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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following papers.

No. 56. Telegraph Message from Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary, Madras, dated 3rd February 1860.

The Government of India cannot accept Messrs. Parry and Company's offer but will be prepared to sanction a special grant for the Punnayár works, provided the Madras Government is prepared to recommend it as of such importance that it may properly be taken out of the usual rule, in such cases the work may be begun at once.

No. 57. From Captain C. H. DICKENS, Officiating Secretary to the Government of India; to the Secretary to Government of Madras, dated Fort William, 7th February 1860, No. 701.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt on the 20th of your letter, No. 39 of 5th ultimo,

Agricultural Dykes.

on the subject of an offer by Messrs. Parry and Co. to advance, on certain conditions, the funds necessary for the construction of a dam on the Punnayár river, and certain works connected with it for irrigating portion of the South Arcot district, at an estimated cost of Rupees 61,000.

2. The Government of Madras, unable to devote funds for the purpose out of the sum assigned by the Government of India for the Public Works expenditure of the Presidency, and adverting to the anticipated revenue returns from the proposed works, recommend Messrs. Parry and Co.'s offer for favorable consideration, and beg an early answer in order that no time may be lost in carrying out the works if sanctioned.

3. In reply, I am directed to state that the Honorable the President in Council is averse to exceptional transactions of this kind between the Government and private persons, because they are apt to lead to misunderstandings and misconceptions, and because they form precedents which destroy uniformity and simplicity of accounts. The proposal of Messrs. Parry and Co. for these and other reasons, cannot be accepted.

4. The amount of the estimate, however, is small; and if, apart from Messrs. Parry and Co.'s proposals, the Madras Government is satisfied that the character and importance of this project is such as to justify a recommendation that it should be made an exception from ordinary rules, the Government of India will be prepared to sanction the execution of the work and the expenditure of the sum of Rupees 61,000 for the propose, as a special grant, in addition to the assignment of 67 laks per annum allotted to Madras, for the Public Works expenditure of this and next year.

5. Owing to the desire expressed in your letter for an early reply, the substance of the foregoing paragraphs has been communicated to you by telegraph, with a provisional permission to proceed with the work. I am now to request that with the permission of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council you will report the views and recommendations of the Government of Madras on the subject.

No. 58. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE E. MALTBY, ESQ.

PROPOSED ANICUT ACROSS THE PUNNYAR IN SOUTH ARCOT.

My opinion is in favor of proceeding with this work under the authority given in the telegram received from Calcutta on the 3rd instant.

Messrs. Parry and Co., whose experience and judgment are entitled to much weight, have shown the importance which they attach to the construction of this anicut, and it would be a great mistake to look on the work as solely or chiefly benefitting them.

No greater advantage can be conferred on a district, in my opinion, than the introduction of European capital and skill, and the practical example which is given through their means that agriculture may be raised to higher ends than the routine process of growing common grain crops for home consumption. Here is a respectable firm embarking its capital in sugar works, and making advances to the ryots for crops of sugar cane. All it asks of Governenmt is that the irrigation resources of the country should be put in an efficient state, and the firm only makes this request because it is not allowed to undertake the necessary works itself. To delay accordance with this reasonable application and to allow more time to be wasted would be a serious discouragement to the improvement of our provinces, and in this particular instance would entail a loss of revenue on the Government.

But this anicut would be of material importance in other respects than in promoting the particular cultivation in which Messrs. Parry and Co. are interested. The Punnyár river flows

through the centre of an important district, with great agricultural advantages and with an industrious people ready to turn those advantages to account. But at present the irrigation is precarious. The Punnyár does not rise in the western ghats like the Cauvery, the Krishna and the Godavery, which have in consequence unfailing floods from the south west monsoon. Its course is short and it depends for its supply on the local rains of Salem and the eastern part of Mysore. These rains are very irregular and uncertain, and it is therefore of great importance to arrest the freshes of the Punnyár *whenever they occur*, and thus supply the tanks of the villages on both its banks. This would be done by the proposed anicut, and I am in favor of proceeding with the work at once.

11th February 1860.

(Signed) E. MALTBY.

No. 59. MINUTE BY THE HONORABLE W. A. MOREHEAD, Esq.

I agree with Mr. Maltby. The work should be undertaken as permitted by the Supreme Government.

(Signed) W. MOREHEAD.

No. 60. MINUTE BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

I think Mr. Maltby has shown that there is full reason for the Government undertaking the work and proceeding with it at once on the authority conveyed in the telegram.

11th February 1860.

(Signed) PAT. GRANT.

No. 61. ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1860, No. 107.

The Government are of opinion that the proposed anicut across the Punnyár river in South Arcot is certainly of such importance as to justify its being taken out of the usual rule, and resolve to recommend it accordingly to the Government of India.

2. Under the authority of the Government of India, the Government direct the Chief Engineer to issue the necessary orders for the immediate commencement of the work. The Collector will, until further instructions, hold the full amount of the estimate for the anicut, viz., Rupees (61,000) sixty-one thousand at the disposal of the District Engineer, making to him such advances therefrom as he may from time to time apply for on account of the work.

3. Ordered that the letter from the Government of India and these Proceedings be communicated to the Board of Revenue and to Messrs. Parry and Co. with reference to the Order 3rd January No. 38.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 62. Order in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George: to Colonel H. YULE, Secretary to the Government of India, Department Public Works, dated 25th February 1860, No. 108.

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant No. 701, which had been anticipated by a telegram, respecting the proposed anicut across the Punnyar river in South Arcot, I am directed to append for submission to the Government of India copies of Minutes recorded by the Members of this Government in reference to the project in question and to state that the Madras Government can without hesitation recommend the proposed work as of such importance as to justify its being taken out of the usual rule. They have, therefore, availed themselves of the permission given in your telegram to proceed at once with the anicut.

Revenue Irrigation. (New Work)

Abstract of Estimate No. of 185 /5

District—South Arcot.

Taluk—Insullore and Shevaroyaroye.

Work—Constructing an annicut across the Ponnaur in the limits of Marrakkanam for the Supply of the Rajavoram & Mapputhoor &c. Channels.

Quantities.	Description of Work.	Rate.			Amount	Amount of each part
C. Yards.		Rs.	a.	p.	Rupees.	Rupees.
90387	Cubic Contents Chunam Work		1	6	8521	
4891	Cubic Yds Rough Stone in Do Cubic	1	8	"	7336	
1641	Cubic Feet Cut Stone in Do Cubic	1	"	"	1641	
2657	Cubic Yds Rough Stone without Do Cubic	1	"	"	2657	
21,500	Superficial Plastering in Chunam Superficial	2	"	"	490	
239	Cubic Feet Teakwood Cubic	2	8	"	597	
	80 Cross Stones for Head Sluices					
	8 X 1 X 1 Each	8	"	"	640	
	36 Do for Annicut 6 X 1 X 1 Do	6	"	"	216	
	337 Running feet of Grove Stones Cubic	1	"	"	337	
	1104 Wells 3 feet Diameter and					
	5 feet Height Each	12	"	"	13248	
	Excavating Foundation &c.	"	"	"	700	
	Temporary Dam and Baling water	"	"	"	1,600	
						37983
15,772	Cubic Yds Earthwork Cubic	"	1	"	9,643	
	Turfing or Pitching the bund	"	"	"	100	
	Embankment across arm of the Ponnaur River	"	"	"	1200	
					Carried Over	10973 37983

Quantities.	Description of Work.	Rate.			Amount.	Amount of each part.
C. Yards.		Rs.	a.	p.	Rupees.	Rupees.
	Brought forward				10973	37983
23 Miles	Clearing the Bazaviem Channel — ½ Mile	150	"	"	3450	
	A Wood Sluice in the north bank of Bonnaer river	"	"	"	1200	11423
	A Colinguiale of 20 yards in the bank of the Bazaviem Channel	"	"	"	1800	
	One 9 feet Arched Culvert in the Marottore Channel	"	"	"	350	
	Do Do Do Do	"	"	"	350	
	One 15 feet Bridge over the Ba=zaviem Channel	"	"	"	650	
	A Division Sluice for the Chittingonnadum and Ma=roottore Channel	"	"	"	350	
	Extra Establishment					4700
	Sundries					2500
						1396
					Total Rupees	61000

Central Office of P.W.
Fort William
15th November 1836

J. Mell Lieut. Colt.
Chief Engineer P.W.

Enclosure

In a letter

From

The Chief Engineer

Dtd

To The Secretary to

Government

No 3007/59 Dtd

Rec'd 18 } Nov 1859

Read }

No 7423

Abstract Report & Estimate

of Combuconum an annicut

across the Coleroon in the Districts

of Trichinopore for the Security

of the Regulation and Trichinopore

& Channels in the District

of South Arcot. Amounting

to Rupees 61,000 — — —

Public Works Dept.

No 407

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 25th February 1860

Read the following

papers.

Telegraph Message from the Offg

Secy to the Govt to Under-

Secretary to the Madras Collectorate.

Declining Messrs Parry & Co's offer

to advance the funds required for the Pun-

-nyar Annicut, but granting conditional

authority for the immediate commencement

of the work.

Letter from do on the same subject (Here enter 8 February 1860)

Minute by the Honble Mr Maltby.

Shewing the advantages & favourable (Here enter 11 February 1860)

from the construction of the proposed Annicut

across the Punnyar in South Arcot and

giving his opinion that it should be undertaken

at once.

Minute by the Honble Mr Morehead. (— " enter — Feby 1860)

Agreeing with Mr Morehead.

Minute by the Hon'ble Chief (— " enter — Feby 1860)

Secretary Mr Maltby has shown the ad-

vantages that would accrue from the construction

across the Punnyar.

Annicut

The Govt are of opinion that the Proposed Annicut across the Punnyar River in South Arcot is certainly of such importance as to justify its being taken out of the usual rule, and resolve to recommend it accordingly to the Govt of India

Under

2 Under the authority
~~of the Government of India~~
~~Consented to the foregoing~~
~~Telegram recorded above,~~
the Govt direct that
the Ch: Engineer to
issue the necessary or-
ders for the imme-
diate commencement
of the work. The
Coll will, until
further instructions,
hold the full amount
of the estimate for
the Annicut. viz Rs
61,000/ sixty one
thousand at the dis-
posal of the Dist Engr.
to him
making such advances
therefrom as he may
from time to time ap-
ply for on account
of the work.

3 Ordered that
the ~~Telegram~~ letter from the
Govt of India and these
Proceedings be communi-
cated to the Board of
Revenue to Head Survey
& Co with ref: to the Order
3 January 1860.-

JP

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Ch: Engineer
" Dpl Rev Auth
" Coll & Agent
" Head Survey Pub W

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Public Works 1860 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt 29th February

No 407.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 25th February 60.

From Chief Engr Dy 26 May 60
No 1302

From Chief Engineer Dy
6th Augt 60 No 1955 Ltr
From do 9th d. No 1990.
From do Dy 8 Octr 61 No 2265
Jail Bo.

Chief Engineer to issue
necessary orders for the con-
struction of the proposed
Anicut across the Pennyar
river in South Arcot.

No 56 at 61.

No 408

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To
Colonel H. Yule
Secy: to the Govt of India
P.W.D.

Sir.

In reply to
the letter of the 7th Instant
No 701, which had been
anticipated by a

Amicut

Your telegram, respect-
ing the proposed Amicut
across the Pennyar
River in South Arcot,
~~which formed the Sub-~~
~~ject of the Secy: Bom-~~
~~bay Letter Dy 29th Oct~~
~~last.~~ I am directed
to append for submission
to the Govt of India copies
of minutes recorded
by the members of this
Govt in reference to the
project in question &
to state that the
Madras Govt ~~can~~
without hesitation ~~in~~ recommend
the proposed work as
of such importance as
to justify its being
taken out of the usual
rule. ~~and that they~~

home, therefore, awaited themselves of the permission given in Gen Villegrun to proceed at once with the Armistice.

JP

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25th July 00

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Public Works 1860 Dept.
Rec.d from Govt. 29 February

No 408.

To the Secretary to the
Govt. of India.
Dated 25th February 1860.

(Reporting) that the
Govt. have availed themselves of the permission given in the telegram to proceed with the proposed Anicut across the Pennyar river in South Arcot.

No 62.