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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd February 1866.*

No. 542. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Communications), to the Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 6th December 1865, No. 1,163 C :—

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2. The Governor General in Council would be glad to receive a review of the whole subject of the revenue derived and derivable from these Canals, and if the Madras Government are of opinion that a *remunerative* scheme can be worked out, the Government of India will, I am to state, be prepared to consider it, and any proposals for providing funds for the necessary improvements or extensions of the works.

3. The question of making the existing works pay as far as possible without extension, should also be considered.

4. Whatever net income can be derived from these Canals, after paying for repairs and maintenance, should go to form a Local Fund for improving and extending similar works.

No. 543. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1866, No. 643.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 70.

Ordered that the following letter be sent :—

(Here enter No. 644, dated 23rd February 1866.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department, with copy of letter to Government of India.

„ Superintending Engineer, 4th Division with do.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts, with do.

„ *Accountant Genl.*

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
23rd February 1866.

No. 644.

No. 544.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

CIVIL WORKS, No. 71.

1. In acknowledging your letter
No. 1,163 C of the 6th December
1865, on the subject of the income

derived from the Madras Canals, I am directed to state that the returns which were given in my letter No. 3,177 of the 23rd October 1865, referred only to the revenue obtained by licensing boats on that portion of the Canal which runs between the Adyar and the Palar south of Madras, and is commonly called the Sadras Canal. The northern portion, called Cochrane's Canal, which runs from the Cooum to the Cortilliar at Ennore, and connects the northern section of Madras with some sixty miles of navigation along the coast by means of backwaters and the Pulicat lake, is far more remunerative; but the proceeds of the tolls levied on it being carried to the credit of Imperial Revenue, were not included in the Statement which accompanied my letter.

2. This, the northern, portion of the Canal has always been a highly remunerative work, as was pointed out in the letter from this Government to the Government of India in the Revenue Department, No. 2,110 of the 17th November 1864, in which application was made for the transfer of the Canal with its net revenues to the Madras Local Funds, and this Government have no reason to doubt that if the Southern, or Sadras Canal, instead of terminating some four miles to the southward of the Town, could be brought into it, as Cochrane's Canal is, and were connected with the latter, the former would speedily become sufficiently profitable; while the entire line of navigation, especially when extended twenty miles further northwards to Kistnapatam, would become a most useful and highly productive work. Schemes for effecting the junction of the Canals, and for carrying out the

northern extension to Kistnapatam
* From Govt. of India, 14th Nov. 1859, No. 7,868. have been approved both by this
Do. do. 15th March 1864, „ 1,239. Government and by the Govern-
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3. Both works are, however, more urgently required than ever, not only to complete a most important line of communication so far as to make it, as a whole,

remunerative, but also to provide the much required means of supplying the population of Madras at a cheaper rate than is now possible with the necessities of life; and, in now forwarding the papers, as per margin, relating to this subject, I am instructed to say that, seeing how inadequate are the general Public Works assignments which are made to this Presidency, this Government gladly accept the charge of these Canals as a Local Fund work, looking confidently to being able to make them amply remunerative.

G. O. 20th Sept. 1859, Nos. 44 to 47.
 Do. 27th do. " 63, 64
 From Govt. of India, 14th Nov. 1859, No. 7,008.
 To do. do. 18th Jan. 1861, " 184.
 From do. do. 15th March " 1,250.
 From do. do. 15th July " 478-3167.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 (Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
 Secretary to Government.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
 17th November 1864.*

No. 212. Read the following letter from F. LUSHINGTON, Esq., Deputy Auditor and Accountant General Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department, dated Fort Saint George, 22nd October 1864, No. 2,832:—

SIR,
 With reference to your Circular letter No. 1,973, dated 19th August last, to the Deputy Auditors and Accountants General, Bengal, Bombay, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, and Central Provinces, directing the preparation and transmission to this office of a statement exhibiting the amount of each item of receipt credited to Local Funds in 1863-64, in each of those Presidencies, with a view to my reporting for the information of the Government of India, what items among such are taken as Imperial receipts in this Presidency, I have the honor to annex a Memorandum containing the remarks of this office upon the several items referred to in the return of each Presidency. In this Memorandum, I beg to observe, are omitted such items as are taken under Local Funds in the accounts of the Madras Presidency also. A few of the items such as Estate Guage Fund in North-Western Provinces and Nuzzool Fund in Central Provinces are also left out without remark, as I am unable to form any idea of the nature of the receipts and disbursements referred to by them.

MEMORANDUM.

PUNJAB. Local Agency Fund. Prison Labor Fund. Municipal Fund. Forest Conservancy and Grazing Funds. Educational Cess Fund. Sheriff's Fund. Police General Fund. Sanitarium Funds. Provincial Ferry Fund.	In the Madras Presidency the rents of houses are credited to the Public Works Department, and those of Gardens and Lands to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous. The sale proceeds of Prison Labor are credited to Law and Justice, the charges for maintaining the convicts being borne by the State. No separate fund is formed for exhibiting the receipts and disbursements on this account. The transactions on account of Municipal Funds are not shown in the Government accounts. In those Districts in which the operations of the Forest Department extend, the Forest receipts are credited as Imperial Revenues, but when the Collector is entrusted with the duty of conserving the Forests of the Districts, the receipts and disbursements on account of Forest collections are shown under "Jungle Conservancy Fund." Grass rent for cattle grazing in small tracts of land is credited to District Road Fund; and grass rent for cattle grazing in jungles or large tracts of land, are taken under Land Revenue. Collections on account of cattle grazing made by Officers Commanding stations are brought to account separately by Paymasters. The cess levied for the Establishment and maintenance of Schools under the Madras Education Act VI of 1863, is not brought to account by Government. The sums raised by private contributions for constructing Educational buildings are credited to the Educational Building Fund. The contributions made by private parties on account of Scholarships, Prizes, &c., are invested in Government Promissory Notes, and the interest accruing upon them is credited to Deposits, which head is again debited when the necessary payment has to be made. The same as "Process Service Fund" in Madras, introduced under Act III of 1863. No such Fund exists in the Madras Presidency; the cost for Police Guards supplied to private parties being borne by Government, the recoveries for the same are credited to Police. None in Madras. The receipts of Ferries on Imperial lines of road are credited to District Road Fund.
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BENGAL.

Trust Funds.

educational purposes are dealt with in the manner pointed out in the remark opposite to Educational Cess under Punjab.

Public Works Funds.

ment of Government Estates; the same remark is also applicable to Chittagong Chowk Tax Fund, and Muldah Bazaar Fund; the other items excepting those noted under Punjab appear under District Road Fund.

Miscellaneous Funds.

Madras accounts under Service Funds, the other items referred to, under this division, seem to be peculiar to Bengal.

BOMBAY.

Educational Funds.

Miscellaneous Funds.

names, and Toll and Ferry Funds which appear under District Road Fund, the other items entered under this Division do not seem to be applicable to this Presidency.

CENTRAL PROVINCES.

Chundah Fund.

Patwarree Fund.

ment, pending the introduction of the village cess leviable under the Madras Act IV of 1864. Presumed to be the same as "Process Service Fund."

NORTH WESTERN PROVINCES.

Village School Fund.

"School Fee Fund" in the Madras Presidency. "School Fund" is intended to receive credit for.

District Dak Fund.

Cantonment Bazaar Fund.

The other Funds entered in the List from the Deputy Auditor and Accountant General of North Western Provinces, excepting such as may have been already noticed, seem peculiar to that Administration.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON.
(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. MACKAY.

Acting First Assistant Accountant General
To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with reference to G. O. dated 13th September 1864, No. 1,682, inclusive of copies of Statements received from the Presidencies of Bengal, Bombay, North-Western Provinces, Punjab, and Central Provinces.

Ordered that the following letter be despatched.
No. 213.

From J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 17th November 1864, No. 2,110.

Local Funds.

To the Financial Secretary, Government of India, dated 22nd October 1864, No. 2,952.

Presidency on the Local Funds of Madras.

No such Funds exist in Madras: the investments made for any charitable and Educational purposes are dealt with in the manner pointed out in the remark opposite to Educational Cess under Punjab.

It is not known what description of collections is credited to the Fund for the improvement of Government Estates; the same remark is also applicable to Chittagong Chowk Tax Fund, and Muldah Bazaar Fund; the other items excepting those noted under Punjab appear under District Road Fund.

With the exception of the Police Superannuation Funds, which are exhibited in the Madras accounts under Service Funds, the other items referred to, under this division, seem to be peculiar to Bengal.

Already noticed under Punjab and Bengal.

With the exception of Port Funds and Pound Fund, which exist in Madras under these names, and Toll and Ferry Funds which appear under District Road Fund, the other items entered under this Division do not seem to be applicable to this Presidency.

This has no existence in Madras.

The village Accountants in the Madras Presidency were paid in 1863-64 by Government, pending the introduction of the village cess leviable under the Madras Act IV of 1864. Presumed to be the same as "Process Service Fund."

The School Fees collected in the Government schools are credited to a head called "Village School Fund" in the Madras Presidency. "School Fund" is intended to receive credit for.

The charges on account of District Dak Establishments are borne by Government in the Madras Presidency.

Appears in the Military Accounts.

(Signed) F. LUSHINGTON.
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Sir,

I am directed to submit, for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council, the following remarks on the report of the Accountant General of the other Presidencies.

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I. There is a slight verbal inaccuracy in Mr. Lushington's note on "Forest Conservancy and Grazing Funds." In this Presidency the Collectors are charged with the conservancy of Village Jungles, which contain little more than scrub and firewood, and are subject to prescriptive claims on the part of the villagers. "Forests" are under the Forest Department, and the proceeds are in all cases strictly credited to the State. The Jungle Conservancy Fund comprises receipts from firewood, charcoal, &c., and is applied to the improvement and extension of these jungles, which are of very great importance to the people. The Forest Department could not conserve such scattered jungles, nor could the proceeds be administered more advantageously than under present arrangements. A revenue of about Rupees 18,000 per annum is realized from the Streeharicottah Jungles, which are under the management of the Collector, and chiefly supply the Madras market with firewood. I am directed to request that this small item may be passed in future to the head of Local Fund, as the Government will thus have it in their power to improve these jungles. The Grass Rents credited to Local Funds are derived merely from the esplanades of old forts, banks of channels, and the like petty sources.

II. The receipts from Ferries on Imperial roads have been credited to Local Funds only from the commencement of the current official year, under the order of the Supreme Government, dated 28th January 1864, No. 516.

III. The Village Accountants of this Presidency were paid in 1863-64 by Government in some Districts only and in these there were per contra receipts.

2. In other respects Mr. Lushington's report is correct.

3. The Governor in Council has been much struck by the very liberal appropriations to "Local Fund" in the other Presidencies, and he hopes that, with the facts which these papers disclose before them, the Supreme Government will extend the same liberality to Madras.

4. In the Bengal Statement the very large sum of Rupees 6,67,705 appears credited to Local Fund as "Calcutta Canal and Nuddea River Tolls." The subject was alluded to in the Financial Statement of the Honorable Sir C. E. Trevelyan, and the enquiry which this naturally initiated has shewn the Government that the same reasons exist for treating Cochrane's Canal at Madras in the same manner. This canal runs through the town, and was originally constructed by a private individual from whom it was purchased in 1837, for Rupees 1,43,854. The canal

is about twelve miles in length and runs from Madras to Ennore. The marginal Statement shews that since the canal was purchased, it has repaid purchase money as well as all charges, improvements, and repairs, and has a balance to its credit of Rupees 3,92,550 with an annual net income of about Rupees 24,000. I am directed to request that for the same reasons and on the

same principle as the Calcutta and Nuddea tolls and their balances were made over to the Bengal Local Fund, Cochrane's Canal with its balances may be made over to that of Madras. The canal tolls, I am to add, are now levied by the Collector, and henceforth the Imperial Treasury will be relieved from all charges on this account, as well as for the maintenance, improvement, and repair of the canal and its appurtenances. The sum to be transferred is but two-thirds of that transferred to Bengal.

5. The Local Funds of the other Presidencies (Bombay excepted) shew considerable receipts from "Convict Labor Fund." This is explained

by the Accountant General of the Punjab to be "a fixed grant from the Imperial Revenue in lieu of convict labor, which was formerly available for local works." In this Presidency no such Fund has hitherto been allowed, and as the Government are not aware of any difference in the treatment of convict labor in this and the other Presidencies, I am to request that an annual grant equal to that allowed to the North

Receipts from Tolls	Rs. 8,36,785
Deduct	
Purchase	1,43,854
Establishment, Repairs, and Contingencies	1,88,266
Improvements	1,12,115
	<u>4,44,235</u>
Clear profit	3,92,550

Bengal	Rs. 2,73,719
North Western Provinces	45,665
Punjab	40,993

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Western Provinces say Rupees 45,000, may henceforward be made to Madras. The Bengal item probably includes arrears, a claim which this Government are willing to waive.

6. There are various other items, ex. gr., the "Fund for the improvement of Government Estates" in Bengal, the "Cotton Improvement Fund" of Bombay, the "Local Agency Funds" of the North Western Provinces and the Punjab, and the "Nuzzool Fund" of the Central Provinces, which would seem to warrant similar claims on behalf of this Presidency; but the information which this Government possess regarding them is insufficient to justify such an application at present.

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2. The Governor General in Council would be glad to receive a review of the whole subject of the revenue derived and derivable from these Canals, and if the Madras Government are of opinion that a remunerative scheme can be worked out, the Government of India will, I am to state, be prepared to consider it, and any proposals for providing funds for the necessary improvements or extensions of the works.

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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 1163 C.

LIEUT.-COL. C. H. DICKENS, R. A.,
SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA,

THE SECY. TO THE GOVT. OF FORT ST. GEORGE,
IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

~~PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT~~

FORT WILLIAM, 6th December, 1865.

Civil Works.
Communications.

SIR,

Your letter No. 3177, dated the 23rd October 1865, furnishing information in regard to the amount realized under the system of licensing boats on the canals in the Madras Presidency, having been laid before the Governor General in Council, I am directed to remark that the returns on the East Coast Canal are very low, and to request that His Excellency the Governor in Council of Madras may be moved to consider, whether it might not be possible to derive a more considerable local income from it. In this view, the question of connecting that portion of the East Coast Canal, known as the Southern or Sadras Canal, with Cochrane's Canal at Madras, and of extending the same line of communication further northwards beyond Duguráapatam also may be considered.

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I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

C. H. Dickens Lieut.-Col., R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

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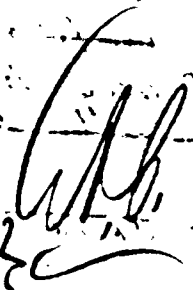
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