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No. 40. Read the following letter from Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 12th February, 1876, No. 3,339 :—

I HAVE the honor to inform you that in 1873 the Executive Engineer at Dumagudiem brought to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner, Upper Godavery District, the expediency of removing the village of Dumagudiem from its present site, which is low and confined between the canal and the river embankment, and is subject to inundation by the line of the canal in high floods.

- 1 Sketch Map.
- * 1 Correspondence regarding removal of Dumagudiem to Gongole.
- * 1 Letter of Executive Engineer, informing that no compensation for land will be needed, (No. 617, dated 15th December 1875.)
- * Will follow.

2. This subject of the removal of the village to the site originally selected by Colonel Haig on high open ground at Gongole, near the tail locks was, referred by the Central Provinces Government for the consideration of a Committee composed of the Deputy Commissioner, Executive Engineer, and Civil Surgeon, who reported upon it, and the proposal was finally* sanctioned on 14th January 1874.

3. As Mr. Vanstavern was soon after ordered from Dumagudiem to the coal-borings at Beddadanole, the instructions of the Chief Commissioner were not attended to; the Supervisor left in charge having neglected to carry out the orders given him.

4. After Mr. Vanstavern's return to the range he brought the matter forward again in July last, and I have since been in communication with the Collector about it.

5. I herewith enclose a rough sketch, showing the land required for the new village; the cost of clearing the ground, marking out streets, and setting up boundary pillars, is estimated at Rupees 51, and that of widening and deepening a vagu or gully (which runs from the site to the canal), in order to facilitate the loading and unloading of boats at the new site, would be Rupees 142.

6. Mr. Vanstavern's plan for effecting the removal of the present village is (1) to prevent the erection of any new buildings or enlargement of old ones at Dumagudiem; (2) to levy a rent on the present holdings which are on Public Works land — this was recommended by the Collector as a means of securing the right of the department to the land, which would otherwise lapse — (3) to offer new sites for buildings rent free at the new ground at Gongole. Some of the inhabitants of Gongole are reported to be prepared to move at once as soon as building sites are granted them.

7. The ground required has been measured up by the Tahsildar's Surveyor and amounts to 66 acres; it is Government waste land, and the soil is decayed felspar, unfit for cultivation; so that no loss of revenue will accrue to Government from the village site being fixed there, and no compensation will have to be paid.

8. The Collector has informed me that he has no objection to the land being taken up, and has directed the Tahsildar to hand it over to Mr. Vanstavern.

9. The expenditure now proposed is only Rupees 193, and to this I request you will be so good as to obtain the sanction of Government.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd March 1876.*

No. 41.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1876, No. 582.

ACCOUNT, No. 3-A.

THE approval of the Collector having
been obtained to the change of site of
the village of Dumagudiem, the District
Engineer is authorized to incur an outlay of Rupees 193 required for preliminary
expenses.

2. The charge will be met from the Budget provision for the Upper Godavery
Works.

3. The proposals in paragraph 6 of the District Engineer's letter will be consi-
dered in the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

[Signature]
Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Financial do.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
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&c., &c., &c.

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No 692 - 17th March 1876

Removal of the Village of Dumagudim,
Godavery District.—The District Engineer
authorized to incur an outlay of Rupees 193
for the preliminary expenses connected
with the — and the charge to be met from
the Budget provision for the Upper Goda-
very Works.

with order

No 692

Communicated to the
Board of Rev. who will
obtain & submit a report
from the Collector on the
subject of removal of the
District Engineer's letter

17th March 76

14 To Mr. Board of Rev. Dr. Solomon