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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th March 1874.*

No. 338. Read the following endorsement of the Public Department, dated 15th December 1873 :—

Read the following letter from A. WEDDERBURN, Esq., Collector of Coimbatore, to the Honourable W. HUDLESTON, Chief Secretary to Government, Fort St. George, dated Coimbatore, 13th December 1873, No. 84 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to the notice of Government the necessity of checking the encroachments of the Cauvery on the valuable land on its right bank, north of the town of Collegal. It will be in the recollection of Government that there was a long-standing dispute about a few acres of sandy silt, which were attached to the Mysore side of the river, and which measurements actually proved to have belonged to Humpapoor, a village of Collegal, through which the Cauvery, if such measurements can be relied on, actually runs.

2. However that may be, there is no doubt about the gradual destruction of the right bank caused by the river, against which a feeble attempt has been made to stem its progress by planting nanul grass.

3. Nanul grass is a good protection to low banks, against which there is not a strong inset current, but in this case it is useless. The Cauvery, as may be seen by the map, takes a severe bend above the junction of the Honally stream, and brings down much coarse sand which is deposited at the bend and blown across by the violent and long continued south-west winds. To such an extent has this occurred that the pagodas at Talacad are nearly covered by the drift; this may have caused a shallowing of the river on its left bank; any how, the set is to the right bank, and the result is a long spit of sand reaching nearly across the river.

4. On re-visiting the place at the beginning of this year, I wrote to the District Engineer suggesting a caramboo or hurdle groyne thrown above the bend, and a channel cut through the spit of sand; these two measures combined would tend to straighten the river, as the scour of the low-water channel through the proposed cutting would also tend to bank up the right shore, to which the groyne was proposed to be the protection.

5. I observed that the villagers along the Cubbani in Mysore adjacent used a sort of wattle plant for the purpose of protecting their lands on the river bank; a little excess in which protection damaged their neighbours on the opposite banks below.

6. When I brought this matter of the gradual encroachment of the Cauvery to notice in July 1871, I was informed that the Range Officer considered a stone groyne to be very expensive, as there is no stone near, but there seems no need to make the groyne of stone, and every need to prevent acres of valuable land from dropping into the river bed as it cuts below the bank.

7. I therefore beg that Government will be pleased to order a survey, or whatever professional steps may be needed, for affording the protection so much required.

TRANSFERRED to the Department Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 339.

ORDER THEREON, 14th March 1874, No. 694.

IRRIGATION, No. 33.

THE Coimbatore District Engineer will cause to be prepared a survey of the river Cauvery from the Mysore boundary eastwards as far as may be necessary, and submit with it an estimate for such protective works as will be required, with revenue statement of value of the land endangered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Coimbatore.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Public Department.

Order in the Public Department 14th March 1874 No. 339

Communicated to the Revenue Department.

[True Extract]

*D. H. ...
Asst. Chief Secretary.*

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, COIMBATORE.

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Cauvery River.—A survey and an estimate for such protective works as may be required to the river Cauvery from the Mysore boundary eastwards to be submitted by the District Engineer, Coimbatore.

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