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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.
Recd 29/4/58

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 24. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 4th April 1859, No. 2004.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. 301, dated 3rd February, in which the Government of Fort Saint George, earnestly press for the immediate completion of water communication between Cocanada and Bezwadah, at a cost of between $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $1\frac{3}{4}$ lakhs of Rupees.

2. I am directed to say that His Excellency the Governor General in Council feels it to be an unpleasant duty so often to decline assent to the requisitions of the Madras Government for the immediate expenditure of large sums on useful Public Works, and His Excellency in Council cannot but think that there would be more hesitation in making these requisitions, were the Public Works Department at Madras to be more fully impressed with the nature of late correspondence between the Financial Offices of the Government of India and of the Government of Fort Saint George.

3. It is observed that in December 1857, on a representation of almost exactly similar character to the present, sanction was granted (on account of the Military importance of the communication), to the prosecution of the Canal from Masulipatam to Bezwadah ; while now it is urged that Masulipatam is an unsuitable Port, and that the Channel from Cocanada to Bezwadah is that which Military emergency demands. It is, however, unnecessary at present to discuss the merits of this work, or the loss caused by its incomplete state. These are not questioned ; and unfortunately in this last particular this work does not stand alone. But as all the funds available are urgently required for objects of primary, direct, and unquestionable Military necessity, in which class this work has no pretension to stand, it is impossible for the Governor General in Council at present to allow money to be diverted from those objects for the sake of such a work as this, however good the work may be in itself.

4. The original sketch is returned as requested.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 941 ; dated 20th April 1859.

Ordered to be communicated to the Military Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department dated 24th December 1858 No. 4690, and to the Chief Engineer with reference to Colonel Lawford's letter of October 18th 1858 No. 4599.

2. The Chief Engineer will be good enough to report to Government without delay what is the present condition of the Canal between Masulipatam and Bezwadah, sanctioned for immediate execution on the 11th January 1858 in an order No. 48, and when the Canal is likely to be available for traffic.

3. Colonel Lawford's letter of the 6th December 1858 reported the expenditure up to the end of October at no more than 33,956 Rupees in nine months, or at less than 4,000 Rupees a month ; and it had greatly fallen off during the last two months of that time. Colonel Bell will ascertain and report the cause of this slow progress, and will urge on the completion of the work as rapidly as possible. If the funds allotted for the work in the Budget of this year should be exhausted or nearly so, the Governor in Council will be prepared to increase the grant. Every endeavour ought to be made to finish the work within the next official year.

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

No. 2004.

FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
To THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Fort William, 4th April 1859.

Communications.Navigable Canals.

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I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. Gule

Secy. to the Govt. of India.

P. H. Dep.

N. G. L.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
under date the 20th April 1859

Read the following
letter from the Secretary
to the Government of India
(Here enter 24 April 1859)

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with reference to Colonel
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18th 1858 etc etc

The Chief Engineer
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without

W. L.

CP. Con. 8th Feb/59-7-8

Copy in letter to
of 18th Aug 1859 A. R. H.

CP. Con. 1859 O. H. J. 15th

19th April 1859

Shew the Secretary to
the Govt of India

Plotted 12th } 19th April 1859
Revised 16th }

No. 2004

CP. Con. 1859

Declining for reasons
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