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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Financial DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1679	Press Mis.
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Dated 5-10-	1874.

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No. 27. Read the following letter from Lieut.-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Tanjore, 15th September 1874, No. 1016 :—

I have the honor to request the favor of early orders on a letter from this office, No. 183, dated 15th May 1874, applying for funds to cover expenditure incurred in 1873-74, in maintaining the Vedarniem Salt Canal, and soliciting orders as to what head of accounts the maintenance and repairs of this canal should be charged, in order that the necessary application for the requisite funds may be made for maintaining the canal in question during 1874-75.

2. I may mention that, in anticipation of sanction, expenditure is being incurred on the usual annual estimate of Rupees 5,000 for the conservancy of the above canal in this year. The Controller of Public Works Accounts having requested me to report the authority under which the work is undertaken, I beg that the Government will be pleased to pass early orders on the letter above quoted.

Transferred to the Financial Department in continuation of former papers.

21st September 1874. (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

No. 28. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1874, No. 1679.

The provisions of the Canal and Ferry Act, 1870 (Madras), having, under date the 24th June 1874, been declared to apply to the Vedarniem Canal in the District of Tanjore, the Governor in Council directs that the maintenance of the canal from the date in question shall be met from the "Canal and Ferry Fund" under Special Funds.

2. The balance under the fund, as per estimate passed in G.O., dated 16th July 1874, No. 1196, is Rupees 60,960, from which amount will be assigned Rupees 5,000 for the conservancy of the canal during the year 1874-75.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue.
,, Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, &c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 5th.

Read.

G.O., 5th October 1874, No. 1679.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 27-28.

Vedaroyiem Canal, Tanjore District.—The charge on account of the maintenance of this canal from the date (24th June 1874) the provisions of the Canal and Ferry Act, 1870, were declared to apply to it, ordered to be met from the "Canal and Ferry Fund," under Special Funds, and a sum of Rupees 5,000 assigned from the balance under the fund for the conservancy of the canal during the year 1874-75.

N° 1076

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Supg Engineers Office
Tanjore 15th September 1874

From
Lieut Colonel R. A. Roberts R.E.
Supg Engineer - Tanjore -

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D

Sir,

I have the honor to request the favor of early orders on letter from this Office, N° 183, dated 15th May 1874, applying for funds to cover Expenditure incurred in 1873-74 in maintaining the Vedaroyiem Salt Canal; and solicited orders as to what head of accounts the maintenance and repairs of this Canal should be charged, in order that the necessary application for the requisite funds may be made for maintaining the Canal in question during 1874-75.

2 I may mention that in anticipation of sanction Expenditure is being incurred on an Estimate of Rs 5000 for the Conservancy of the above Canal in this year - The Controller of P.W. Accounts having requested

requested to report the authority under which work is undertaken, I beg that the Government will be pleased to pass early orders on the letter above quoted -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant -

Sd/ Jones Lt Col R.E.
Sup.g Engineer - Tanjore -

R.P. No. 1874 Works
From Lt Col R.E.
The Supg Engineer
Tanjore
To The Secretary to
Govt P.W.D.
Dated 15th Sept. 1874
Received 17th " "
Read 22nd " "

Requesting early orders on the letter No. 183, dated 15th May 1874, regarding the funds to cover the charges incurred in 1873-74, in maintaining the Vadavaru Canal & soliciting the orders to be adopted in the matter of recovering the charges from the parties benefited by the Canal.

Recd 22nd Sept 1874
Recorded 17th Oct 1874

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, Tanjore, dated 15th Sept. 1874. No. 1016.

Order thereon dated 5 Oct 1874 No. 1679.

The provisions of the Canal and Ferry Act, 1870 (Madras) having, under date the 24th June 1874, been declared to apply to the Vadavaru Canal in the District of Tanjore, the Governor in Council directs that the maintenance of the Canal from the date in question shall be met from

from the "Canal and Ferry Fund" under Special funds.

2. The balance under the fund as per estimate passed in F.O. dated 16th July 1874, No 1196, is Rs 60,960, from which amount will be apropriated Rs 5,000 for the conservancy of the Canal during the year 1874-75.

To

The P. W. Department Ho
— Revl Deptt
— Board of Revenue.
— Accountant Genl.

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Vedaranniem Canal
in Tanjore

Pro: in the Finl Dept.t No 1292 dated 6th August 1874 -

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It is submitted for con:
:sideration in the Finan:
:cial Dept. with reference
to Order in the Revl Dept.
No 819 of 30th June, whe:
:ther provision for the
future maintenance of
the Vedaranniem Canal &
not, consistently with that
Order, be made in the
Salt Budget of Petty Con:
:struction and Repairs -
and if so be provided
from the sums sanctioned
for the cutting of 1873-7
under the following heads
viz. New Work Rs 1152-10-9
Maintenance 5014-2-4
Repairs 2580-15-11
Total Rs 8747-13-0

Vide letter quoted with
Financial Code No 932
of 30th May —

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Financial Department.

Memorandum for Orders.

Read Memorandum from Secy. to Govt. P. W. D.
of 18th August 1874. No 638.
Read also letter from the Supdt: Engineer, Tan-
-jore, dated 15th Septr: /74, No 1016.

The Secy. to Govt.
P. W. Department, submits
for consideration in the
Financial Dept.t, an Or-
-der passed in the Reve-
-nue Dept.t, dated 30th
June 1874, No 819, sanc-
-tioning an estimate for
Rs 30,300, for the extension
of the Vedaraniem Canal,
and directing that the
expenditure be met from
the provision in the Salt
Budget, and enquires whe-
-ther

whether provision for the maintenance of the Canal should not also be made from the Salt Budget instead of from "Provincial Funds" as determined in Order in the Finl. Deptt., dated 6th August 1874. No. 1292.

2. The Superintending Engineer enquires in his letter, to what head of Accounts the maintenance and repairs of the Canal should be charged.

3. Referring to the Secretary's Memorandum it is necessary to explain that the "extension" of the Canal - i.e - making a new canal, at a large outlay, and the "maintenance" of the existing canal

Pros. Finl 27. 26th March 1873, No 411.

Pros. Finl 27. 9th May 1873, No 610.

Do omit all the words in the order

canal, from tolls levied on the boats using it, are two distinct questions.

4. To admit of these questions being finally disposed of, it is necessary to refer to the origin of the correspondence about the maintenance of the Canal.

5. In March 1873, on a reference from the Local Fund Board, Tanjore District, whether the Canal was to be maintained from "Local" or "Provincial" Funds, the Govt determined that it shall be maintained from the latter funds.

6. On a further reference by the Local Fund Board, the

the Govt upheld their Order of March 1873.

Pros. of 28th June 1873, No 906.

7. On the question of funds for the maintenance of the Canal being again raised, the Board of Revenue were of opinion that it would perhaps be best to impose tolls on boats carrying salt only. Funds would thus be obtained from salt for maintaining the canal, as is done in the case of Cochrane's Canal. If more is required it should be supplied from Provl. Funds. The Govt thereupon observed that as the Canal appeared to be almost solely used for conveying salt on Govt account

account, there was "no reason why the traffic should not be tolled as in the case of the Cochrane's Canal," and asked the Board of Revenue to report on the suggestion.

Pros. Finl., 19th Jany. 1874. No 76.

8. The Board of Revenue reported on the 1st Octr. 1873, and on the 19th Jany 1874 this Govt decided that on sound principles all the traffic on the canal should be required to pay a light toll or license fee, the proceeds to be applied to the maintenance of the Canal, and desired that arrangements be made accordingly.

Pros. Finl Deptt, 27th May 1874. No 769.

9. On the 10th March 1874, the Collector of Tanjore

Sanjore reported that the system best suited to the existing state of the Canal was that each boat should be measured and registered, and required to take out a license annually on payment of a fee of 4 annas per ton. The Board of Revenue approved of the proposal, and Govt sanctioned it on the 4th May 1874.

10. By a Notification dated the 24th June 1874, No 1061, the Canal was brought under the operation of the "Canals and Ferry Act, 1870."

Pros: 7. 24th June 1874, No 1061.

11. On the 22nd May 1874, the P.W. Dept. referred to the Fin. Dept. for

Pros: 7. 30th May 74 No 32 & 6th Augt. 74. No 1292.

for disposal, the question of the maintenance of the Canal, the Dy. Engineer having reported that a sum of Rs 8,747-13-0 had been expended during 1873-74 under the heads of New Works and Repairs. The matter was referred to the Local Fund Board, and upon their report, and the opinion of the Board of Revenue, the Govt directed that the cost should be provided from Prov. Funds.

Order No 1292. 7. 6th August.

12. The "Canal and Ferry Act, 1870" having now been extended to the Canal, the question of the source from whence the Canal shall be maintained in future may be

be finally disposed of by announcing that it shall be from the "Canal and Ferry Fund", under "Special Funds". The balance under this Fund on the 1st April 1874 was Rs 59,070, and according to the estimates passed on the 10th July 1874, Order No 1196, the probable balance on 1st April 1875, will be Rs 60,960.

I think this will be the best plan

Vedaranniam Canal

Memorandum for Orders

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Under Special Orders G.S.I

Fort St George 5 Oct 74 — 1679

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No. 191

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The Public Works Secretary

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G. O. 5 October, 1874. No. 1679.

Nos. 27—8.

Re Marricum Canal Tanjore Dt

The charge on account of the maintenance of this Canal from the date (24th June 1874) the provisions of the Canal and Ferry Act 1870 were declared to apply to it ordered to be met from the "Canal & Ferry Fund" under Special Fund-and a sum of Rs 5000 assigned from the balance under the Fund for the conservancy of the Canal during the year 1874-75.