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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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29th November 1867.*

No. 584. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on letter from Superintending
Engineer, 6th Division, on the subject of a
difference between the Controller and himself
relative to funds accruing from the nanul
plantations. (Here enter 25th November 1867, No. 3,650.)

No. 585. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1867, No. 2,854.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) F. BRANDT,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 3,650.

No. 538. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 4th November 1867, No. 1,181 :—

Enclosures 2.

1. I have the honor to inform you that there is a difference between the Controller and myself relative to the nanul planting, which should be debited to the proceeds of the Nanul Grass Fund.

2. The funds which originally accrued from the nanul plantations and Para. 12 of Pro. C. E., No. CLXXI of 1857-58. jungles at the heads of rivers, or at the points of bifurcation, were expended in keeping up those plantations and in improving the jungles, and in carrying out such petty improvements at the bends of rivers as those funds would cover.

3. The protection of the river banks and the planting up of elbows or bends in the rivers has always been a charge on the Imperial Funds, and necessarily so, as the proceeds from the sale of nanul would not cover the cost of these plantations, as the enclosed statement shows. The expenditure under this head having been Rupees 7,649-4-4 during 1866-67, and the sums realized and credited to Government having been Rupees 1,469-4-10.

* To be returned.

† No. 251, 30th April 1867.

4. From the enclosed Proceedings,* Revenue Board, No. 4,841, dated 29th July, you will observe that the Controller

directed† the Range Officer of No. 1 Range to carry to the head of Miscellaneous Advances a sum of Rupees 331-1-9, expended by that Officer on nanul plantations. It was explained by that Officer, though not very clearly, that the charge had been incurred for the protection of river banks generally, *i. e.*, not for the protection of the heads of rivers, or the anicut jungles as they are termed. For the latter purpose a sum of Rupees 679-12-0 was expended in 1866-67, and a further sum of Rupees 347-12-0 has been expended in 1867-68, and when the amount of the sale proceeds‡ of nanul of 1866-67 was recently placed at my disposal, I directed that that sum should be credited in adjustment of the Rupees 1,027-8-0, expended on the anicut jungles.

RS.	A.	P.
679	12	0
347	12	0
1,027	8	0

‡ Rupees 1,469-4-10.

5. The Controller, however, insists that the amount to be adjusted is a sum of Rupees 969-10-0, which was expended in protecting the rivers generally in Range No. 1 in 1866-67, which is the sum adverted to in paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Range Officer's letter.

6. By an error on Colonel O'Connell's part, this sum was included in a statement forwarded by him to the Collector, when he was in temporary charge of this division, as a sum to be debited to the Nanul Grass Fund. Two other small sums were also included in this statement, because they were below Rupees 50 each, and

No.	...	...	...	...	RS.	A.	P.
No. 3	...	...	...	...	1	13	9
.. 5	...	...	...	...	43	0	8

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the estimates were sanctioned by the Range Officers. If these sums are to be debited to the Nanul Grass Fund, the Rupees 7,649-4-4, shown in the enclosed statement, and in which the above items are included, should also be debited to the nanul funds.

7. What the Controller has done is this, he has debited to grass funds all estimates for nanul planting below Rupees 50 each, which have been sanctioned by Range Officers, even though allotments from Imperial Funds were made for them, and has allowed to be debited to Imperial Funds all estimates for nanul planting above Rupees 50 each.

8. If the Rupees 969-10-0, adverted to above, are to be debited to Nanul Grass Funds, I beg I may be informed how the Rs. 1,027-8-0, adverted to in paragraph 4, are to be adjusted, and I would suggest that it should be left to the local Officer to decide what plantations should be charged to Imperial and what to Nanul Grass Funds.

9. Firewood is becoming more and more scarce every day, and it is very essential that the anicut jungles should be laid out to the best advantage, and be planted with trees which will be useful for departmental purposes. The only fund for this purpose at my disposal is that obtained by the sale proceeds from those jungles after providing for the security of the heads of the rivers, and I deprecate any interference in the matter by the Controller; while the protection of the river banks generally, and the rectification of the courses of the rivers by means of groynes and nanul planting, separately or combined, must be a charge on the Imperial Funds as heretofore, whether the estimates are below or above 50 Rupees.

6TH DIVISION, TANJORE DISTRICT.

Memorandum of expenditure in 1866-67 in planting Nanul for the improvements of the Tanjore rivers.

Particulars.							Amount.		
							RS.	A.	P.
No. 1 Range	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,113	14	6
" 2 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,658	9	7
" 3 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,001	6	2
" 4 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,396	10	9
" 5 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,333	15	7
" 6 "	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,144	11	9
Total ..							7,649	4	4

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.

TANJORE,
4th November 1867.

No. 539. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1867, No. 3,650.

ACCOUNT, No. 50.

It is clear from the details furnished by the Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division that the proceeds of the Nanul Grass Fund in Tanjore are insufficient to meet the cost of nanul planting at the heads of the rivers in that district and at the points of bifurcation, as

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well as at the bends of those rivers. Captain Oakes explains that in the two former cases, the cost of planting has hitherto been borne by the Nanul Grass Fund, and that all charges in connection with the latter have been debited to the Imperial allotment. Under these circumstances, the charge of Rupees 969-10-0 referred to in paragraph 5 must be met from Imperial Funds, and for the future it would be more convenient to leave it to the Superintending Engineer to determine, in communication with the Collector, what plantations shall be charged to the Imperial repair allotment and to the Nanul Grass Fund respectively.

(True Extract.)

Colonel R. E.

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, with one Enclosure.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works & Revenue.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Decr 1869 Dep't
of Agriculture
No 3215.

Proceedings of the
Dr. DePaul

March 25th } Nov 1869
Received 25th

No 3650

Copying orders on
letter from Deputy Supr
6th Div on the subject of
a difference between the
Inspector and himself
relating to family room
from the normal standard.

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Samuel H. DePaul

29 Nov 1869

He has called on me with the order 3050 Dec 1869.