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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
18th November 1867.

No. 306. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on Board's Proceedings on the subject of conferring upon Collectors powers to sanction estimates for repairs to tanks commensurate with those possessed by Superintending Engineers. } (Here enter 13th November 1867, No. 3,507.)

No. 307. ORDER THEREON, 18th November 1867, No. 2,721.

Irrigation, No. 9.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 252. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th October 1867, No. 6,975 :—

Read the following letter from the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 9th October 1867, No. 271.

Adverting to the Board's Proceedings marginally noted, I have the honor to transmit copy of a communication received from the Superintending Engineer on the subject, and to request the Board will take into consideration the expediency of conferring upon Collectors, powers to sanction estimates for repairs to tanks commensurate with those possessed by Superintending Engineers.

Dated 23rd September 1867, No. 6,110.

From the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, dated Tanjore, 3rd October 1867, No. 969.

With reference to your letter, No. 236, of the 30th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that in Government Order, No. 1,599, of the 18th June 1863, re-organizing the Department of Public Works, nearly all the powers vested in the Chief Engineer were transferred to the Superintending Engineers, and by virtue of that order, I am empowered to sanction estimates for tank repairs to the amount of four times their revenue, and, as the Board's approval to the estimates in question is indirectly expressed, I have passed the estimates for execution. It is not necessary for the Superintending Engineer to obtain the sanction of Government to any estimate for repairs when the amount to be expended is not beyond four years' revenue, while the Collector's powers of sanction are limited to the highest year's revenue ; this is an anomaly which, I should suppose, has only to be represented to the Board to insure its removal.

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1. Submitted for the orders of Government.

2. The Board are of opinion that the extended powers may well be granted to Collectors.

Transferred to the Department of Public Works.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

31*st October* 1867.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1867, No. 3,507.

IRRIGATION, No. 11.

Under the former constitution of the Public Works Department, certain powers of sanction were vested exclusively in the Chief Engineer. On the re-organization of the department in 1863, those powers, including authority to sanction estimates for repairs to irrigation works to the amount of four times their annual revenue, were transferred to the Superintending Engineers, who, fully acquainted with the nature and proper extent of the repairs necessarily required to be performed in each case, are believed to be best qualified to judge of the sufficiency and suitability of all estimates which they may be called upon to pass for execution. It would be very inconvenient to have

more than one Officer exercising the same powers of sanction in each of the Public Works Divisions, and, practically, the Collector possesses sufficient powers of control, in that no estimate for irrigational repairs can be sanctioned without his concurrence, as testified by his countersignature to it.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.
„ Board of Revenue.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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