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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 25th January 1867.

No. 512. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department :—

Sanctioning estimate of Rupees 13,080 for repairing the Coragul Anicut in Bellary, and furnishing a copy of these Proceedings to the Revenue Department, with a view to the Collector of the District being instructed to take measures for recovering a moiety of the cost of the work from the Rajah of Annagoondy. } (Here enter 19th January 1867, No. 182.)

No. 513. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1867, No. 244.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board, who will issue the necessary instructions to the Collector as to the recovery of the Annagoondy Rajah's contribution, referred to in paragraph 4 of the G. O.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 182.

Rd. S. T. Augustin

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 19th January 1867.

No. 370. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Cuddapah, 8th January 1867, No. 2,890 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying report from Mr. Assistant Engineer Porter on the Coragul anicut, together with an estimate of Rupees 13,080 for repairing the same, and beg to request, as I have no funds available in this Division, that Government will provide the requisite funds.

2. The Coragul anicut is across the northern branch of the Toongabuddra river, near the village of Wullabapoor, the Wullabapoor anicut being across the southern branch. This latter anicut is a well constructed work, built about twenty-four years ago; but the former is a rough stone dam, and has been repeatedly breached.

3. If the Irrigation Company's project for bringing water into Bellary from the Toongabuddra river is undertaken, it is, I am given to understand, their intention to construct across this northern or Coragul branch an anicut similar to the Wullabapoor anicut; but, supposing that this is not at present undertaken, I would beg to urge on Government the advisability of constructing a good permanent dam, like the Wullabapoor anicut, instead of continually patching up the rough stone dam. The hitch, I believe, has been caused by the refusal of the Rajah of Annagoondy to pay his share of the expense (at present he pays half the cost of repairs), but this, I think, might be got over if a representation was made to the Resident at Hyderabad.

4. I inspected the Coragul anicut on the 23rd March last, and pointed out what was to be done, and directed to push on the work. I again went to inspect it on the 4th May, but was unable in consequence of a fresh having come down during the previous night.

No. 371. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1867, No. 182.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 80.

1. With this letter the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division submits an estimate amounting to Rupees 13,080 for repairing the Coragul anicut in the Bellary District.

2. This anicut was breached in 1862 and repaired at a cost of Rupees 3,733. Again in 1865 it gave way, and was restored early in the following year at an outlay of Rupees 6,305. The breach then repaired is now reported to have once more been opened during the first freshes of 1866, and another of much larger dimensions to have been formed in its vicinity, requiring conjointly for their repair an estimated outlay of no less than Rupees 13,080.

3. The Coragul anicut is an old native work formed of large stones laid dry across the northern branch of the Toongabuddra river at Wullabapooram, and, with the work constructed some years ago by this Government across the southern branch, completes the dam across that river by which water is directed into the Hospett Talook, and by which the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company purpose to feed their proposed canal to Bellary. The modern part of the dam across the

south branch is a substantial well-built work, but the old native structure across the north branch, though massive, is composed of rough stone laid without cement, and is, without doubt, very liable to injury. The Government, nevertheless, cannot but fear that the repeated occurrence of breaches year after year indicates want of attention to the state of the work, and neglect of timely and efficient repair. It does not appear from Major Moberly's report why the restoration of the work was last year delayed till after the 23rd of March, when little more than one month of the working season remained, nor is it shown why, considering the importance of the work and the necessity of completing it both rapidly and in the most substantial manner, he omitted to inspect it till the coming down of the freshes early in May effectually prevented his seeing it. Had the restoration of the work been commenced in good time, or had its progress been sufficiently watched by the Superintending Engineer *in person*, it is not improbable that the injuries, which now require for their repair a large sum of money that can with difficulty be spared, might not have been sustained. Major Moberly appears to entertain very erroneous views of his responsibilities and duties, and His Excellency in Council deems it necessary again to point out to him that a continuance of his present inactive administration of his charge will seriously affect his position.

4. No doubt the total re-construction of the Coragul anicut in the modern form, of which the Wullabapooram anicut is a good example, would provide against the recurrence of breaches; but, looking to the heavy cost of a new structure and to the possibility of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company taking over the anicut, the Government are of opinion that it will be sufficient at present to repair the breaches, and to place the work in as secure a state as possible. They accordingly sanction the estimate of Rupees 13,080, and direct the immediate execution of the work from such funds as may be at the Superintending Engineer's disposal, pending a special allotment later in the year. A copy of these Proceedings will be furnished to the Revenue Department, with a view to the Collector of Bellary being instructed to take measures for the recovery of a moiety of the cost of the work from the Rajah of Annagoondy.

5. The Government cannot close these Proceedings without expressing their disappointment at the very incomplete manner in which the estimate under notice has been laid before them. The Superintending Engineer's report is exceedingly meagre and unsatisfactory, and is unaccompanied by a section of the anicut to show the extent of damage sustained. Major Moberly's attention will be specially drawn to the orders contained in paragraph 44, Chapter V. of the Code.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with one Specification.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Revenue Department.

Lxd. S. T. Augustin.

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Sanctioning estimate of Rs. 13,080 for repairing the Coragal anicut in Bellary, and furnishing a copy of these Pros. to the Revr. Dept., with a view to the Collr. of the Distt. being instructed to take measures for recovering a moiety of the

* cost of the work from the Rajah of Annagoondy

No. 512-513.

2d- 2 Oct.

Commd. to the Revr. 18th Oct.

Let issue the necessary instructions to the Collr. of Bellary as to the recovery from the Annagoondy Rajah's contribution - reported in para 6. of the G.O.

J.B.
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