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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
21st September 1864.

No. 131. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 14th September 1864, No. 2674.

Communicating for information an application made to the Government of India for a further grant of Rupees 2,92,030, on account of Public Works in this Presidency. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Dept., dated 14th September 1864, No. 295.)

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1864, No. 1387.

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(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. T. O'Cnnor.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th September 1864.

No. 2,674.

No. 295.
From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter No. 2,335, dated 16th August 1864, I am directed to request that a further grant of Rupees 2,92,030 may be assigned to this Presidency for expenditure on the works noted in the following Statement. This amount, added to that already applied for in the letter quoted above, gives a total of five lacs, which are urgently required in addition to the sum allotted in the Orders of the Government of India on the Madras Public Works Budget for 1864-65.

District.	Work.	Amount of Estimate	Expenditure up to 30th April 1864.	Allotment (if any) for 1864-65.	Grant now applied for.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1. Bellary	Buildings for a Battery of Artillery.	53,709	15,283	20,000	18,426	
2. Do. ...	New School Room and Roman Catholic place of Worship at Bellary.	22,440	4,283	...	18,157	
3. Ganjam. ...	Road from Ganjam to Aska on the left bank of the Rushúkúlia river.	62,700	...	...	15,000	
4. North Arcot...	Improving and extending the system of irrigation from the Cheyar Anicut.	29,700	...	10,000	19,700	
5. South Arcot ...	Constructing a channel 11¾ miles in length from the northern end of the Pooniar Anicut.	45,100	...	...	25,000	
6. Tanjore. ...	Constructing a bandy road from the town of Vellum in the Tanjore District to the Railway Station at Allakúdi.	27,800	...	...	15,000	
7. Madras District.	Bridge across the Palar river on the road between Madras and Trichinopoly, two miles south of Chingleput.	60,600	...	...	15,000	
8. Trichinopoly...	Metalling and gravelling 28 miles of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem.	15,800	...	...	10,000	

District.	Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Expenditure up to 30th April 1864.	Allotment (if any) for 1864-65.	Grant now applied for.	Remarks.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
9. Trichinopoly...	Metalling the Trichinopoly and Coimbatore road.	28,000	...	...	15,000	
10. Madras, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore and Malabar.	Choultries at certain Railway Stations.	..	...	...	27,559	
11. Bangalore ...	Renewing the roof of the European Infantry Barracks.	21,500	9,100	..	11,154	
12. Ganjam ...	Salt Cutcherry at Itchapore.	...	...	...	3,000	
13. Do.	Do. at Oomervelly.	...	...	...	3,000	
14. Kistna ...	Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Datchapulli.	...	...	...	6,000	
15. Nellore ...	Táluq Cutcherry at Ongole.	10,534	...	5,000	5,534	
16. Do. ...	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at Polúr.	...	...	...	4,000	
17. Do. ...	Do. at Venketagherry.	...	...	...	4,000	
18. Bellary ...	Táluq Cutcherry at Adoni.	...	...	...	6,000	
19. Madras District.	Do. at Madranticum.	11,300	...	6,000	5,300	
20. Tanjore ...	Altering old Civil Court House at Combaconum to adapt it as a Táluq Cutcherry.	...	...	...	3,000	
21. Do. ...	Táluq Cutcherry at Mayaveram.	4,500	...	..	4,500	
22. Tinnevelly	Do. at Ambasamúdrum.	...	...	...	6,000	
23. Do. ...	Sea Custom House at Colasegarapatam.	...	...	...	1,700	
24. Vizagapatam...	Construction of roads, &c., in the Jeypore country.	...	...	...	10,000	
25.	Minor works.	...	...	...	40,000	

2. In your letter of the 8th ultimo, No. 358A/3,700, sanction was granted to the transfer of Rupees 20,000 from the allotment for the Trichinopoly Barracks to the first of these works. This sum has, however, been nearly expended, and a further grant of Rupees 18,126 is urgently required to admit of the completion of the buildings.

3. The necessity for the second work was brought to the notice of the Government of India in Colonel Orr's letter No. 3,343, dated 16th November last. A sum of Rupees 18,157 is required to finish the buildings, and the inexpediency of deferring their completion until the next official year is forcibly represented by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, who states that if these works are now stopped, and left in an unfinished condition, until the commencement of the next official year, great loss will result to Government. Colonel Hemery also states that from the constant stoppage of works, at Bellary, the people have lost all confidence in this Department, and that no Contractors will now come forward to undertake any Military buildings in that Cantonment.

4. The object of the road from Ganjam to Aska (third item in the list) is to facilitate the conveyance of rice, oil seeds, tobacco, &c., from the interior to the port of Ganjam, and to establish a direct communication with the salt pans at that station. The country between Aska and Ganjam is very rich, but impassable for carts almost throughout the year; and the Superintending Engineer considers that remunerative returns for the proposed outlay may confidently be expected from increased export duties and sales of salt. The Government are of opinion that it is of moment on political, no less than on revenue considerations, that the road should be undertaken at an early date.

5. The fourth estimate provides for raising the Cheyar anicut (North Arcot District) two feet; for enlarging the head sluice and the other masonry works, and for widening the main channel for a distance of eight miles. As these works will prove highly remunerative, and will confer great advantages upon the population in the neighbourhood, the Superintending Engineer has strongly recommended their early completion; but the Government have been unable, from the limited means at their disposal, to provide a larger sum than Rupees 10,000 for expenditure during the current year.

6. The fifth item provides for the irrigation of lands in the Villapooram Táluq of the South Arcot District. The increase of revenue expected from the work is Rupees 15,541 per annum, or nearly 35 per cent. on the estimated cost. The immediate construction of the channel has, on several occasions, been warmly advocated by the Collector and the Board of Revenue. The Madras Government are fully alive to the urgency and importance of the work, but owing to the limited amount assigned to this Presidency, they have found it impracticable to allot funds for its execution.

7. With regard to Item No. 6 (road from Vellum to the Allakúdi Railway Station), the formation of which is recommended by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the Collector of Tanjore writes as follows:—

"Vellum is a large town containing a population of upwards of 6,000, and with the villages "adjacent, comprises an area of upwards of 11,000 acres, and which are for the most part cultivated with dry grains of a superior kind. There is already at this place a considerable general "trade. It is further to be observed that the road will connect, with the Railway, not only the "town of Vellum, but several other large villages lying further to the south."

8. As respects Item No. 7, I am to state that the foundations of the bridge across the Palar were laid many years ago, at the time the causeway was constructed, so that it only remains to build up all above the river bed. The absence of such a structure is a serious impediment to traffic, and leaves incomplete an important communication (Trunk Road No. 8) in the Madras District.

9. With respect to Item No 8, I am to observe that those parts of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem which have not been metalled are much influenced by the weather, and that as it is now contemplated to transfer to this line a portion of the Mail Cart establishment on the road between Tindevanum and Trichinopoly, and as, moreover, the road from Salem to Trichinopoly is the nearest route to the latter station, and is therefore frequently adopted by Troops, it is of great importance that the communication should be speedily placed in proper order.

10. The ninth item provides for coating 40 miles of road in the Trichinopoly District, towards Carúr, with stone jolly and laterite gravel. As the whole of the permanent way material for the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway to Errode will have to be carted along this line, its early improvement is indispensably necessary.

11. In explanation of the urgency of the works entered as Item No. 10, I am to state that there is at present no accommodation for native travellers in the neighbourhood of certain stations on the North-West and South-West lines of Railway.

12. The estimate for Item No. 11 was sanctioned in January 1864, and Rupees 9,400 were expended during the past official year. The work has been vigorously proceeded with since the 1st May, and the Superintending Engineer states that the amount actually required during the current year is Rupees 11,154.

13. The remarks in paragraph 7 of my letter No. 2,335, dated 16th ultimo, relative to the necessity for the early construction of Táluq Cutcherries at the stations marginally noted, apply equally to the works entered as Items 12 to 23 in the foregoing list.

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14. As respects Item No. 21, I am directed to forward copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1,358, dated 13th instant, from which it will be observed that a grant of Rupees 10,000 is urgently required for the current year for the construction of roads and the clearing of jungle in the Jeypore country.

15. With reference to the amount (Rupees 40,000) applied for (Item 25) on account of minor works, I am to explain that, owing to the heavy demands which had to be met on account of works that remained incomplete on the 30th April last, and for the prosecution of which during the current official year no provision had been made in the sanctioned Budget, the Madras Government have found it utterly impossible to allot funds from the Reserve for several minor works, chiefly Military, demanding immediate attention, the estimates for which have been lately submitted to them for sanction. In order to these works being at once undertaken, a further grant is necessary.

16. I am to add, in conclusion, that the additional grants solicited in this letter, and in that quoted in paragraph 1, will, in all probability, be only nominal, as the restrictions recently imposed upon this Government, over the disposal, in detail, of the funds allotted for Public Works, will have the inevitable result of causing large balances to remain unspent at the close of the year in the several Districts, as explained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Colonel Orr's letter No. 1,889, dated 29th June 1864. Under these circumstances, the Madras Government confidently hope that their application for further assignments will receive favorable consideration; and in order to the funds being advantageously laid out, they request that the sanction of the Supreme Government may be communicated by telegram.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. H. M.ᶜ SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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To
The Judicial Dep.ᵗ Department.
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