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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. <i>506,507</i>	<i>20</i>	Press Mis.
Dated	<i>29</i>	<i>18</i>

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No. 506. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Irrigation), to the Acting Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras in the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch), dated Simla, 30th July 1872, No. 625-I. :—

I AM directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1,624 of the 5th instant, submitting the progress report of "Extraordinary" Irrigation Works, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1872.

2. In reply I am to state that the progress made on the works during the year, as shown in the report, cannot but be regarded as very unsatisfactory, the total expenditure amounting only to Rupees 5,49,386 against a grant of Rupees 11,17,800, or less than 50 per cent. of the latter. The great deficiency, it is observed, occurs in the Godavery and Kistna Districts, and is attributed by the local officers to the difficulty of procuring labour, "almost all that is available being required" it is said "for the maintenance of existing works."

3. The estimates which have been lately sanctioned for the Godavery Delta works amount to Rupees 23,84,640
and the expenditure on them to date to " 4,81,838

leaving an unexpended balance of " 19,02,802
The outlay on the works during the past year amounted to only Rupees 1,59,228 against a grant of Rupees 4,96,804, which is highly unsatisfactory, for at this rate of progress it will take twelve years to finish the works.

4. Similar remarks apply to the progress of works in the Kistna Delta also.

5. Probably, for the reasons stated, there may be difficulty in obtaining labour locally, but this difficulty must have been known to the local officers when they sent forward the estimates for the works. The Governor-General in Council being fully impressed with the necessity which exists for completing the scheme of works, which have been for so many years in course of prosecution, is of opinion, that the local officers should be urged to exert themselves and try and import labour from other localities, for it is of little use assigning funds annually if only one half of the grant is to be worked up to.

6. The progress of works in Tanjore has been satisfactory.

No. 507.

ORDER THEREON, 29th August 1872, No. 2,071.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

FORWARDED for the information of
the Superintending Engineers.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council trusts that the Extraordinary works in the Kistna and Godavery Districts are progressing more satisfactorily this year than they did in 1871-72, and that arrangements have been made for the importation of labour from adjacent districts wherever the local labour is likely to prove inadequate to admit of the allotments for the Extraordinary works being fully expended. In cases in which expenditure on Extraordinary works falls short of the allotments, the plea-

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that local labour has failed will not in future alone suffice, but Superintending Engineers will explain fully what steps they have taken to obtain labour from neighbouring districts.

3. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will scrutinize the Monthly Progress Reports of Extraordinary works, and if dissatisfied with progress made and prospective should not only report to Government on the subject but personally inquire into the causes of its insufficiency, and take, in concert with Superintending Engineers, such remedial measures as may be necessary.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To Superintending Engineers
To the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Revenue Department.

Ext. E. C. Shanker.

All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary

N^o 625 I
Government of India
Public Works Department
Irrigation

To
The Acting Joint Secretary to the Govt.
of Madras in the P. W. Dept.
Irrigation Branch.

Simla, 30th July 1872.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o 1624 of the 5th instant submitting the Progress report of "Extraordinary" Irrigation works, Madras, for the year ending 31st March 1872.

2. In reply I am to state that the progress made on the works during the year, as shown in the report, cannot but be regarded as very satisfactory, the total expenditure amounting only to Rs. 549,386 + against a grant of Rs. 1,117,800 or less than 50 per cent of the latter. The great deficiency it is observed, occurs in the Godavery and Krishna Districts.

Districts and is attributed by the Local Officers to the difficulty of procuring labor, "almost all that is available," being required, "it is said" "for the maintenance of existing works".

3. The estimates which have been lately sanctioned for the Godavary Delta works amount to Rupees ————— 23,54,640. and the expenditure on them to date, to Rs — 4,51,838 leaving an unexpended balance of Rs — 19,02,802. The outlay on the works during the past year amounted to only Rs 1,59,228 against a grant of Rs 4,96,804, which is highly unsatisfactory, for at this rate of progress it will take 12 years to finish the works.

4. Similar remarks apply to the progress of works in the Krishna Delta also.

5. Probably, for the reasons stated, there may be difficulty in obtaining labor locally, but this difficulty must have been known to the local Officers when they sent forward the estimates for the works. The Governor General in Council being fully impressed with the necessity which exists for completing the scheme of works, which have been for so many years in course of prosecution, is of opinion, that the local Officers should be urged to exert themselves and try and import labor

labor from other localities, for it is of little use assigning funds annually, if only one half of the grant is to be worked up to.

t. The progress of works in Tanjore has been satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,
Your Most Obedt Servant

Jay Shrinath Esqr. R.E.

For Deputy Secretary to the Govt of India

9/19

Forwarded for the information of the Department.
The following is a summary of the progress of the works in the Godavary Delta, as reported by the Local Officers, dated 10/1/72. It is to be noted that the progress is very slow, and that the local Officers are not doing enough to expedite the completion of the works. It is suggested that the Local Officers should be urged to exert themselves and try and import labor from other localities, for it is of little use assigning funds annually, if only one half of the grant is to be worked up to.

J. M. Dept

No 2071

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29 August 1872
Read the following

From the Deputy Secretary
to the Govt of India

(Here enter No 625 D/30 July 1872)

Forwarded for the
information of the
Superintending Engineers

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
trusts that the
Extraordinary Works
in the Kistna and
Godavery Districts
are progressing more
satisfactorily this year
than they did in 1871/72
and that arrangements
have been made for

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P. M. 1872 Madras
Engineering
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From
the Secretary

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C/o 6251

Referring to
the Progress Report
of the Extraordinary
Engineering Works of
the Madras Province
for the year ended
31st March 1872 -
No 2071-29 Aug 1872.

No 526
No 2071-29 Aug 1872

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The Chief Engineer
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inquire into the
causes of its in-
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take in concert
with Superintendents,
such

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such remedial mea-
sures as may be
necessary. Yours

To The Sup^r Engineer
57 Chief Engineer's Office
P. 1. Rev. Dept.

Dec 25/9/12

C/o 39/3

Govt. of (1872) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS. ✓

To Superintending Engineer

Date

Recd.

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G. O. 29 Aug 2071.

Nos. 576 & 627

Extraordinary Irrigation

Works. Letter from the
Govt. of India passing orders
on the proposed scheme of the
Extraordinary Irrigation
Works of the Madras
Presidency for the
Year ended 31 March '72,
as forwarded to the Chief
Engr. with remarks.