 171, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.—*Approaches to the Salt-pans of Chunampett, in South Arcot.*—Revised estimate submitted by the Board of Revenue for improving them, sanctioned,

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Dated March 14th.

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Nos. 148-149.

Merkam Road in South Arcot.—Proposal of the Board of Revenue to advance funds for its construction from Provincial Funds to be repaid hereafter from Local Funds, sanctioned.

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hereafter from Local Funds, sundry...

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" the Acting Collector of South Arcot, with copies of
G. Os., dated 20th December 1872, No. 1,709, and
12th February 1873, No. 171, and estimate.

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How Mr. S. S.

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Salt works.—Letter from Collector of South Arcot requesting that Rupees 3,600 may be sanctioned for repair of embankment across backwater between Merkanam and Thenpaukum instead of for improving approaches to Chunam-pett Salt-pans as already applied for, submitted for orders of Government.

The proposal in para 3 is sanctioned by. 11/3/73

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