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The Government have had occasion to observe that little use is as yet made of the Southern Canal connecting Sadras with the Presidency, and they are led to believe that this arises in great measure from ignorance on the part of the people as to the description of boat best adapted to canal navigation.

2. Under date the 22nd May 1857, No. 979, the sum of Rupees 4,500 was sanctioned for the preparation of two model boats to be placed in this Canal, in view to the general introduction of such boats.

3. The work has been arrested in common with all other public works under the order of Government dated the 17th July 1857, No. 1372, but in consideration of the small sum in question, part of which must have been already expended in the purchase of materials, and of the great importance of making the Canal generally useful to trade, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, as a special case, to sanction the immediate completion of the boats under the original estimate.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

P.W.D.

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Under date the 23d September 1857.

The Government have had occasion to observe that little use is as yet made of the Southern Canal connecting Madras with this Presidency, and they are led to believe that this arises in great measure from ignorance on the part of the people as to the description of boat best adapted

to canal Communication.

Under date the 22d Sept 1779 the sum of Pesos 1,500 was granted for the preparation of two models of the locks to be placed in this canal in addition to the general contract of those to be made ~~in Europe~~.

Nothing has been carried into execution with this or other public works under the order of 5th July 1779 but in consideration of the small sum necessary for completing part of the works already expended in the purchase of materials, and of the great importance of making the canal generally useful to trade, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, as a special case, to obtain the immediate completion of these locks under the original estimate.

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