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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd March 1871.*

No. 577. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Account—Irrigation), dated Fort William, 23rd February 1871, No. 41-A. I.

Budget Estimate of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for 1871-72.

Read—

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, No. 2,966, dated 7th December 1870, submitting the Budget Estimate of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for 1871-72

RESOLUTION.—The provision for establishment for 1871-72, which includes a sum of Rupees 30,822 for the Consulting Engineer and his office (establishment) is Rupees 2,000 in excess of the estimate for 1870-71. The excess caused by the Consulting Engineer having been classed as a Chief Engineer of the second class under the arrangement for consolidated salaries, amounts to Rs. 3,720

From this, however, has to be deducted the charges for Survey Establishment discontinued under the Budget Orders of 1870-71 „ 1,728

Leaving a net increase of Rs. 1,992, or say Rs. 2,000

2. The total estimate of State outlay is as follows:—

Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	Rs. 35,800
Land	...	...	...	...	...	„ 20,000
						Total „ 55,800

which is passed as a charge against the Public Works grant, Ordinary.

3. In the orders passed on the estimate for 1870-71, the necessity for the separate appointment of a Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's works was questioned. The Government of India still doubt the expediency of retaining an officer of that position in addition to an Irrigation Chief Engineer, and would urge upon the Madras Government the advisability of entrusting the last-named officer with the supervision of the Company's works, or devising some more economical arrangement for conducting the duties now performed by the Consulting Engineer.

Advances on Construction Account.

4. The Budget Estimate under this head for 1870-71 amounts to. 13,82,632
And that for 1871-72 3,89,356

5. As, however, it is expected that no portion of the balance of the loan of £600,000 granted to the Company will remain undrawn on 1st April 1871, no grant can, in consequence, be allowed for withdrawals from Government Treasuries during 1871-72. The Madras Government should accordingly see that no liabilities are incurred by the Company during the ensuing year that cannot be met from the funds at their disposal.

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Revenue Account.

6. The figures are as follow compared with the Budget and Regular Estimate of 1870-71:—

	Budget Estimate, 1870-71.	Regular Estimate, 1870-71.	Budget Estimate, 1871-72.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
Gross earnings ...	99,000	11,358	10,14,882
Working expenses ...	23,000	12,840	40,334
Net revenue ...	76,000	Loss. 1,482	9,74,548
Charges for repairs to breaches of August 1870.			75,000
			8,99,548

7. The Governor-General in Council is of opinion that the charge for repairing breaches caused to the canal works by the floods of last year should be met from the revenue of the Company so far as the gross earnings will allow, any deficiency in this respect being met in the first instance from the Ordinary Public Works grant of the current year, unless the Madras Government can suggest some other means of meeting the case.

8. The estimate of net revenue for 1871-72 is set down at Rupees 10,14,882, and is based on the supposition that the whole area to which water will be capable of being distributed by the works now in progress will be irrigated, and yield a return at the rate of Rupees 6 per acre. The Consulting Engineer distrusts this estimate, and believes that the working expenses will be in excess of the receipts. And although the Madras Government is of opinion that the expectation of the Irrigation Company's Authorities is a "mere delusion," the estimate is sent forward without any alteration or suggestion as to what the probable receipts and outlay on this account will be. Under these circumstances, the Governor-General in Council has no alternative but to decline acceptance of the estimate submitted, and to direct that the net receipts of 1871-72 be entered as nil. The Madras Government should, however, give the Government of India due intimation of any fluctuation of receipts or outlay that may tend to lead to a different result.

ORDER.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Government of Madras for information and guidance, and to the Financial Department for information.

(Signed) R. STRACHEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of India.

No. 578.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd March 1871, No. 874.

IRRIGATION, No. 48.

COMMUNICATED to the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company with reference to G. O., No. 2,963, dated 17th December 1870.

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23rd March 1871.*

2. Early steps will be taken for giving effect to the wishes of the Government of India as expressed in paragraph 3, and the Right Honourable the Governor-General in Council will be addressed on the subject of paragraph 7 and furnished with copies of the papers marginally noted.

G. O., 26th January 1871, No. 227.
" 21st March 1871, No. 841.

Ordered that the following letter be sent:—

(Here enter No. 875, dated 23rd March 1871.)

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Agent and Manager for do. do.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
FORT ST. GEORGE, 23rd March 1871.

No. 579.

No. 875.

To

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

IRRIGATION, No. 49.

SIR,—I am directed, in acknowledging the Resolution of the Government of India, No. 41-A. I., to state, with reference to paragraph 3, that early steps will be taken to carry out the wishes of the Government of India, and that the measures in contemplation, and which will shortly be submitted for the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, will lead to considerable economy in conducting the duties now performed by the Consulting Engineer.

2. With regard to paragraph 7 I am to state that this Government, after very full consideration, have concluded that the repairs of the damage caused by the floods to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Canal should be debited to Capital. The canal has never been complete; the floods were of an unusual kind, and due provision had not been made to render them harmless, the embankments being incomplete and in many places lower than the required level, added to which some of them needed extensive improvements and additions. I am also to point out that there are no funds under Revenue to meet these extraordinary repairs, and that, in the opinion of His Excellency in Council, it would be necessary, were it right in principle to debit expenditure on account of extraordinary repairs to incomplete works to Revenue, and this was manifestly not contemplated in the contract, to call upon the Company to carry out such repairs; and, if default were made by the Company, after six month's notice the repairs could be executed by Government, and the cost would be recoverable from any sum, including the guaranteed interest, due to the Company. While the canal continues to belong to the Company His Excellency in Council does not see, I am to state, how any part of its maintenance can be chargeable against the Ordinary grant for Public Works, though no doubt the Company would be most glad to see such charges borne by the Government instead of by themselves.

3. A copy of the orders of the 26th January 1871, No. 227, and of the 21st March 1871, No. 841 is enclosed for the information of the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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

Esd. E. C. Shunker.

Public Works Department
No. 894
Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 23rd March/71

Read the following

From the Govt. of India. / H. E. No. 41 A. J. of 23rd Feb/71

Communicated
to the Consulting Engineer
for the Madras Irrigation
and Canal Company with
reference to G. O. No. 2963
dated 17th December 1870.

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in Para 3, and the Right
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addressed on the subject
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with copies of the papers
marginally noted.

L.O. 26 Jan 71. No. 227
Maschp. No.

Ordered that the
following letter be sent:-

M.R. No. 7

W.B.

To the Messrs. M. S. P. S.
Agent - B. D. S.

Desp. 24/3/71

No. 87 S.

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Govt. of India.

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Despatch 26/3/71 with a copy
of each of the Nos 227 &
841 of 1871-

7 Dec 1870 No 132 @ 134
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21 March — 512 - 513

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Estimate. Orders by the
India on the Budget Ex-
penditure Madras City Co. for
the year 1860 to the Congress.
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reformed by the Congress
will lead to considerable economy
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