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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th October 1874.

No. 60. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 5th September 1874, No. 2505:—

Read the following letter from G. D. LEMAN, Esq., Collector of the Kistna District, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Masulipatam, 6th August 1874, No. 1,323:—

I HAVE the honor to forward a revised estimate for the construction of a still-water canal from the basin, which is just outside the town of Masulipatam, to Manganapudi Salt Kotar.

2. I propose, and I hope the Board will find reason to support my proposition, that the work be done from Salt funds, for, as long as it stops at Manganapudi, it will be of no use as a canal to any but the wholesale traders, who purchase salt to send inland.

3. To them, it will be of very great use, and to Government also in equalizing the sale of salt at the two Kotars of Nizampatam and Manganapudi. The former is now in communication with Bezwada by water, and the consequence is that the salt there is usually all sold before the sales begin at Manganapudi.

4. The Nizampatam Kotar has been extended in this year as much as the ground round about will permit of; but I have not been able (though the season there was not entirely a bad one) to make sufficient salt to enable the traders to purchase at the place most convenient to them.

5. The Manganapudi Kotar is capable of greater extension, should the sales be such as to encourage it, of which I have no doubt, and it will be more accessible than Nizampatam: for, the end of the canal to that place runs through some salt creeks that are always difficult and troublesome to navigate.

6. On another ground also, the work is one that should be done by Government. It is proposed to throw all the excavated earth on the one side, that is towards the sea, and so to construct a sea-dyke that, as the late Colonel Anderson when first proposing the work said, would go far to neutralize the force of a sea-wave, nearly as large as that of 1864, should such a one ever rush through the Masulipatam bay again. The protection of a town like Masulipatam is, without doubt, an Imperial work.

7. It has been said that whatever is required to improve the communication between these two places, should be done by Local Funds; but I have not been able to find one member of the Local Fund Board who will agree to that view; nor, looking at the vast number of works of far greater utility to the people of the district generally than this would be, do I see any chance of its being done in any reasonable time; and yet, for the above two reasons, it should be taken in hand at once.

8. It would repay Government to do the work, but never the Local Fund Board, as not one Anna of the Salt Revenues finds its way into the Local Fund Cash chest.

9. The road to Manganapudi has been, for a long time, pressed upon the Local Fund Board by the Government; it would not be nearly so useful as a canal. Its use would be like the canal, confined to salt traders; it would cost as much as the canal to make; and more, to keep in repairs; for the nearest decent stone is

forty-eight miles away, and the road must be thoroughly well made to stand heavy salt traffic. It would be infinitely less appreciated by the people who used it; because, instead of loading the boats at the platforms, and starting them off from thence up the canal, the road would compel them to break bulk in Bunder Town.

10. The benefits of a canal over a road have been admitted by every Engineer Officer, and, I believe, every Collector that knows the Kistna District.

11. The plans were approved of some time ago and the estimates passed.*

12. The estimate is Rupees 6,860† in excess of the last one in consequence of the increased rate of labor, etc.

* G. O., (Public Works Department) No. 655, dated 23rd February 1865.

† | | Rs. |
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| Altered design ... ... | 68,580 |
| Original design ... ... | 61,720 |
| Total... | 6,860 |

Enclosure No. 1.—Estimate.

Submitted for the favorable consideration of Government.

2. The Collector of the Kistna District submits a revised estimate for the construction of a navigable canal from the Salt Pans at Manganapudi to join the main line of navigation at Masulipatam.

This work was proposed and approved in the year 1865; but owing to want of funds its construction was deferred.

G. O. 14th February 1865, No. 311.

The necessity for it was shown clearly by Colonel Anderson R. E., in his letter quoted in the abovenamed order, and his arguments are now recapitulated by the present Collector, who shews that the necessity for the work is greater now than then. The Salt Pans at Manganapudi, which produce excellent salt, are now quite unprovided with any proper approach, and, owing to the nature of the soil and difficulty of procuring road metal, it is stated that the construction of a road would be as costly as that of a canal and the maintenance much more so.

3. There can be no doubt that the Salt Trade in this district is restricted by want of good communications and that the proposed canal would add considerably to the sales and would make the stores at Manganapudi available for transport by water to Bezwada or by the river up to the frontiers of the Hyderabad territory.

4. Mr. Leman points out that, it being a purely salt work, the Local Fund Board cannot be expected to allot funds, while so many roads of more general utility remain unmade and suggests that it be made from Imperial Funds. The Board strongly support the Collector's views in all respects.

5. Mr. Leman does not allude to the possible use of the canal as an Irrigation work; but it will certainly command a large extent of salt swamp, and the Board will be glad to know whether there is any prospect of any portion of that land being gradually brought under cultivation with the aid of water from the canal.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON
Acting Sub-Secretary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
7th October 1874.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the Orders in that Department, dated 27th November 1871, No. 694, and 25th April 1872, No. 561.

Ootacamund,
2nd October 1874.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Actg. Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

No. 61. Order thereon, 7th October 1874, No. 1703.

As it appears from the report of the Collector of the Kistna District, and the remarks thereon by the Board of Revenue, that the opening of a canal from the salt pans at Manganapudi to join the main line of navigation at Masulipatam, is purely a salt work, the Governor in Council is now of opinion that the charge should be met from the Imperial Grant under salt, and not from Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Revenue Department, with enclosure returned.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Govt. of {1874 Madras.

FINANCIAL.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated October, 7th.

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G.O., 7th October 1874, No. 1703.

OCTOBER.
Nos. 60-61.

Canal from the Salt pans at Manganapudi to join the main line of Navigation at Masulipatam.

—The opinion expressed that, as it appears the canal is purely a salt-work, the charge for opening the Canal should be met from the Imperial Grant under Salt, and not from Local Funds.

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No. 2,505.

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4. The Nizampatam Kotar has been extended in this year as much as the ground round about will permit of; but I have not been able (though the season there was not entirely a bad one) to make sufficient salt to enable the traders to purchase at the place most convenient to them.

5. The Munginapudi Kotar is capable of greater extension, should the sales be such as to encourage it, of which I have no doubt, and it will be more accessible than Nizampatam : for, the end of the canal to that place runs through some salt creeks that are always difficult and troublesome to navigate.

6. On another ground also, the work is one that should be done by Government. It is proposed to throw all the excavated earth on the one side, that is towards the sea, and so to construct a sea-dyke that, as the late Colonel Anderson when first proposing the work said, would go far to neutralize the force of a sea-wave, nearly as large as that of 1864, should such a one ever rush through the Masulipatam bay again. The protection of a town like Masulipatam is, without doubt, an Imperial work.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

Acting Sub-Secretary.

To the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with estimate.
,, the Collector of the Kistna District.

Financial Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

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5th Sept. 1874, No. 2505.

Order thereon dated 7 Oct. 1874 No. 1703.

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the report of the Collector

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Board of Revenue,

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PROCEEDINGS, 5TH SEPTEMBER 1874, No. 2,505.

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SEPTEMBER.

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Navigable canal,—from Salt Pans at Munganapudi to join main line of navigation at Masulipatam, in Kistna District.—Revised estimate for construction of — submitted for favorable consideration of Government with remarks.

Transferred to the Financial Department with reference to the orders in that Department dated 27 November 1871, No. 694 and 25 April 1872, No. 561.

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To

The Revenue Depart.

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G. O. Oct. 7 , 1874, No. 1703.

Nos. 60. 61.

Canal from the Salt-pans at Mangapudi to join the main line of Navigation at Masulipatam.

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