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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th August 1873.*

No. 291. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 23rd July 1873, No. 1,044:—

REFERRING to my No. 854, of 3rd July 1873, I have the honour to observe that till 1863-64 Rupees 200 per mile were granted for the maintenance of the East Coast Canal. In that year it appears to have been reduced to Rupees 100 per mile. I went over the portion of it between Madras and Pulicat last week with the Deputy Collector in charge of salt works, and was very much surprised to find that he had been permitted to spend Rupees 20,000 last year on the forty miles of branch channels, or Rupees 500 per mile.

2. The branch channels are not, I believe, half the section of the main canal, so that the rate is nearly ten times that allowed to the Department Public Works.

3. I take the opportunity of calling attention to the great labour thrown on the Range Officers, Serooloor and Chingleput, in connection with the salt works, labour which I knew very little of till last week and, therefore, believe the Government are not aware of our having to do.

4. It appears that every year we have to prepare estimates for the clearing of all these branch channels, drains, etc., costing more than Rupees 500 each, and to measure up all the work when finished by the Salt Department Officers, among whom is an Overseer receiving Rupees 80 per mensem, whom I could not employ on Rupees 60, as he had not passed the necessary examination. He was a maistry on the petty establishment on Rupees 50, supervising under Mr. Harington the work which he is now executing.

5. It appears to me worthy of some notice that the Revenue Department can make such advantageous offers to our subordinates as to draw away good men of their class whom our stricter rules prevent us from promoting.

No. 292. ORDER THEREON, 19th August 1873, No. 2,058.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 21.

RECORDED, with reference to orders on the Canal Budget.

2. The Government were aware that the salt works were estimated for and measured by the Public Works Officers.

3. The District Engineer's remark on the high rate allowed for salt channel clearances and supervision will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput.
,, Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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P. W. 1873 Depart.
From. A: 4139.
The District Engineer
Chinleput

To,
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Dept.

Dated 23 July 1873
Recd 24 July 1873

Points out the difference between the mileage allowed by Government for the maintenance of the East Coast Canal under the D. P. Works and that for the Braue Channels under the Salt Dept. and calls attention to the great labor thrown on the Range Officers &c. &c.
With order

Recorded with reference is Order

on the Canal Board.

the first were assumed that the will works were estimated for your measures by the Public Works Office.

any the high rate advanced for all channel clearance & supervision will be communicated to the Revenue Department.

at 8.40 am 25/7/73

Recd 24 July 1873

CR 4139

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the District Clerk
Chambersburg

Date:

Reed.

Enob

19 Aug 1872 2058

Nos. 291 & 292

East Coast Anal. Letter

From the St. Louis, Channel Dept.
Regarding the expenditures
on the Canal, recorded;
St. Louis remarks on the high
rate allowed for Salt Channel
clearances & supervision,
Rev Sept.

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