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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th February 1864.*

No. 493. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, ; to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 13th February 1864, No. 1,811:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to reply to paragraph 6 of Government Order, No. 412, dated 9th February 1864, regarding the progress of the works on the Coast Canal from Vedarnium to the Negapatam river; but first I would beg to ask whether the Order quoted in the margin of paragraph 1 is correct—as it has not been received in my Office. The sanction of Rupees 10,000 for the portion of Canal from Vedarnium to Topetoray, under Order of the 28th May 1863, No. 1,357, is being acted on; but that for the balance of the Estimate* Rupees 1,977 deducting last year's expenditure† has not been communicated.

No. 381, dated 6th February 1864.

* Rupees 13,000.

† Rupees 1,023.

2. Government on the 21st December 1863 authorized that the execution of the Junction Canal work be left to the Officers of the Department. This order was communicated to the Range Officer Mr. Roberts on the 26th of the same month, so that only four months remained for the expenditure of the sum‡ allotted this year for the work.

No. 3,780.

‡ Rupees 13,000.

Shortly after my arrival in the Division, and recognizing the importance of the project and the desire which Government felt for its speedy completion, I proceeded to the spot with the Range Officer and Taluq Overseer. Though the new Canal from Vedarnium to Topetoray had previously been progressing unfavorably, as reported in my letter of the 4th instant, No. 1,703, the work was pushed on vigorously after my visit, and I have reason to suppose from the assurances given by Mr. Roberts that it will be completed by the end of April next, unless unforeseen circumstances should arise to reduce the number of workmen daily employed.

3. As regards the extension of the water communication to the Vellyar river however, I regret that I cannot express my belief that more than 5,000 Rupees out of the sum allotted, namely, Rupees 13,000, will be expended this year.

4. I was on the spot with the Executive Officer and the Taluq Overseer—the latter well acquainted with the locality and people. Commencement was only made on the 30th January, leaving three months of working season in the official year. The villages are thinly scattered in the neighbourhood, and the population rather scanty. There were a few Wudders on the spot, and all that were available were employed; but owing to the above causes, the lateness of the season, and the harvest approaching, I cannot calculate on a larger expenditure. Indeed the sum named by me is only that which was mentioned for expenditure by the Executives of the Range after much hesitation; but the Government may rely on my using my best exertions to push on the work with the utmost vigour and despatch. The Collector has already been requested to assist me through his Tahsildar, and I am about to endeavour to induce Wudders and other work people from neighbouring Taluqs to take employment on the Canal, so that a larger outlay may be incurred this year than that anticipated above.

No. 494.

ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1864, No. 547.

1. As the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, expresses his belief that only Rupees 5,000 will be expended during the current year from the allotment of Rupees 13,000 for the work marginally noted, the difference, viz, Rupees 8,000 will be transferred to the credit of the Reserve.

Extension of the Vedarnium Canal to the Vellyar river, estimate Rupees 22,565.

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2. Should it hereafter be found that a larger sum than Rupees 5,000 can be advantageously expended by the 30th April next, the Government will be prepared to make a special grant from the Reserve.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. R. H. Lee.

No 1841

Supg: Engrs Office 6th Division
Tanjore 13th February 1864

From,

Captain J. Bean R.E.
Offs. Supg: Engineer, 6th Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government
S. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to paragraph 6 of Government Order No. 442 dated 9th February 1864, regarding the progress of the works on the Coast Canal from Vedarnam to the Kappadum River but first I would beg to ask whether the order quoted in the margin of paragraph 1 is correct, as it has not been received in my Office. The sanction of Rupees 10,000 for the portion of Canal from Vedarnam to Topatoray, under order of the 28th Nov. 1863 No. 1357, is being acted on, but that for the balance of the estimate Rupees 1977 deducting last years expenditure has not been communicated.

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of the Department. This order was communicated to the Range Officer Mr Roberts on the 26th of the same month, so that only four months remained for the expenditure of the sum allotted this year for the work. Shortly after my arrival in the Division, and recognizing the importance of the project and the desire which Government felt for its speedy completion, I proceeded to the spot with the Range Officer and Taluk Oversee. Though the New Canal from Vedanneem to Topatoray had previously been progressing unfavorably, as reported in my letter of the 4th Instant at 1703, the work was pushed on vigorously after my visit, and I have reason to suppose from the assurances given by Mr Roberts that it will be completed by the end of April next, unless unforeseen circumstances should arise to reduce the number of workmen daily employed.

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