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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th October 1867.*

No. 109. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning the transfer of the available balance
of Rupees 21,000 from Vizagapatam District,
Irrigation Repairs, to three other districts for } (Here enter 2nd October 1867, No. 3,055.)
the same purpose.

No. 110. ORDER THEREON, 4th October 1867, No. 2,334.

Irrigation, No. 3.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. H. WILKINSON,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,055.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 18. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Dowlaisheram, 21st September 1867, No. 136:—

1 Collector's letter, No. 686, dated 10th September 1867.

2 Statements of Irrigation works of Servasidly and Golconda Talooks.

1. With reference to G. O. No. 2,594, dated 24th ultimo, I have the honor to forward to you copy of a letter from Collector of Vizagapatam, in which

he declines to relinquish any portion of the irrigation repair allotment for his district.

2. The irrigation repair allotment last year was Rupees 6,200, and has never previously much exceeded Rupees 10,000, but this year the large sum of Rupees 41,000 has been allotted. I consider that Rupees 20,000 is as much as it is necessary to expend this year, and as much as can be spent in a satisfactory manner.

3. The two talooks in which the irrigation works are situated are feverish, and the Supervisor has already suffered severely from fever. It is most difficult to get respectable Gumastahs and Maistries; of course we could spend the whole Rupees 41,000 by employing numerous Gumastahs as suggested by the Collector. I have seen very much larger sums expended in a very short time by similar means. A profitable expenditure of the allotment is not a question of collecting Gumastahs, but of obtaining labor in certain localities, and of the amount of supervision that the Supervisor and his Assistant are capable of exercising.

4. I doubt the necessity for so large an expenditure. From Mr. Boswell's report it is obvious that the works have fallen into disrepair, chiefly because the village authorities have neglected their duty in making the ryots execute petty repairs; but as the Government issued strict orders on the subject, I suppose that this state of things is somewhat amended. In the next place, it appears quite evident to me that Mr. Boswell attributes a great deal of loss of revenue to the state of the irrigation works that is really attributable to bad seasons and other causes not to be remedied by the Department Public Works. Again, Mr. Boswell appears to consider that a tank will last for ever, and to overlook the fact that they must unavoidably wear out, that is, they must in time fill up and become useless; but, notwithstanding these misconceptions, Mr. Boswell estimates that for Rupees 24,690 he could put all the works into thorough good order. He does, to be sure, prophesy that the Department Public Works will require Rupees 49,380 to produce the same results, but as this prediction is not fortified by reasons, it might be disregarded, except that the Acting Collector has stated in his letter that if allowed he would have spent Rupees 41,000 this year, so that if Mr. Boswell's theory be true, the Department Public Works will require to spend Rupees 80,000.

5. I obtained from the Collector lists of irrigation works in the two talooks that required repairs. Considering what bad seasons we have lately had, and contrasting the present Ayacut with the full Ayacut, it does not appear to me that the works can be in such an extraordinary wretched state, and it appears also to me that a probable cause of loss of revenue to Government is the large quantity of Inam land under the tanks;—of course as a rule everywhere the Government ryots do not get water until the Inamdars have their lands well irrigated.

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2nd October 1867.

6. No attempt appears to have been made to force the Inamdars to contribute towards the necessary repairs, but it is difficult to see why their land should be exempted from a charge that is necessary to make it productive.

7. In conclusion, I beg to state that I regret that, in the first instance, I did not consult the Collector before stating that we could relinquish Rupees 20,000 of the irrigation repair allotment, but I felt quite confident that the district does not require more than Rupees 20,000 this year, and that, if it did, with our present establishment we could not spend more, and as the money was required in another district, and half the year had nearly expired, I considered that perhaps it was desirable that no time should be lost in arranging the transfer.

No. 10. ORDER THEREON, 2nd October 1867, No. 3,055.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

The sum of Rupees 41,000 which was provided in the Revenue Budget for the repair of Irrigation works in the Vizagapatam District having been transferred to the credit of the Public Works Department, and the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division being fully satisfied that no more than Rupees 20,000 is required, or can be appropriated in a "satisfactory manner" during the current official year, the Government are of opinion that the available balance of Rupees 21,000 should at once be transferred to other districts where additional grants have been urgently applied for, and can be most advantageously expended for the repair of agricultural works requiring immediate attention. His Excellency in Council accordingly sanctions the following transfers of funds:—

From Vizagapatam District, Irrigation repairs	7,000	rs. To Madura District, for Irrigation repairs in Meyloor Talook	7,000	rs.
From do. do.	7,000	To Madras District, for Irrigation repairs in Madrantakum Talook	7,000	
From do. do.	7,000	To North Arcot District, for Irrigation repairs in Polur Talook	7,000	

(True Extract.)

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Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers, 1st, 4th, and 6th Divisions.

- .. Accountant General.
- .. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- .. Revenue Department.

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Enclosed are the accounts
of the Revenue Board
for the year 1867.
The accounts are
for the year 1867.
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