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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
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FORT SAINT GEORGE,
14th September 1864.

No. 2,674.

No. 295.
From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

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Engineer considers that remunerative returns for the proposed outlay may confidently be expected from increased export duties and sales of salt. The Government are of opinion that it is of moment on political, no less than on revenue considerations, that the road should be undertaken at an early date.

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6. The fifth item provides for the irrigation of lands in the Villapooram Taluq of the South Arcot District. The increase of revenue expected from the work is Rupees 15,541 per annum, or nearly 35 per cent. on the estimated cost. The immediate construction of the channel has, on several occasions, been warmly advocated by the Collector and the Board of Revenue. The Madras Government are fully alive to the urgency and importance of the work, but owing to the limited amount assigned to this Presidency, they have found it impracticable to allot funds for its execution.

7. With regard to Item No. 6 (road from Vellum to the Allakudi Railway Station), the formation of which is recommended by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, the Collector of Tanjore writes as follows:—

"Vellum is a large town containing a population of upwards of 6,000, and with the villages adjacent, comprises an area of upwards of 11,000 acres, and which are for the most part cultivated with dry grains of a superior kind. There is already at this place a considerable general trade. It is further to be observed that the road will connect, with the Railway, not only the town of Vellum, but several other large villages lying further to the south."

8. As respects Item No. 7, I am to state that the foundations of the bridge across the Palar were laid many years ago, at the time the causeway was constructed, so that it only remains to build up all above the river bed. The absence of such a structure is a serious impediment to traffic, and leaves incomplete an important communication (Trunk Road No. 8) in the Madras District.

9. With respect to Item No. 8, I am to observe that those parts of the road from Trichinopoly to Salem which have not been metalled are much influenced by the weather, and that as it is now contemplated to transfer to this line a portion of the Mail Cart establishment on the road between Tindevanum and Trichinopoly, and as, moreover, the road from Salem to Trichinopoly is the nearest route to the latter station, and is therefore frequently adopted by Troops, it is of great importance that the communication should be speedily placed in proper order.

10. The ninth item provides for coating 40 miles of road in the Trichinopoly District, towards Carur, with stone jelly and laterite gravel. As the whole of the permanent way material for the extension of the Great Southern of India Railway to Errode will have to be carted along this line, its early improvement is indispensably necessary.

11. In explanation of the urgency of the works entered as Item No. 10, I am to state that there is at present no accommodation for native travellers in the neighbourhood of certain stations on the North-West and South-West lines of Railway.

12. The estimate for Item No. 11 was sanctioned in January 1864, and Rupees 9,400 were expended during the past official year. The work has been vigorously proceeded with since the 1st May, and the Superintendent Engineer states that the amount actually required during the current year is Rupees 11,154.

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14. As respects Item No. 24, I am directed to forward copy of the Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Judicial Department, No. 1,358, dated 13th instant, from which it will be observed that a grant of Rupees 10,000 is urgently required for the current year for the construction of roads and the clearing of jungle in the Jeypore country.

15. With reference to the amount (Rupees 40,000) applied for (Item 25) on account of minor works, I am to explain that, owing to the heavy demands which had to be met on account of works that remained incomplete on the 30th April last, and for the prosecution of which during the current official year no provision had been made in the sanctioned Budget, the Madras Government have found it utterly impossible to allot funds from the Reserve for several minor works, chiefly Military, demanding immediate attention, the estimates for which have been lately submitted to them for sanction. In order to these works being at once undertaken, a further grant is necessary.

16. I am to add, in conclusion, that the additional grants solicited in this letter, and in that quoted in paragraph 1, will, in all probability, be only nominal, as the restrictions recently imposed upon this Government, over the disposal, in detail, of the funds allotted for Public Works, will have the inevitable result of causing large balances to remain unspent at the close of the year in the several Districts, as explained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Colonel Orr's letter No. 1,889, dated 29th June 1864. Under these circumstances, the Madras Government confidently hope that their application for further assignments will receive favorable consideration; and in order to the funds being advantageously laid out, they request that the sanction of the Supreme Government may be communicated by telegram.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Department
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constant stoppage

of work at Bellamy

the people have lost

all confidence in

this Department

and that
no contractors

will now come for

work to mobilize

any Military Buildings

in that Cantonment

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The object of
the road from Janyam
to Aska, (3rd km in
the Sist,) is to faci-
litate the convey-
ance of rice, oil seeds,
tobacco &c, from the
interior to the port of
Janyam, and to esta-
blish a direct com-
munication with the
salt pans at that
station. The country
between Aska and
Janyam is very rich,
but impassable for
carts almost throughout
the

the year, and the
a Superintending Engineer
6 considers that remunerations
1 returns for the proposed
outlay may confidently
be expected from increased
duties ~~and~~ and
sales of salt. The
works are ~~of~~
of opinion that it is
of moment on political,
no less than on revenue
considerations, that the
road should be undertaken
at

at an early date -
5. The fourth E.
estimate provides for
raising the Chyan
Ancient (Salt Creek
ditch) two feet; for
enlarging the head
ditch and the other
masonry work; and
for widening the main
channel for a dis-
tance of eight miles.
As these works will
prove highly remunerative,
and will confer great
advantages upon the
general

population in the neigh-
bourhood, the Superintend-
ent has strongly recommended
their early completion;
but the Govt have been
unable, from the limited
means at his disposal,
to provide a large sum.
About Rs 10,000 for
expenditure during the
current year.

6. The 5th item
provides for the irrigation
of lands in the Villapooram
Taluk of the South Arcot
District.

District. The increase
of revenue expected from this
work is Rs 1554
per annum, or nearly
35 per cent on the es-
timated cost. The
immediate consti-
tution of the "Cham-
ber" has on several
occasions, been warm-
ly advocated by the
Collector and the
Board of Revenue.
The Madras Govt are
fully alive to the im-
perious and important
nature of the work.

for of the work, but
being to the limited
amount assigned to this
at Presidency, they have
found it impracticable
to allot funds for its
execution.

7. With regard to
item No. 6, (Road from
Vellum to the Alahudi
(Railway Station), the
formation of which
is recommended by
the Comptroller for
Railways, & the

the Collection of
Tanjore writes as follows.

"Vellum is a large town"
"containing a population"
"of upwards of 6,000, and"
"with the villages adjacent,"
"comprises an area of"
"upwards of 11,000 acres,"
"and which are for the"
"most part cultivated"
"with dry grains of a"
"superior kind. There is"
"already at this place"
"a considerable general"
"trade." It is further
"to be observed that the"
"road will connect, with"
"the Railway, not only"
"the town of Vellum, but"
"several"

several other large "villages"
lying further to the south.

8. As respects Item
No. 7, I am to state
that the foundations
of the bridge across
the Palai were laid
many years ago, at
the time the causeway
was constructed, so that
it only remains to build
up all above the river
bed. The absence of
such a structure is a
serious impediment
to

to traffic, and leaves
incomplete ^{an} ~~all~~ important
communication (Trunk
Road No. 8) in the
Madia District.

9. With respect to
Item No. 8, I am to
observe that those
parts of the road from
Ticolunpoly to Salan
which have not been
metalled are much
influenced by the
weather, and that as
it is now in con-
templation to transfer
to

to this line a station
of the mail Car
Establishment on the
road between Tunderanum
and Trichinopoly, and
as moreover the road
from Salem to Trichinopoly
is the nearest route
to the latter Station,
and is therefore frequently
adopted by ~~bodies~~
of Troops, it is of
great importance that
the Communication
should

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should be speedily pla-
ced in proper order.

10. The 9th item
provides for coating 140
miles of road in the
Trichinopoly Dist^{ct}, to-
wits, Coimbatore, with stone
jelly and laterite gravel.
As the whole of the per-
manent way material
for the extension of
the Great Southern
of India Railway to
Briode will have to be
coated along this line,
its early improvement
is indispensably ne-
cessary.

11 In explanation
of the urgency of the
work entered as Item
No 10, I am to state
that there is at present
no accommodation

for native travellers
in the neighbourhood
of certain stations on
the Vath West and
South West Lines of
Railway.

13. The remarks
in para 7 of my letter
No 2335, dated 16th
Ultimo, relative to the
necessity for the early

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12. The estimate for Item
No 11 was sanctioned in January/84,
and Rs 9400 were expended during
the past Official year. The work has
been vigorously proceeded with since
the 1st April and the Supergrants states
that the amount actually required
during the Current year is
Rs 11,154

Koilkuntla
Puzelcondah
Kalkunda
Pullampett

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construction of Railway
Cutcherie at the Stations
marginally noted, ap-
plying equally to the
works entered as Items 12 &
23 in the fore-
going, Sect.

Para 14 - As respects
Item No 21, I am directed to
forward copy of the Pro:
of the Madras Govt in
the Judicial Department No 1358
of 13th Instant from which it
will be observed that a grant
of Rs 10,000 is urgently reqd
for the Current year for the
construction of roads and the
clearing of jungle in the
Lypne Country -

15 With reference
to the amount (Rs 4,000)
applied for (Item 24)
in account of Union
work, I am to
explain that, owing
to the heavy demands
which had to be
met in account of
works that remained

incomplete on the 30
April last, and for the
prosecution of which
during the Current Official
year no provision had
been made in the
sanctioned Budget,
the Madras Govt.
have found it ^{utterly} impossible
to allot funds from
the Revenue for several
chief military
minor works, demanding
immediate attention, the
Estimates for which
have been lately submitted
to them for sanction.

In order to these works
being at once undertaken,
a further grant is ne-
cessary.
16 I am to add,
in conclusion, that the
revolutionary grants re-
heated in this letter,
and in that quoted in
para 1, will, in all
probability, be only no-
minal, as the restrictions
recently imposed upon
this Govt, over the
disposal, in detail,
of the funds allotted
for Public Works, will
have the inevitable
result

that their application
for further assignments
will receive favorable
consideration; and in

911.

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10 Chepauk
14th Sept/64

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Depp. H. H. Justice B. Pro.
in the presence

Sept. 15th - September

Copy. To Supergr. 1st Bu with a request that Distmaster
may be at once subd for items 12 & 13
2nd Bu with do do for items 14, 16 & 17
3rd Bu with do do for item 18
4th Bu with do do for item 10
5th Bu with do do for item 10
6th Bu with do do for item 10
7th Bu with do do for item 10
8th Bu with do do for item 22 & 23

Cheer to the best
to the best

3. *See* *conductor* } *in* *margin*
 } *See* *18/10/19*

9th 1864 Depart
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25th 74

To The Secy to the
Govt of India in the
P. W. Depart.
27th 14 September 75

Government of India
requested to assign a further
grant of Rs 2,92,030 for
expenditure on certain works
in the Madras Presidency.