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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 3rd February 1870.

No. 60. Read the following letter from J. HOPKINS, Esq., for Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch, dated Fort William, 29th December 1869, No. 253-A.-I. :—

In Public Works Department No. 625-7-A. of 30th July last, sanction was conveyed to a loan of two lacs of rupees being made from Imperial to Local funds to aid in the prosecution of the works of the East Coast Canal, it being understood at the time that there was a considerable sum of surplus revenue in hand. The Accountant-General in this department however has brought to the notice of the Government of India that according to a report by the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, instead of there being any available surplus revenue in the hands of the local authorities on account of the canal, at the close of the last official year, there was a deficit, which has since been increased by outlay in the current year, incurred under the belief that there was actually a surplus.

2. I am therefore directed to request that the Government of India may be informed what are the actual present financial position and prospects of the project, and the probability of the loan being repaid within a reasonable period, under the conditions of the Resolution above cited.

No. 61. Order thereon, 3rd February 1870, No. 406.

ACCOUNT, No. 6.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 407, dated 3rd February 1870.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Govt. of {1870} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated February 3rd.

Recd.

G. O., 3rd February 1870, No. 406.

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Nos. 60-61

East Coast Canal.—Passing orders on the letter from the Government of India requesting to be informed of the financial position and prospects of the works of the East Coast Canal, and of the probability of the re-payment within a reasonable period, of the loan of two lacs made from Imperial to Local Funds on account of the same.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, *3rd February* 1870.

No. 62.

No. 407.

To

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

ACCOUNT, No. 7.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 29th December 1869, No. 253-A.-I., I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to state that the funds derived from traffic on the East Coast Canal having accumulated to a considerable extent, a large sum was allotted at the beginning of 1868-69 for its extension northwards, and it was expected that, with the aid of the loan applied for to the Government of India, sufficient money could be obtained from traffic to carry on that extension to completion. Unfortunately however the monsoon rains of the two last seasons have been so scanty as to cause an extreme deficiency of water in the canal, and consequently to put almost an entire stoppage to its navigation during great part of each year. This has had a most serious influence on the collection of the tolls, and the result has been that the receipts have not covered the expenditure on the extension after providing for maintenance and for a considerable outlay necessarily incurred in deepening the more shallow parts of the canal during the worst part of the drought. An inquiry into the means of repairing the deficit thus created is now occupying the attention of Government in the Revenue Department, and, meanwhile, all work on the northern extension has been suspended.

2. A further report will be submitted for the information of the Government of India as soon as the financial position of the canal has been ascertained.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 253A. I

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.

Irrigation

To

The Secretary to the Government of Madras

Public Works Department

Irrigation Branch

Fort William 29 December 1869.

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I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obed. Servt.

J. Westland
for Depy Secretary to the Govt of India

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Requesting to be informed of the financial position of the East Coast Canal and of the probability of the payment of the loan of 2 lakhs of rupees made for the Project in July last.

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No 60.

Proceedings of the Madras Government under date the 3rd July 1870

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G. O., 3rd July No. Nos 1406 1407

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East Coast Canal, Madras.

The Govt of Madras informed of the Receipts of the East Coast Canal, Madras, during the last Expenditure connected with it. &c.

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