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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th April 1864.*

No. 477A. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department:—

Requesting that orders may be issued for placing at the disposal of the Collector of Godavery such funds as may be available on account of compensation for lands taken up for channels, &c. } (Here enter 9th April 1864, No. 602.)

No. 477B. ORDER THEREON, 20th April 1864, No. 1,126A.

1. From the Orders recorded above, the Government observes that the amount required during the current year for the payment of lands taken up for channels, embankments, &c., in the Godavery District is Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, or in round numbers Rupees 1,20,000.

2. Of this amount, it appears that Rupees 20,000 are available from the Revenue Budget. The Governor in Council directs that the difference, viz., Rupees 1,00,000, be defrayed from the Public Works Reserve of the current year.

3. A supplemental Estimate of funds providing for the sum last mentioned has been forwarded to the Accountant General. Colonel Chambers will be requested to arrange for the amount being made over at once to the Collector of the Godavery District, so that the disbursement may appear in the accounts of the 1st Division for the current month.

4. Orders will hereafter be passed with reference to paragraph 3 of the foregoing Proceedings.

5. Resolved that the following telegram be sent:—

“To Colonel Chambers, Dowlaishweram.

“One lac placed at your disposal for immediate payment to Godavery Collector for lands taken for Public Works.”

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.

- „ Accountant General.
- „ Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Revenue Department.
- „ Collector of the Godavery District.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government 3/
Read the following

No. 1,981.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th April 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, dated Cocanada, 21st March 1864, No. 74:—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Board's Proceedings dated 3rd instant, enclosing the Orders of Government dated 23rd ultimo, regarding the compensation to be paid for lands taken up for channels, embankments, &c., in this District, and sanctioning the payment of Rupees 1,19,916-8-6 for that purpose.

2. I have to inform the Board in reply that only Rupees 20,000 are available for this payment, and that there is no provision whatever for the purpose in next year's Budget.

3. It appears that the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, on the requisition of my predecessor provided Rupees 1,20,000 in the Budget for 1864-65, but that officer now informs me that "no sum whatever has found a place in the Imperial Budget for the coming official year."

4. It seems necessary also further to provide for the payment of compensation which may be sanctioned in the next year, and for this purpose an additional sum of Rupees 1,20,000 is estimated in the annexed Memorandum, as likely to be required (though it is impossible to do this previous to inquiry with any degree of accuracy); making together, after deducting the Rupees 20,000 now available, a total of Rupees 2,20,000 (two lacs and twenty thousand), for for which I beg special arrangements may be made.

5. I may add for the information of the Board that, I have arranged for the immediate payment, out of the sum available, of claims (excepting those of a large amount on the part of Zemindars) in the Divisions of the Sub-Collector, Head Assistant Collector, and 1st Class Deputy Collector under the personal supervision of those officers. The claims in the Collector's Division must await the further provision of funds now asked for.

6. As regards the annual payments to be got rid of, I have set on foot inquiries with the view to arrange the exchange of waste or occupied land where the Ryots are willing to allow this to be done. These arrangements will be carried out, and the particulars reported for confirmation. Failing disposal in this manner, recourse will be had to the other modes pointed out in paragraph 12 of the Government Orders.

7. The Government desire the inquiries to be entrusted to one officer, and I would suggest for the Board's consideration, whether the importance of the task, and the saving to Government to be effected by its speedy accomplishment, do not render it desirable that a Special Deputy Collector should be appointed for the purpose, as has been the case, as I hear, in Kurnool, where lands have been extensively taken up for public purposes.

8. I may add that the speedy disposal of the cases in which lands have been taken up for public purposes subsequently to Fasli 1269, will greatly depend upon the co-operation of the Department of Public Works, upon which I am dependant for particulars of the lands appropriated, and which I regret to find have not at the time been regularly sent to this office. I have addressed the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, on the subject, and calculate upon his prompt assistance.

Estimated amount of compensation to be paid in 1864-65.

	Rupees.
Annual payments as before not yet commuted...	16,000
Compensation for profits of land taken up subsequently to Fasli 1269...	15,000
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the account forwarded...	15,000
* Compensation by purchase of lands...	74,000

Total... 1,20,000

* It is impossible to estimate this item with any degree of accuracy, and this sum is roughly calculated as likely to be paid within the next official year.

(Signed) H. NEWILL, Collector.

1. Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government, with reference to their Proceedings quoted by the Collector. The Board have already pointed out that the charge is one that under the rules is debitable to the Public Works Department Budget, but the case is a special one, and the works are so immediately beneficial to the revenue, and the necessity for disbursing the compensation is so pressing that the Board have no hesitation in recommending that savings from any department of Government be made available for the purpose.

2. If however the means cannot be provided in this manner immediately it seems desirable, as the official year is so near its close, that a special application for funds to meet the charge be made to the Supreme Government. As regards the Collector's suggestion that a Deputy Collector be specially appointed to superintend the actual payment of this large amount, the Board admit that the measure is desirable if the services of such an officer are available for this purpose, but the Collector is misinformed as to the course pursued in Kurnool where the duty of the Special Deputy Collector has been to obtain the land, and arrange the compensation, as well as to disburse the amount which is a comparatively easy matter.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Sub-Secretary.

To J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Copy to H. Newill, Esq., Collector of the Godavery District.

Order

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Order thereon 9th April 1863 No. 602.

The Governor in Council considers it very desirable that the sum sanctioned for payment by G.O. 23rd February last No. 325 should be disbursed within the current official year.

2. Orders will be passed in the Public Works Department with a view to place at the Collector's disposal such funds as may be available for the purpose in question: the balance, if any, will be met either by transfers, or by a supplemental grant, if necessary.

3. In regard to the probable requirements on account of compensation for the coming year it will be considered in the Public Works Department whether any immediate steps are requisite.

Submitting with the Board's recommendation letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, requesting to make special arrangements for the payment of Rupees 2,50,000 sanction on account of compensation for lands taken for channels, &c.

No. 1,981.

Received
Despatched
Dated 4th April 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

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