

(1) Number of pages 6(2) Date of repair 25.1.36(3) Initials of the Referencer CS

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.

985

Press
Mis.

19-20

Dated

11-5-1860.

Not to be folded or roughly handled

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of May 1860.*

No. 19. Read the following Despatch from the Right Honorable Sir C. WOOD, Bart, Secretary of State for India; to His Excellency the Honorable the Governor in Council, Fort St. George, dated India Office, London, 8th March 1860, No. 24:—

1. Your letter No. 77 of 7th December last, recommending the early extension of the East Coast Canal from Dúrgarázpatam to Nellore, has been under my consideration in Council.

2. For the views entertained by the Home Authorities with regard to the Canal as a whole, I would refer you to the Despatches noted in the margin,* of the late Court of Directors and of Lord Stanley. To the general views there expressed, Her Majesty's Government still adhere, and they cannot approve of the proposed extension of the Canal as far as Nellore without more distinct proofs of the necessity of the measure, and more precise information as to the probable cost. The project contemplates that "the Section of the Canal from Dúrgarázpatam to Nellore will be connected with the "Anicut which has been made by the Government on the Pennair, and will be very profitable "for Irrigation purposes;" the extension, therefore, would be composed of two Sections, of a Fresh Water Channel from the Pennair to Kistnapatam, and of a Salt Water Channel from Kistnapatam to Dúrgarázpatam. The former will certainly be required sooner or later to complete the Irrigation of the Nellore Division, and for it Plans and Estimates may be at once called for, and should show the works and cost of the Canal if confined to Irrigation, as also the works and cost of combining with Irrigation the further object of its adaptation as a link of the East Coast Canal. If sanctioned, the work should, for obvious reasons and in accordance with your recommendation, be undertaken by Government, instead of being committed to any private association:

3. When a Canal has been cut from Nellore to Kistnapatam, there will be better means of judging of the expediency of connecting it with the Salt Water Canal along the Coast; but until then, the further consideration of that part of the subject must be deferred.

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1860, No. 985.

1. Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with the request that he will at an early date cause Plans and Estimates for the Canal from Nellore to Kistnapatam to be prepared and submitted, as required in paragraph 2.

2. The Chief Engineer will be informed that a renewed representation will be made to the Secretary of State, urging the importance of immediately commencing the Canal from Dúrgarázpatam to Kistnapatam.

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

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 21st May 1860

Recd the following
Despatch from the Rt
Honble the Secy of State
for India.

Observed that the Madras
Govt cannot approve of the
proposed extension of the East Coast
Canal from Durgam Chattram to
Mellare without further infor-
mation as to the necessity of the (H. Secy 8 March 1860)
work and of its probable cost
States that if the work is some-
times, it must be undertaken
then by Government

Ordered to be
communicated to the
Chief Engineer with the
request that he will
at an early date cause plans
and estimates for the
Canal from Mellare to
Kistnapatnam to be pre-
pared & submitted as required
in para 2.

2. The Chief Eng-
will be informed that

a renewed representation
will be made to the Sec-
-etary of State, urging the
importance of immediately
commencing the canal
from Durgarajpatana to
Kishnapatana.

AS

10 Copies to the Chief Engineer
(Chief Engineer's Office)

Public Works 1860 Defiant
No: of Govt 20th May

Ms 985.

Geo: of the Ordnance Dept

21st May 1860.

From the Chief Engr 27-28th
May 1860. C.W. 1318.

Recd

Chief Engineer to
General Plans & Estimates
for the Canal from Vellore
to the inauguration to be
prepared and submitted.

Ms 985.