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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5th May 1877, No. 13 I.

Irrigation.
Account.

No. 25. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, South Arcot, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Cuddalore, 19th April 1877, No. 23:—

I HAVE the honor to report that in May 1876 I received a petition stating that

1 Estimate.
1 Copy of letter.

work had been done to the Pythambady embankment by order of the Range Officer Mr. Wiffen, but that it had not been paid for.

2. I sent this to Mr. Wiffen for report, but I regret to say received no report from him until 27th January 1877, when he forwarded to me an estimate for Rupees 270 for this embankment without any information, and reported that the work had been partly done; he regretted that the estimate had not been forwarded before, but said that Mr. Overseer Salisbury had been ordered to do so frequently but neglected it, so he Mr. Wiffen had to do it himself.

3. I found that this bank was one of the Pooniar banks that in G.O. No. 2,198, dated 28th July 1875, paragraph 6, had been stopped.

4. I may remark that when I came to this district I found that these banks had been all stopped, but that the accounts remained unsettled. I had considerable difficulty in having these accounts closed, but nothing regarding this one in the limits of Pythambady was reported, and I was not aware until January 1877 that there was money due on it.

5. I declined to sanction the estimate, and directed that a statement should be sent in of the work done so that I might obtain Government Orders and sanction for its payment.

6. I have now received a letter from Mr. Wiffen copy enclosed, No. 48, dated 16th April, forwarding an estimate for the work actually executed, it amounts to Rupees 338 or Rupees 68 in excess of the estimate sent to me in January.

7. Had Mr. Wiffen reported regarding this bank in 1875, I could have settled it as I did the accounts of the other banks, but I do not feel justified in doing it now and therefore must request orders regarding it.

8. I consider it should be paid for. Mr. Wiffen says that no orders were given and that they have no claim; as however he did not object to it and other banks similarly put up have been accepted, I see no reason why this should not be also.

9. I have written to Mr. Wiffen regarding the difference between the work and estimate, and will when I get a reply forward his explanation, as so much time has elapsed I do not delay this report.

No. 26.

ORDER THEREON, 5th May 1877, No. 13 I.

THE opinion of the District Engineer, South Arcot, that the Pooniar embankment work done by the villagers of Pythambady should be paid for, will be accepted, but clearly no work of the kind should at any time be allowed to be done except under specific instructions from responsible officers of the Public Works Department. The arrangements in this case were irregular; but it is observed that the work was probably done or commenced prior to the receipt of G.O. No. 2,198 of the 28th July 1875. Mr. Wiffen's neglect to report the circumstances to the District Engineer for orders in the first instance is unsatisfactory.

2. The estimate for the work is sanctioned as follows:—

Ordinary Agricultural

Original Works.

River embankments.

Pooniar river.

Amount of estimate, Rupees 338.

Name of Work.—Constructing right embankment for 747½ yards near Pythambady.

3. This sanction has been registered as No. 38 I of 1877-78.

(True Extract.)

W. H. H. H.
Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
" Collector of South Arcot.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Revenue Department
No 2539

IRRIGATION.
ACCOUNT.

Estt. of 1877: Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
SOUTH ARCOT.
Ac. Rs. P.

Date May 5th.

Issued

Recd: 17th May 1877 Encl.

G. O., 5th May 1877, No. 131.

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No 2848.

Comm. to the
Board of Revenue
19th May 1877

Poonjar River, South Arcot District. The
estimate of Rupees 338 for constructing
right embankment of —, being work
done by the villagers of Pythambay,
sanctioned.

95th 1877
11th 1878
21-5-77