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No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of the Court of Wards, dated 21st May 1874, No. 1,202 :—

Read the following letter from W. S. WHITESIDE, Esq., Collector and Agent to the Court of Wards, North Arcot, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Court of Wards, dated Palmanair, 12th May 1874, No. 257 :—

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith plans and estimates, amounting to Rupees 10,219, for the reconstruction of the kondam or dam across the Naganadi in the limits of Kunnattur, in the Arnee Jaghire, and for the improvement of the tanks and channels dependent thereupon, together with the statement called for in Standing Order, No. XI. of 1873.

2. This dam or anicut is said to have been ruined some seventy or eighty years ago, and no notice seems to have been taken of it by the late Jaghiredar. I regret very much that the question of the restoration of this anicut was not brought to my notice earlier during the two years the estate has been under our management. When lately I came to know about it I immediately directed the Estate Overseer to prepare and submit the necessary plans and estimates, which has now been done.

3. The anicut when restored will have two-fold advantages. It supplies one of the largest tanks in the Kolattur Jaghire, and about six other tanks in the Arnee estate. The water will be divided in equal shares by the Arnee and the Kolattur Jaghiredars, and the latter has agreed in writing to pay into the District Treasury his moiety of the cost of the restoration of the anicut. Both these Jaghiredars have expressed to me in the strongest terms their anxiety for the restoration of this kondam. The minor Jaghiredar of Arnee, before I had any conversation with him on the subject, went in person and inspected the work, and then spoke to me of his earnest desire that I should lay before the Court of Wards the immense advantage which his estate will derive by the construction of the kondam. I promised him that I would do so, and in my letter, No. 104, dated 25th February last, I informed the Court of Wards that I was about to submit the question for their consideration. The preparation of the plans, and collection of the information connected with a work of such importance, however, took up more time than I had expected, and, in spite of my desire to lose as little time as might be, unavoidable delay has attended the despatch of this letter.

4. The kondam has the great advantage of a natural foundation formed by a reef of rocks extending across the river bed, as will be seen from the report of the Overseer accompanying the estimate. The kondam itself will cost Rupees 4,250, and the head sluice Rupees 800. Of this sum of Rupees 5,050 the Jaghiredar of Kolattur will contribute Rupees 2,525. The amount to be expended out of the estate funds will be Rupees 7,694.

5. The tanks noted in the margin are benefited by this project; but the three last named have already been repaired with the Court's sanction at a cost of Rupees 4,410. Estimates are now prepared for the repair of the first mentioned three tanks, amounting to Rupees 2,443. The ayacut under these six tanks is cawnies 845, assessed at Rupees 7,332, of which the average revenue during the past ten years has been Rupees 4,105. Lands assessed at Rupees 1,740 have been left waste owing to want of water. By the present improvement not only these waste lands, but also an additional extent of cawnies 386, assessed at Rupees 3,344, are expected to be brought under wet cultivation. Thus an increase in the beriz of Rupees 5,084 is anticipated, and the Court of Wards will readily understand the anxiety of the minor for the work being taken in hand.

1. Kunnattur.
2. Agastipat.
3. Ottatangal.
4. Agrapoliem.
5. Adayapalam.
6 Pyoor.

6. The Kolattur Jaghiredar expects, he informs me, an increase to his income of Rupees 1,662 from additional cultivation in the village of Sevur.

7. I am of opinion that the project is one of immense advantage to the estate, and I am very anxious that it should meet with the approval of the Court of Wards. I am only sorry that I am sending these papers at a time when the management of the estate is about to pass from our hands. If, however, the project is not sanctioned now I fear that it is by no means unlikely

that the whole work will be dropped, owing to mutual jealousies between the two Jaghiredars. There is a family connection between them, but not much family affection. The Kolattur Jaghiredar tells me that for many years he was most anxious to induce the late Jaghiredar to agree to undertake the restoration of the kondam jointly with him, but that he found it impossible to overcome the intrigues of the palace, and get on friendly terms so as to come to any definite agreement; and he has repeatedly assured me, both orally and in writing, that unless the Court of Wards commit the Arnee estate to the execution of the work he despairs of ever getting it done. The Court will conceive his earnestness when I tell them that the Kolattur Jaghiredar has three times come to visit me this year, at Chittoor, Vellore, and Ranepet, and on each occasion to urge me to lay this matter before the Court of Wards. I beg therefore to request that you will be good enough to obtain the *early* sanction of the Court for the execution of this most important project.

8. I sent the whole of these papers to the District Engineer for his perusal, and requested an expression of his opinion as to how far the reconstruction of the dam in question might affect the interests of the Government villages lower down; and in his letter, No. 300, dated 4th instant, he states that "no Government land is directly dependent on the Naganadi below the site of the proposed anicut, and there is therefore no objection to its construction."

9. The project includes the construction of a tunnel on the road from Vellore to Arnee over the Ottatongal surplus channel, in the limits of Agrapoliem, at a cost of Rupees 945. Captain Pennycuick in his letter, No. 248, dated 28th April last, suggests that this work should be constructed by the Local Fund Board. I agree with him, and have requested him to prepare the necessary plan and estimate for the culvert in question. The amount of the estate, which may be a little more or less than what is already provided for in this project, (viz., Rupees 945) will be borne by the Jaghiredar of Arnee.

10. There are a large number of works already sanctioned by the Court now in course of construction in the Arnee estate, and this project, when sanctioned, will be a still more important work for execution. The minor Jaghiredar is anxious that the services of the Overseer Ruthnavelu Mudali, now in charge of the works, may be placed at his disposal until the whole of the works have been fully completed. He is ready to pay the same salary and allowances hitherto drawn by the Overseer. Under these circumstances I beg strongly to recommend that the Overseer may be allowed to continue in the Jaghiredar's service until the completion of the works already sanctioned, and which may hereafter be sanctioned by the Court before the handing over of the estate to the minor Jaghiredar. Captain Pennycuick has also informed me that his services can be spared with ease, and that in point of fact it will be very convenient to his department if Ruthnavelu Mudali does not return just at present, as in providing for him a number of acting appointments will be upset, and the working of the department disorganised.

11. In conclusion I beg to add that the amount of these estimates, Rupees 7,694, (after deducting the Kolattur Jaghiredar's share), can be met from the balance of the proceeds, Rupees 18,000, of the minor Jaghiredar's bungalow in Madras lately sold to the Carnatic Railway Company.

Enclosure No. 1.—Estimate.

Enclosure No. 2.—Statement.

Enclosures Nos. 3 to 5.—Plans.

The Court do not deem it advisable to commence the execution of a work of such magnitude on the eve of handing over the estate. Should, however, the Jaghiredar of Arnee, on attaining his majority, be still desirous that the project should be carried out under the supervision of the Collector, and be willing to give his formal consent in writing to that effect, and to pay into the

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District Treasury his share of the cost of the undertaking, the Court see no objection to the execution of the work in the manner proposed.

2. The Court note that the Jaghiredar of Kolattur has already signified his consent in writing to pay into the Treasury his moiety of the cost of the restoration of the anicut. The requisite funds should be placed at the Collector's disposal before the work is commenced.

3. With reference to paragraph 10 of the Collector's letter the Court resolve to request that the Government will permit the Overseer at present in charge of the works to remain in the employment of the Jaghiredar until the works in course of construction have been completed, the former's pay and allowances being of course defrayed by the latter. This proposal has the concurrence of the District Engineer.

No. 42. Order thereon, 4th June 1874, No. 688.

Miscellaneous.

His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion expressed by the Court of Wards in regard to the steps to be taken for the restoration of the anicut.

2. Paragraph 3 will be considered in the Public Works Department. In the event of the permission requested being granted the estate will have to pay the contribution required for the Overseer's pension during the period he is so employed in addition to his pay and allowances.

3. The Court will inform the minor Jaghiredar through the Collector that the Government are pleased to observe the interest which he has taken in this project for improving his estate. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that when he is put in possession he will promote the execution of the work in the manner suggested by the Court of Wards.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Court of Wards.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. Tulloch.

REVENUE.

To

THE COURT OF WARDS,

&c. &c. &c.

Dated June 4th.

Recd.

Encl

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Nos. 41-42.

Arrear across the Naganadi in Arree Estate, North Arcot District.—Concurs with Court of Wards regarding steps to be taken for restoration of the —; refers to Public Works Department question as to continued employment of the Overseer with remarks; and directs a certain communication to be made to the minor Jaghirdar.

Order thereon 9th July 1874 No.

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Accounts will issue such instructions as may be necessary for the Contribution towards pension being correctly brought to Account.

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Yours truly

Sg: Undersecretary

Jointly to Govt

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To The Revenue Department

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No. 86

Sanctioning the employment of Pensioner Rathmaelus Brodale on works in progress in the Arrow Lakes

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