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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 76 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, dated 31st August, No. 52 of 1860, Public Works Department, in which you reply to our letter of the 14th May 1860, No. 26, on the subject of the Canal from Dúrgarázpatam to Kistnapatam.
2. Without entering into a discussion on the merits of the Eastern Coast Canal as a whole, or upon a consideration of the arguments adduced by us in our letter alluded to above, you consider it as established that neither the portions of it which had been executed by private hands nor those which were under the immediate care of Government have been properly completed, and that the results have been necessarily unsatisfactory.
3. You add that from no comprehensive survey having ever been made, it is impossible for you to sanction our proposals for the extension of the Canal from Dúrgarázpatam to Kistnapatam.
4. While regretting that the previous exposition of our views has met with such an unfavorable reception, we would offer a few remarks upon the present Despatch, judging that the opinion which you have formed is, in some respects, erroneous.
5. The Canal from Madras to Dúrgarázpatam cannot be fairly said to be incomplete. The reports sent Home last year, made by Officers who had actually inspected it, showed that it is in an efficient condition even during the driest time of the year. It is largely used, and the amount of toll collected is quite as much as could be expected or required from such a work. It is more than sufficient for the maintenance of the Canal. As regards the northern portion of the East Coast Canal, then, all has been judiciously done.
6. The Southern Canal, it is true, is unfinished; but this is because it was stopped short by orders from Calcutta. It is also incomplete, in the sense of not having an effective terminus; but this too is only for want of money: the Junction Canal was a part of the original design.
7. With regard to your further remarks, we have to add that there has been no backwardness in furnishing detailed plans and estimates for the parts of the general scheme to be successively executed. Full particulars were sent home years ago for the extension which has led to the present correspondence, and the estimate was actually sanctioned. It would have been neither sensible nor usual to defer commencing any section of the work till detailed estimates for the whole Canal of fourteen or fifteen hundred miles should be prepared. The proper plan, and that followed in this case, was to select the most necessary parts, one after another, and execute them.
8. In the 4th paragraph of your Despatch under reply you desire, with a view to the subject being brought before you in a more mature and better considered form, that the plans and estimates for the extension from Dúrgarázpatam to Kistnapatam (which, it has been already observed, have been actually sanctioned both by the Government of India and by the Home

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Authorities) should, together with those for the line from Nellore to Kistnapatam, now under preparation, be submitted, in the first instance, for the approval of the Government of India. Measures will accordingly be taken to carry out your wishes in this respect.

9. But on your further requisition for a map of the whole line from the Pálár to Nellore, with a longitudinal section of levels and transverse sections of the channel sufficiently numerous to render the whole intelligible, we must be permitted to request a reconsideration for the following reasons: The time, labor, and expense necessary for the preparation of such details as those mentioned above would be merely wasted: such documents are not at all wanted for the perfection of the Canals, and the actual performance of the work, which is at a stand for funds only, would soon complete the Canal to an uniform and suitable depth. We beg to point out also that the real and effectual investigation of such details, by the Home Government, is impracticable; and that to attempt it would be merely to assume the functions of our Chief Engineer. We would solicit, therefore, that the expense and delay which the preparation of such a record would entail may be saved. Should you, however, on reconsideration, still adhere to your requisition, it will of course be obeyed.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th November 1860.

Exd. T. Dunn.

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Letter to the Right Honble the
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