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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COURT OF WARDS, dated 10th August 1874.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Cocanada, 8th July 1874, No. 222 :—

REFERRING to the Board's Proceedings of the 26th ultimo, No. 4,326, I have the honor to report as follows—

2. The estimate of the proposed works amounts to Rupees 62,000, and the share payable from the Estate is therefore Rupees 20,666-10-8, (one-third) as directed in paragraph 4 of the Government Order, dated the 25th February 1874, No. 477, Public Works Department.

3. Rupees 10,000 have been provided for expenditure on Irrigation works, etc., in the Kesanakurru Estate, in the Budget Estimates now before the Board, and 7,000 Rupees are shown as expected surplus at the close of the fasli.

4. The District Engineer states the works for which the said amount of Rupees 10,000 was provided will be taken up in connection with the Polaveram Island Project in question. So that the net amount available is Rupees 17,000.

There are, however, Promissory Notes of Rupees 9,500 purchased for the Estate, but I do not think it advisable to sell them.

6. The Government have 19,400 Acres benefitted by the embankment, and the proprietary villages have 11,200; so that Government only pay for their own lands. I still adhere to my opinion that Government should bear the whole cost.

7. I would ask Government to consider what would be the result of this arrangement of theirs if the Estate were not under management, and the owner of the Estate declined to bear any part of the expense. They have not the means of compelling him to do so, and I do not think it is right to compel a Minor proprietor, whose Estate is under the management of the Court of Wards, to pay more than he could be compelled to pay, if he were managing the Estate himself.

SUBMITTED to Government, with reference to G.O., dated 15th June 1874, No. 87, Revenue Department.

2. It appears from the Collector's letter that the sum available for expenditure on the Polaveram Island Embankment is Rupees 17,000, whilst the one-third share of the cost of the project, estimated at Rupees 62,000, is Rupees 20,666-10-8. The Kesanakurru Estate holds Promissory Notes to the value of Rupees 9,500, but the Collector does not consider it advisable to sell them, and in this opinion the Court of Wards concur. Rupees 1,700 can be allotted at once from Estate funds and the Court suggest that the balance should be met from the current year's savings.

3. The Court do not concur with the Collector in his opinion that the Government should bear the whole cost of the work; and consider that the Estate is fairly chargeable with the proportion fixed by Government. The Court have all along merely contended that the restoration of the embankment is necessary in the interests of Government as well as of the proprietors of estates concerned, and that the Government should bear its share of the cost, but they are not prepared to maintain that the whole outlay should be defrayed by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

Collector
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, the Acting Collector of the Godavery District.

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Palaveram Island embankments.—In Godavary District.—Letter from Collector reporting that Rupees 17,000 are available for expenditure on—in current year, submitted to Government with remark that Rupees 1,7000 can be allotted at once from Estate funds and suggestion that balance be met from current year's saving. 2.

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