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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

10th August 1878, No. 1,283.

Read the following paper:—

No. 150. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th July 1878, No. 2,023.

Read the following letter from W. S. FOSTER, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 5th July 1878, No. 171:—

I HAVE the honor to state that the Superintending Engineer of this district requested me in his letter, No. 1,147, of 9th July 1877, to be informed whether the Rajah of Pittapur is willing to pay Rupees 1,380, the estimated cost of a syphon tunnel proposed by him to be constructed under the Cocanada Irrigation Channel near Kovvur Lock, in order to pass Ramaswaram drainage water into the Cocanada Canal from the lands of the Rajah, and also states that as this work will benefit the Rajah's lands only, he should bear himself the whole cost of it.

2. I communicated the contents of the above letter to the Rajah and asked him to let me know whether he is willing to bear the whole cost of it, and, in reply, he states as follows:—

The water of Yélérú drainage channel, marked A in the annexed plan forwarded by the Rajah, used to flow into the Cocanada Canal through the channels marked B and C. The Government having dug an irrigation channel D across C, the usual flow of its water was prevented. Hence the water that usually flowed from B and C is now let to go into the Cocanada Canal through the channel B only. Besides this, the Government having subsequently dug a large drainage channel, marked E, up to the Yélérú drain A, the excess water of Vattapalem and Bickkavolu, Government villages, was allowed to flow into B through E and H, and that of the Government villages Kykavolu, &c., was also made to go into B.

In consequence of digging an irrigation channel by Government across C and by allowing the drainage water of Government villages to flow into B, the water in it, coming in a considerable quantity, causes damage to his villages Atchutapuram and Ramaswaram. As this damage is caused by an act of Government, the Rajah claims that a portion of the estimated cost may be charged to Government.

3. Then I communicated the Rajah's reply to the Superintending Engineer and asked him to inform me whether the plan sent by the Rajah is correct and also whether any agreement was entered into with the Rajah before cutting the channel across the drainage channel C, and to let me know his further views on the subject.

4. The Superintending Engineer, in his reply, No. 3,825, of 6th March last, informs me that the most equitable arrangement will be the sharing of the cost of the work in equal portions by the Government and the Rajah. As regards any agreement having been entered into with the Rajah before the cutting of the irrigation channel

which now interferes with the drainage, he states that there is nothing on record to show that there ever was such an agreement. As for the accuracy of the plan sent by the Rajah, he says that it cannot be vouched for, but it roughly represents the existing state of the work.

5. As I observe from the above correspondence and from the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 8th October 1877, No. 2,183, that the proposed tunnel will benefit, in some degree, also some of the Government villages, I request that the Board will be pleased to obtain the sanction of the Government for half the amount of estimated cost (Rupees 1,330) of the work, viz., Rupees 690. The Rajah is willing to bear the other half.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Plan.

SUBMITTED for the sanction of Government.

2. Under the circumstances represented it seems equitable that half the cost of the work should be borne by Government.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Acting Secretary.

No. 151.

ORDER THEREON, 10th August 1878, No. 1,283.

Irrigation, No. 1.

Approved and transferred to the
Public Works Department for disposal.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Public Works Department.
„ the Board of Revenue.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with plan, to be returned.

Copy to the Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. G. Freeman.

Syphon Tunnel proposed to be constructed under the Cocanada Irrigation Channel near Kevvur Lock of Godavery District.—Apprentices and transferring to the Public Works Department for disposal. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue recommending that half the estimated cost of the — be borne by Government.

AUGUST.
Nos. 150-151.

G.O. 10th August 1878, No. 1,383.

Dated August 10th.

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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Board of Revenue,
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PROCEEDINGS, 20TH JUNE 1878, No. 2,023.

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Received *20th June 1878*

JULY.
No. 2,023.

Syphon Tunnel — proposed to be constructed under the Coomada Irrigation Channel near Kovvur Lock in Godavery District, in order to pass Ramaswaram drainage water into the Coomada Canal from the lands of the Rajah of Pitapur. — Submitting to Government letter from Collector requesting sanction for half the estimated cost of — being borne by Government.

On 10th July 1878

W. H. Baker

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W. H. Baker

Approved and forwarded to the Public

M. J. Baker

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