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No. 622. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 16th February 1875, No. 249:—

ABSTRACT.—*Padugay Lands in Trichinopoly District.*—Passing orders on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the subject of —.

No. 262.

No. 623. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

It will not be at all a difficult matter to lay down on the Revenue Survey or other Maps the extent of padugay which should be reserved for the repair of flood banks and river conservancy purposes.

2. The formation of plantations on padugay lands not needed for conservancy purposes will generally not be objectionable if the alignment of the outer edge of such plantations be parallel to the axis of the river, and if sufficient room be left to afford the mean waterway required by the river in high floods. It will be necessary however to decide, on a review of the river charts, what areas should be considered available for plantations in each part of the river, and it will be desirable that the District Engineer's proposals should be shown on the maps and submitted for the formal sanction of Government.

3. The Cauvery in Trichinopoly has been partially, if not completely, surveyed, and the Coleroon has been fully surveyed from the Upper Anicut to the sea, so that there need be but little delay in settling what lands may with safety be deemed available for plantations and cultivation, respectively. Judiciously managed the plantations may prove a safeguard to the flood embankments, but a good deal of care will be required to prevent their becoming a source of danger.

The Irrigation Department has no wish to retain or possess land in excess of the requirements connected with the management of the rivers, and in the course of time it will be ready to hand over extensive areas which are under reclamation.

In Tanjore this will be the case, and in Nellore it is proposed to reclaim an extensive bay on the right side of the river above the anicut, the greater part of which will eventually be an excellent position for a plantation, while elsewhere on the Pennair there are many places where the river bed is much wider than is necessary.

CAMP, CHINNAKRAKA,
6th March 1875.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut. Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 624. ORDER THEREON, 25th March 1875, No. 839.

IRRIGATION, No. 43.

COMMUNICATED to the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, and to the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, who will

take early steps for exhibiting on maps or surveys of the Agenda Cauvery, Cauvery and Coleroon, the padugay lands required for river conservancy purposes, as also those which, in their opinion, may with safety be devoted to cultivation or

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plantations, respectively. In laying down the boundaries of the several areas it will be requisite that they should take into account whether in any particular localities the present alignment of the river embankments is faulty, and in that case the proposed revised alignment should be shown, and the boundaries of the reserved (conservancy) and other areas connected therewith.

2. After the general arrangements shall have received the approval of Government, the disposal of the lands not reserved will be determined in the Revenue Department.

3. The District Engineer, Nellore, also will consider in what localities the bed or margin of the Pennair can be made available for plantations.

(True Extract.)

 Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
.. Superintending Engineer, Tanjore.
.. District Engineer, Nellore.
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