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15th October 1869.*

No. 305. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated camp at Trivadi, 25th September 1869, No. 738 :—

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the canal between Negapatam and Vedaranium was opened for traffic on the 22nd July, and all the works provided for in the estimates, sanctioned in G. O., No. 3,703, dated 26th November, have been completed, except the excavation of portions of the channels on the western side of the

canal, and the making up of the spoil from the excavation from the canal into properly formed banks.

Nos. 3 and 5 in para. 10 of my letter, No. 750, of 21st October in G. O. No. 3,703.

2. The heaviest part of the excavation was in the Negapatam Talook, and was undertaken by Vencatarayaloo Naidoo, the Tahsildar of Negapatam, who was most indefatigable in pushing on the work, and who collected coolies from all parts of the talook, and divided the work amongst the villages, and was constantly upon the work while it was in progress. I have no hesitation in saying, that without his aid we could not have completed the work in one season. The department is also much indebted to the Deputy-Tahsildar of Tirupundi, who undertook about half the work of clearing the Topetoray Section of the canal.

3. The heavy masonry works were carried out under Mr. Supervisor Donaghue, and the successful completion of these works within the limited period available for their execution is due to the unremitting exertions of Messrs. Bateman and Donaghue. It is to be regretted that the channels on the western side of the canal could not be completed, but all available labour was required for the excavation of the canal. Owing to the non-completion of the channels, two of the syphon-slucices, provided for the discharge of the surplus of the western lands, have not been able to act immediately any drainage appeared, as they would have done had channels been led up to them, or until the low ground in their vicinity was flooded; and owing to the copious supply of water during the present season, and to the fall of heavy rain, it was found necessary to form an opening in the western bank of the canal to relieve the lands on the western side; this cutting will be maintained on a high level so as only to act under exceptional circumstances, and the channels will be completed as soon as the season will permit.

4. The total amount of the estimate is Rupees 1,03,192, Rupees 74,739-13-1 were expended on the work up to 31st March 1869; it was anticipated that a larger sum would have been expended in 1868-69, but the canal was kept open for the salt-traffic later than was anticipated, and the actual work of excavation could not be commenced till 1869-70, and hence the balance of the estimate at the close of the year was Rupees 37,782 instead of Rupees 15,000, which was entered in the Budget of 1869-70 as the allotment for this year. The amount expended on the work up to the end of September was Rupees 15,773-12-6, and a sum of Rupees 12,735-8-2 is due to the Tahsildar for work executed by him; Rupees 1,010-11-11 having been paid to him during the current month, I beg therefore that the balance of the estimate, *viz.*, Rupees 18,452-2-11, may be placed at my disposal at an early date. If this cannot be done, I would suggest that the amount should be borrowed from Local Funds as was done two years ago, and the adjustment may be made by transfer at

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the end of the year if funds are available, and if not, the amount may be paid in 1870-71, provision being made for it in the Budget of that year.

5. Under G. O., No. 1,715, dated 29th May 1868, this work was not included in the statement of incomplete works of 1868-69, but I regret I did not, in submitting that statement, report specially on the further amount required to complete the canal.

No. 306. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1869, No. 3,329.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 41.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department. As funds from the Imperial assignment are not available, it will be considered in that department whether the current year's grant for the Vedarnium canal can be supplemented by a loan of Rupees 18,452 from Local Funds to be repaid in 1870-71 from a provision to be made for the purpose in the out-going Imperial Budget.

2. The Governor in Council notices with satisfaction the testimony offered by the Superintending Engineer to the value of the services rendered by Venkatarajaloo Naidoo, Tahsildar of Negapatam, and by the Deputy Tahsildar of Tritrapundi in connection with the works referred to in the foregoing letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. TULLOCH, Captain, R.E.,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.

.. Superintending Engineer, 6th Division
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. F. R. Bantleman.

No. 738

Super Engineer Office 6th Div.
Camp Irivadi 25th September 1869

From,

Captain R. F. Baker R.E.

Super Engineer, 6th Division

To,

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Canal between Negapatam and Vedarnium was opened for traffic on the 22nd July and all the works provided for in the Estimate sanctioned in G. O. No. 3703 dated 26th November have been complete except the excavation of portions of the channels on the western side of the Canal and the making up of the spoil from the excavation from the Canal into properly formed banks.

The heaviest part of the excavation was in the Negapatam Taluk and was undertaken by Venkatarajaloo Naidoo the Tahsildar of Negapatam who was most indefatigable in pushing on the work and who collected Coolies from all parts of the Taluk and directed the work amongst the Villagers and was constantly upon the work while it was in progress. I have no hesitation in saying that without his aid we could not have completed the work in one season.

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The Department is also much indebted to the Deputy Tehsildar of Pithrapundi who undertook about half the work of clearing the Saporatory Section of the Canal.

The heavy masonry works were carried out under Mr. Supervisor Donaghue and the successful completion of these works within the limited period available for their execution is due to the unremitting exertions of Messrs. Bateman and Donaghue.

It is to be regretted that the channels on the western side of the Canal could not be completed, but all available labor was required for the excavation of the Canal, owing to the non-completion of the channels 2 of the Siphon. Since supervised for the discharge of the surplus of the western lands have not been able to act immediately any drainage appeared, as they would have done had channels been laid up to them, or until the low ground in their vicinity was flooded and owing to the copious supply of water during the present season and to the fall of heavy rain it was found necessary to form an opening in the western bank of the Canal to relieve the lands on the western side, this cutting will be maintained on a high level so as only to act under exceptional circumstances and the channels will be completed as soon as the season will permit.

The total amount of the Estimate is Rs. 1,08,192, Rs. 74,709-13-4 were expended on

on the Work upto 31st March 1869, it was anticipated that a larger sum would have been expended in 1868/69 but the Canal was kept open for the salt traffic faster than was anticipated and the actual work of excavation could not be commenced till 1869/70 and hence the balance of the Estimate at the close of the year was Rs. 37,782 instead of Rs. 15,000 which was entered in the Budget of 1869/70 as the allotment for this year. The amount expended on the work up to the end of September was Rs. 15,778-12-6 and a sum of Rs. 12,735-8-2 is due to the Tehsildar for work executed by him Rs. 1010-11-11 having been paid to him during the current month, I beg therefore that the balance of the Estimate viz. Rs. 18,452-2-11 may be placed at my disposal at an early date.

If this cannot be done I would suggest that the amount should be borrowed from Local funds as was done 2 years ago and the adjustment may be made by transfer at the end of the year, if funds are available and, if not, the amount may be paid in 1870/71 provision being made for it in the Budget of that year.

Under G. O. No 1715 dated 29 May 1868 this work was not included in the statement of incomplete Works of 1868/69 but I regret I did not in submitting that statement report specially on the further amount required to complete the Canal.

I have the honor to be
Your Obedient Servant

A. F. Gates Captain R.E.
Superintendent 6th Division

22nd Oct 1869 A. G.

No 3329

No 3329 - 15th Oct 1869.

Resolved that the canal
between Nagalakam and
Pozummanur be opened for
traffic and requested that
a certain sum being the value
of the works may be
placed at his disposal.

No 738

Order 25th
Oct 1869

To The Secretary
P. N. D. 25th

Chief Engineer
P. N. D. 25th

Public Works Department
No 3329
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Under date the 15th Oct 1869.

Read the following
From The Supt & Engineer
H. S. No 738 of 25th Sept 1869

W. H.

A. S.

Communicated
to the Revenue Dept.
As funds from the
Imperial assignment
are not available, it
will be considered in
that Department whether
the Current years grant
for the Victoria Canal
can be supplemented
by a loan of Rs. 18,482
from Local funds to
be repaid in 1870-71 from
a provision to be made
for the purpose in the
outgoing

The following list with
satisfactions the various
managers to the very effort
by the high reputation &
the value of the services
conferred by the various
Magazine Publishers of
high reputation and by the
Bounty of the
Private Publishers in connection
with the works referred to
in the foregoing letter.

There should I think,
be some recognition recorded
of the services of the Master
Captain Mackinnon by
nowadays that a genuine
officer has a chance of
affording aid to the D.P.W.
of the nature of that said
to have been given.

W.D.

W.D.

nothing
 we have done
 we have been
 you. I have added
 a para -
 A.P.

To The Rev Depts
"S. Eng. 6th Div
"Cork St
Draft 16th October/69

Case 4077

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Revenue Department

For the Govt. of Madras 2/24/91

From

To

15th Oct. No. 3329

No. 305-306

Canal Papering orders on the
letter from the Deputy Commr.
of the B. C. District stating that
the Canal between Kuppelam
and Vidaramam in the Tanjore
D. was opened for traffic on
the 22nd July.