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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,*
*23rd October* 1874.

No. 273. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 30th September 1874, No. 2,817:—

Read again Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May 1874, No. 1,241.

Read also the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 31st August 1874, No. 457:—

In reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 23rd May last, No. 1,241, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Acting Sub-Collector, No. 444, of the 20th instant, furnishing replies as to the necessity for the construction of bridges over the East Coast Canal, and to state that, considering the large expense involved, I am not disposed to recommend the erection of a bridge at Mahabalipuram, at all events for the present; but one should be constructed, I consider, for the traffic between and around Covelong and Tiruporur.

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2. With reference to the last paragraph of the Proceedings of the Board under reply, I have the honor to state that before the excavation of the canal, carts easily crossed the high ground between the backwaters, which appear to have been connected by cuttings so as to form the present canal.

3. Two bridges have, in point of fact, been erected at points intersected by the canal, where formerly there was dry land, viz., at Sadras and Pudupatnam; and although I have some doubt as to the necessity, in the face of the expense involved, of erecting a bridge at Mahabalipuram, it appears to my judgment, that the case for a bridge between Covelong and Tiruporur is at least as strong as that which justified the construction of the above two bridges.

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2. The Board think a bridge should be built where the canal has cut the communication between Covelong and Tiruporur.

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No. 274. ORDER THEREON, 23rd October 1874, No. 1,357.

Miscellaneous.

THE Government consider a bridge at Covelong necessary. Further orders on the subject will be issued from the Financial Department as the cost of the bridge must be defrayed from Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Board of Revenue.
" the Financial Department.
" the Public Works Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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No. 1,241.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 23rd May 1874.

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From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Pakam, 23rd February 1874, No. 52.

IN reply to the Board's Proceedings, dated 7th November last, No. 7,575, I have the honour to report that from a letter received from the Sub-Collector it appears that two channels only have been lately excavated, *i. e.*, the Ninjal Madugu, which crosses the road from Chingleput to Conjeveram, on the 5th mile, and the East Coast Canal.

2. While expressing his doubts as to the necessity of a bridge on the Conjeveram Road, because the project is likely to be abandoned as being impracticable, Mr. Crole supports the recommendation of the Tahsildar that two bridges should be constructed over the East Coast Canal in the limits of Covelong and Mahabalipuram as the lines of communication were cut through by the canal. I am not aware of any similar cases in the Principal Division.

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From the same Officer, dated Red Hills, 23rd April 1874, No. 163.

I have the honour to report that the Sub-Collector, on being called upon for the further information, explains "that the construction of bridges over the East Coast Canal is absolutely necessary because there were formerly recognized highways to the places in question which are now reached not without considerable difficulty owing to the canal having been cut across them.

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BEFORE addressing Government as to the necessity for making the two bridges to which these letters refer the Board resolve to ask for further information—*first*, as to when the communication was cut by the canal, and *second*, as to the amount of traffic interfered with and the extent of inconvenience to which the public are exposed.

2. The canal at both places passes through a backwater, and the Board doubt whether it cut any previously existing line of communication. At all events bridges would be very expensive.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Secretary.

To the Collector of the Chingleput District.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

Govt. of 1874 Octobre.

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To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c.

Dated October 23rd.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 23rd October 1874, No. 1,357.

OCTOBER.

Nos. 273-274.

*Bridge at Covelong over East Coast Canal, Chingleput District.*—Considering a — necessary, and directing the issue of further orders on the subject from the Financial Department.

1874.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 23RD MAY 1874, No. 1,241

Encl

Received 26 May 1874.

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No. 1,241.

*Bridges*—over East Coast Canal in Chingleput District.—Further information requested from Collector with reference to proposed construction of certain — in limits of Covelong and Mahabalipuram.

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" the Collector of the Chingleput District.

Extd. W. H. French.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

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From the Board of Revenue.
Dated 30th September 1874.

FOR ORDERS.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 30TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,817.

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SEPTEMBER.
No. 2,817.

*East Coast Canal*—in Chingleput District—Letter from Collector, stating that a bridge should be built over—between Covelong and Tiruporur, submitted to Government with Board's opinion in favor of the work.

FOR ORDERS.

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No 1357. Revenue Department. 1357

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 23rd Octr 1874

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Proc: of the Board of Revenue

Subg: letter from Collr stating that a bridge should be built over East Coast Canal in Chingleput D: between Covelong & Tirupporur } (R. 30: Septr 1874, No 2817)

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