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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 22nd December 1862.

No. 410. Read the following letter from Captain E. HEMERY, R. E., Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 28th November 1862, No. 248:—

SIR,

1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, Madras, No. 822, dated 29th August 1862.
1 Do. No. 987, dated 23rd September 1862
1 Do. No. 1,412, dated 26th November 1862.
1 Copy of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 7,424, dated 11th November 1862.
1 Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No.—, dated 24th November 1862.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.
4 Plans.

1. With reference to paragraph 6, Order of Government No. 1,213, of the 2nd June 1862, I have the honor herewith to submit an estimate amounting to Rupees 52,000 for deepening and widening salt channels at Vulloor, Attiput, Poolidivaukam and Vyaloor, in the Ponnary Táluq, Madras District.

2. In their Proceedings No. 7,424, dated 11th ultimo, the Board of Revenue approved of the estimate, and recommended "that the "necessary steps be taken for obtaining sanction and allotting the funds."

No. 404, 20th November. 3. On the receipt of the above Proceedings, the Collector of Madras in a letter to the Board of Revenue remarked as follows, "the work is on too large a scale and that all that is requisite might be well performed "for 20,000 Rupees. If this sum is given to the Salt Department they will undertake the job."

4. The large amount of the estimate did not fail to attract my attention. I called upon the District Engineer for some information as to the necessity for the apparently high rate of 2 Annas per cubic yard for clearing out these channels, and I had an opportunity of speaking to Mr. Kennedy on the subject; the explanation afforded by these gentlemen is in my opinion perfectly satisfactory: the channels are nearly all under water, the beds being composed of soft mud into which a man sinks; this slush has to be removed to the water's edge and allowed to dry before it can be taken out of reach of floods which in case of heavy rains submerge the whole neighbourhood. The estimates have been very carefully prepared, every portion of the channels having been accurately measured and the proposed improvements are all laid down in the accompanying surveys and sections.

5. If the work is to be undertaken by the District Engineer, I beg to suggest that Rupees 20,000 be sanctioned from the Reserve Fund for expenditure during the current official year, and that the balance, Rupees 32,000, be entered in the Budget of 1863-64, but in the event of Government being willing to accept the Collector's offer it will not be necessary to make any provision for this work in the out-going Budget.

No. 411. ORDER THEREON, 22nd December 1862, No. 3,060.

As the Collector of Madras is of opinion that all the work that is requisite to the Salt Channels specified in the foregoing letter might be well performed for Rupees 20,000, the Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle is requested, in communication with that Officer, to prepare and submit an Estimate for the amount of work that Mr. Cunliffe considers actually necessary.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

Central Circle Office
Chepauk
28th November 1862.

No. 248.

From

Captain E. Henery R.E.
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer
Central Circle

To

Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to Para 6 Order of Government No. 1213 of the 2d June 1862 I have the honor herewith to submit an estimate Amounting to Rupees 52,000.

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2. In their Proceedings No. 7421. dated 11th Ultimo the Board of Revenue approved of the estimate and recommended "that the necessary steps "be taken for obtaining sanction and allotting the "funds."

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"might be well performed for 20,000 Rupees. If
"this sum is given to the Salt Department they
"will undertake the job."

4. The large amount of the estimate did not fail to attract my attention. I called upon the District Engineer for some information as to the necessity for the apparently high rate of 2 Annas per Cubic Yard for clearing out these channels and I had an opportunity of speaking to Mr Kennedy on the subject; the explanation afforded by this gentleman is in my opinion perfectly satisfactory: the channels are nearly all under water, the beds being composed of soft mud into which a man sinks; this slush has to be removed to the water's edge and allowed to dry before it can be taken out of reach of floods which in case of heavy rains submerge the whole neighbourhood. The estimates have been very carefully prepared, every portion of the channels having been accurately measured and the proposed improvements are all laid

laid down in the accompanying Surveys and Sections.

5. If the work is to be undertaken by the District Engineer, I beg to suggest that Rupees 20,000 be sanctioned from the Revenue Fund for expenditure during the current Official year and that the balance Rupees 32,000 be entered in the Budget of 1863/64 but in the event of Government being willing to accept the Collectors offer it will not be necessary to make any provision for this work in the outgoing Budget.

I have &c.
(Signed) Captain R.E.
Acting Deputy Chief Engineer
Central Circle

Central Circle Office
Chepauk
28th November 1862.

To
Colonel W. J. Birdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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From

The Offg Dy Chief Engineer
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To

The Secretary to
Government Fort St. G.

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No 3060 - 22nd Dec.

Barnard & Blane's Estimates
Amounting to Rs ——— 5,000
for deepening and widening
Salt Channels at Vullore Pillipet
Poolicodiva Runs and Pyallore
in the Madras District and re-
commends that Rs 2,000 be
sanctioned from the Reserve Fund
of this year & that Rs 32,000 be
authorized for entering the Budget
of 1863/64 but as the Receipt of the
Collectors offer be accepted no pro-
vision is required on the outgoing
Budget. With an order

No 3060.

The Dy Chief Engineer of Madras is
of opinion that all the work that
is required to the Salt channels spe-
cified in the foregoing letter might
be well performed for Rs 27,000
the Offg Chief Engineer Central Circle
is requested, in communication
with that Officer, to prepare and
and submit an Estimate for the
amount of work that he may consider
actually necessary -

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To The Secy Chief Engr Central Circle with [illegible] Wrote Dispt 23rd

4. " Board of Revenue

Chepauk
22nd Decr 1862

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