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Government of Madras

Public Works

DEPARTMENT

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All communications
should be addressed to
the Secretary.

No. 424/C
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
CIVIL WORKS.
Communication

Fort William 12th Sept 1874.

Upper Godavery works.

Read again — P. W. D. Proceedings
for March 1874 - 1/2 and
August 1874 nos 2/4.

Read also — despatch from Secy of
State No 72 of 6th August 1874.

Order — Ordered that a copy
of the despatch last
read be forwarded
to the Govt. of Madras
in the P. W. D.
for information in con-
tinuation of P. W. Dept's
Resolution No 338-42C of

4927-44 (a)

2-30
of 29th July 1874, with
intimation that the Resident
at Hyderabad will be
addressed as proposed
by the Secy. of State -
through the Govt. of India
in the Foreign Department
Ordered also that copy
of the despatch of the
Proceedings first read
be forwarded to the
Foreign Department for
reference to the Resident
at Hyderabad for report
as indicated by the
Secy. of State -

Wm. Colonel R.A.

Secy. to the Govt. of India

P. W. 1874 Department
Min. of Govt. for India
No 5942.

The Govt. of India.

Dated 12th
Recd 22nd } September 74.

No 424-425-C.

Encl: 1.

Transmitting
a copy of a Despatch from
the Secretary of State
regarding Col. Randall's
report on the Upper
Godavery works, the
incurring of further
outlay on them, and
the benefit to be
derived therefrom by
the Nizam's territories.

26. No. 10. 6-1-75.

Oct 19
Ld 3-42-74 2. 19. Dec 74
Dated 22. 5/11/74.

Indian Office
6th August, 1874.

Public Works Sir Lord.

No 72.

I have read
with attention the report
by Col. Randall on
the Upper Godavery
works which was
enclosed with your
Excellency's letter No. 61
of 27th April last. - I
observe that you have
invited the careful
consideration of the
Madras Govt. to certain
suggestions of Col. Randall
the adoption
of which would involve
some further expenditure
in connection with the
works. - It should be

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor General
of India in Council

be borne in mind that
the orders issued two
years ago for stopping
the Godavery improvement
works, were the result
of very careful considera-
tions on the part of
your Government, and
also that the works are
calculated to benefit
the Nizam's territories
on the right bank of
the river, much more
than the British territory
on the left bank. I con-
sider therefore that it
might be advisable to
obtain from the Resident
at Hyderabad a report
showing in what light
the undertaking is
regarded by himself
and by the Nizam's Govt.

and I should also be glad
to be placed in possession
of your opinion, formed
in communication with
the Government of Madras,
upon the question whether
it is possible, by any
further expenditure, to
make that which has been
already incurred profitable,
directly or indirectly, to the
Indian Eschequer, and if so
whether it would be desirable
to authorise that expenditure

This is simply paper
in the Madras Govt.
for information, &c.
for speaking of any
thing. The Govt.
of Madras would
be asked to send a
report to the Govt.
of India, &c.
120 B.C. of 29th Nov
1871. About 1/2 of the
cost of the works
have been paid
with the Govt.
(i.e. the Govt.)
has been
received for 11 years

Have the honor to be

My Lord,

Your Lordships most Obedient
humble servant.

By Salisbury.

India Office London
8th October, 1874.

Public Works
No. 88

My Lord,

I have received
your Excellency's letter, No. 114,
of the 10th August last
reporting the proceedings of
your Government in connection
with the Upper Godavery
Navigation Works.

We have had the
Hon. Mr. [unclear] and
the Hon. Mr. [unclear]

I observe that with
the consent of both the
Governments concerned the
1st Barrier works have been
transferred to Madras, and
with the object of giving
more freedom to the Madras
Government, they are to be
treated

His Excellency
The Right Honorable
The Governor General of India
in Council

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treated henceforward as a
"Provincial", and that, to
satisfy the Madras Government,
who had objected to this
transfer, an addition
will be made to the Provincial
Budget allotment for that
Presidency, suited to the
limited Scale, on which
you now propose the works
shall be maintained.

3. You have recorded
an opinion that no improve-
ments and extensions of the
works should be sanctioned
except on the ground that
they will increase the return
on the Capital invested in them.
On this point it will be
sufficient to refer you
to my despatch of the 6th
August last, No 72 in which
I expressed a desire to be
placed

placed in possession of your
opinion on the subject, forming
in communication with the
Government of Madras,
and the Resident at Hyderabad.

I have the honor to

Ld/ Salisbury

No. 504 C.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

CIVIL WORKS.

Communication

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should be addressed to
the Secretary.

Fort William 14th Nov 1874

Resolution—By the Government of India
Public Works Department—Upper Goda-
vary Navigation Works—

Read—Despatch from the Secretary
of State no: 88 of 8th October 1874

Order—Ordered, that copy of the
above be forwarded to the
Government of Madras, in
the Public Works Department,
and the Resident at Hydera-
bad, in continuation of
P.W.D Resolution no: 424-5 C.W.
dated the 12th September 1874

x C.A. 5942

In circulation.

E. J. Oliver, C. E.

Asst Secy. to the Govt of India

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[illegible]

Coal Fields alluded to in
Mr. Under Secretary Lyall's
letter No. 94 of 8th June - But
for future years it will
be necessary that the
grant to Provincial
on account of the Dopper
Roadway works be in-
creased by the sum of
Rs 2,000; being in round
numbers the difference
between the salary of
Mr. Vanstavern, an Ex-
-ecutive Engineer of the
2nd grade, whose services
it is proposed to retain
permanently, and that
of Mr. Weedon, an Ex-
-ecutive Engineer of the
3rd grade, now at D. W.
-magudien, whose
services it is proposed
shall revert to the Govt.
of India from April
1875.

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It is presumed that
Provincial assignments
to the Central Provinces
administration already
exist to an extent
adequate for the main-
-tenance of existing
Civil Buildings and
Communications in
the Pergunnah trans-
-ferred to Madras. But
it is doubtful whether
they will be adequate
for provision of addi-
-tions and improve-
-ments that may be
necessitated by the
transfer; and His Exal.
-lency the Governor in
Council would, I am
directed to add, be glad
of

I do not think
the
lot of grasping

of an assistance
that the change of cir-
cumstances will be
liberally considered in
the Financial Depart-
ment in fixing the
future assignment on
this account. X

G.W.W.

6 Copies of
signed & copied with G.O. No. 2678.
despatched 6/1/75.

Recd 19 Dec 74
G.W.W. 9/1/75

Received from
the Financial Department

Recd 2
from 1/1/75
Signed 29/1/75

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The Despatch of the Pro-
-vince of 29 July last
seems to me to render it
inconvenient on our part
to ascertain with precision what
is expected from us and
to explain clearly what we
can & what we cannot do,
if the Upper portions of the
are transferred to us, as
a Provincial undertaking.

The original design of these
works was to establish continuous
water communication between
Humphreys and the sea. The
project, commenced in 1854
was at first entrusted to the
Meadows but in 1863 it was
transferred to the Administration
of the Central Provinces, under
whose management it has ever
since continued. The total ex-
penditure on
it up to 1870
amounts to have
been £650,000
of which £150,000

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was expended prior to the transfer.
The present condition of
the works at the first Barrier is
thus described by Col. Mordaunt -
The weir, with its iron sluices
and the short Canal with
its locks are complete & in good
order - and steamers can now
navigate the river during the
flood season or ~~from~~ ^{from} the middle
of Nov^r in ordinary years. The
works beyond the first Barrier
are all unfinished - and have
been wholly abandoned, the def-
ect considering it financially

be so pliant to incur even the
expense of protecting them from
injury.

Although the project is
originally conceived has been
prior to, Col. Rundle & strongly
recommends the expenditure of
some £150,000 in completing the
"Long Canal" between Drumfries
& Dunsfries - which is already
completed to $\frac{2}{3}$ of its length & will
if finished enable steamers to
run as ^{fast as} ^{for an} ^{hour} ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{channel} ^{between} ^{the} ^{two} ^{ports} ^{and} ^{thence}
to the end of the lake and thereby
minor improvements - and his

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His Lordship I am pleased to see the
necessity & wisdom of spending
£150,000 on the completion
of the second barrier -

I am then better of 20 paces
but the Supreme Court in dealing
the division of this part of the pro-
posed transfer of the works to
the Lord's view or had that the
decision whether they arrived
at by H. this part seemed to
be the part in person

to Extension of these works in a
position he has done & as they are
the interests of the Madras Presi-
dency than in those of the Central
Provinces" and that "if the traffic
should give indication of a speedy
renewal of return for improve-
ments in the navigation works, it
was considered that the Madras
Govt would take the necessary steps
to obtain the improvements required".
The Govt are intimated their wish-
ing not to take charge of the works

an Imperial undertaking - provided
the necessary grants for maintenance
be made all such & the Govt.
granted the £150,000 recommended
by the Govt. I am sorry the Govt.
of India explain that they
had no intention of recommending
to accept Col. Munro's plan
consequently and proceed ab-
solutely to do these works
Imperial Provincial - with a
grant, not yet settled, "as to
an amount limited to the
limited scale on which the
works are now maintained" of the

profits - less however some "trifling"
receipts from Water rents" which
are to continue Imperial -

Now the only funds which
we have at ^{our} ~~common~~ ^{and} ~~for~~ ^{the}
purposes as this post works is
the Provincial assignment for
Roads - which ~~income~~ was fixed
without any reference to these
works, they being then under another
administration & which is inadequate
for the wants of the Provi-
-dence. ^{Further} On proposal to apply ~~the~~
this Fund to Elementary Edu-

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Cation is now ~~that~~ can be diverted
of the Secy of State and if
it be decided that they shall
be diverted to this purpose then
an provision will be still work-
for whatever an inclination
may be, we shall have no money
at all available - for the Law
does not permit Local Funds
to be spent out of the circles
in which they are raised. Now
as the Local Funds of the

for many District is so inadequate
to the growing wants of the District
that the Local Fund Board desire
to raise it to the maximum al-
lowed by law. Thus it will
be seen that we have not the
means of devoting to the Upper
for many works more than the
least sum with which the
Supreme pt may see fit to
endow them. The Supreme pt
alludes to the "profits" of the
works but these would seem to be

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~~little~~
next to nothing so far as navi-
gation goes - and the receipts -
receipts though trifling are
specially reserved to the Dis-
trict treasury. Nor do I quite
see how they can be increased -
the river has always been navigable
up to the first barrier
with more or less of difficulty
& for varying periods by country
boats & we cannot tax these
unless they use the works we
have constructed - I have how-
ever through the locks with a liberality
yield something but the current

from local sources to provide for
any imbalances or extensions -
such as those hinted at in the
dispatch of Jan 7 last - and
no means even of developing traffic.

We will of course take charge
of the works as Imperial - just
as we have charge of the whole
of the river below the works - and
will discharge the trust to the
best of our ability - It is said
indeed that if the works be made
Provincial there would be less friction
& greater freedom but this need be so

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source of apprehension - an official
cally is financial not admini-
strative - It is also pointed
out that if the ~~Imperial~~ works con-
tinue Imperial the local govt will
pay no part or will not be able
to pay them that at the other end
be remunerated - It he must
simply satisfy ourselves &
then before we expand Provincial
Funds - we cannot think the latter
where we would not risk the
former - The past history of these
works should make us cautious
how we accept ~~and~~ ~~admin~~ them, ~~where~~

their better the limitations - the
 know what for the business
 was brought to bear on the
 Indian side when the work
 was started - the same way
 he revised at any time - I
 think we may find by the
 present being ^{again} saddled with
 a work, ~~which~~ which has formed
 a failure - without the means
 of making it a success.

L.S.

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How any good can be expected from this office.

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It is quite evident that the Govt
 of India has no intention of giving
 15 lakhs to complete the work - they
 merely propose to hand over the in-
 complete work to this Govt. and leave
 to us all responsibility & popular
 odium connected with their retention
 in that form - of constituting them Pro-
 vincial - the revenues are at
 present nil. and there is every
 probability - that in some future ad-
 judgment of accounts we shall find
 ourselves charged with interest for
 some time of the kind.

We therefore shall gain ab-
 solutely nothing by the transfer other
 than can be no doubt that the ac-
 ceptance may endanger our
 Provincial funds.

Therefore agree with Mr. [unclear]
 that we should not accept
 the work as Provincial - at-

all events in some years & come
when they have assumed a
safe shape
26/10 MB?

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~~I do not think it is possible~~
~~to say that we can do more than~~
~~provide for the maintenance of~~
~~the public works.~~

I do not think we can lose by taking over
the work as "Provincial" that, is by
receiving from the S. I. a fixed annual
sum (being that which ^{they would} ~~we~~ have cost for
the maintenance, & crediting ourselves
with the receipts on their account.

~~But~~ either they are, or they are
not remunerated. If they are, they

profitable than is seen in our Provincial
 roads. If they are set, we lose nothing, ~~help~~
~~fallen into~~ it cannot well lose because
 the capital furnished to them ^{without interest} by B. ^A ~~term~~
 set to be an unprofitable investment.
 as the other hand it is an advantage so far as
 it goes to have the disposal of the money. Suppose
 it were added to our Provincial grant under the
 head of "Communications" or "Miscellaneous"; and if
 we found the expenditure profitable, we might
 employ it as some other object of expenditure.

The letter of the 1st is not particularly intelligible. ~~They~~ ^{cannot} ~~report~~ of course report as of the 15th last in question for Provincial Board. and the letter amounts to a record of the ^{as Provincial} ~~as~~ ~~over~~ the & maintenance of the "Barriers Act"; and ~~it~~ ~~is~~ not

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His reference to
 the correspondence
 may finally assist
 I am directed to
 state that the first
 hull, under the
 circumstances,
 should be for the
 continual
 retention of the
 capture for many
 weeks - i. e. the first
 barrier to reach
 to the border of
 the primary district,
 as I understand. The
 measure put in to
 readily undertake
 the necessary

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A copy of the report of the
will ref: to letter of 8 Oct.

seen 12/17/12

of the se works, under
the control and
at the expense of
the Supreme Court
just as they are
~~the~~ Imperial
Waters all over the
Presidency.

The pot of Madras
cannot apply to
the maintenance
or extension or im-
provement of these
any sum whatever
in case of the
sum - whatever it
may be - that the
Supreme Court may
allow for these
purposes. The Law

It seems that the
university is
the

does not allow of
Local Funds being
expended out of
the circles in which
they are raised. The
I. F. of the Presidency
is already insuffi-
cient for the re-
quirements of that
District. The Pro-
vincial assignment
for communication
was fixed with re-
ference to the
to the wants of the
Presidency - is in-
adequate for them
& consequently can
not be diverted.
There is the in-
crease from whence
this pot can derive
funds for the Presidency

Wills than the
sum transferred
with them. By a
"Com" from the Ch.
Comd. the p^{re}sum
that the p^{re}sum for
1874/5 is Rs. 30000.
viz. Rs. 8000 for
Wills & Rs. 22000 for
Establishment. As
of the first sum the
functions of the Chief
Comd. up to 30 June
last amount Rs. 6564,
leaving only Rs. 1436
available for the re-
maining nine months
of the official year.
The allowance is in-
deed a minimum
one. The charge for
Establishment is

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pt. on C. P. Lumbail
Mr Budget 1874/5. 1/11.

disproportionately
large but the Chief
Comd. has informed
the p^{re}sum of India that
it is not capable
of any material
reduction for the
reasons are simple
the charge is ex-
tra & contains in-
portant works. This
p^{re}sum may be a he to
utilize the establish-
ment in the Indian
challenger India, but
little ^{money} saving can be
expected, owing to
the situation of the
works and their char-
acter as described
by the Chief Comd. The
establishment
has been yielded by

the work is seen to
be real - for even
"the trifling receipt
from Water - rents"
are to be entered
in the period. The
receipts all added to
the sum of the
rents are under the
kindly name of
"rents to be paid"
contingent on ex-
tension of the
rents - which the
pet can have hope
to be able to obtain.
Col. Vane Dale re-
ports - & the various
reports of the Mayors
and the cities are not
encouraging as to

the probability of
any from the work
in their present
condition -

It is also thought
to be evident that
if the pet accept
the work as Provin-
cial, they have not
the means of under-
it even self - for
parting - but the
less remuneration.
Leaving such im-
provements as
Col. Vane Dale has
suggested for the ac-
cess of the franchise, it
will not be in
their power even to
open up the main.

portion of the river
to the first barrier
in a satisfactory
way - for this in
volves the purchase
and maintenance
of steamers for
which they have no
funds. Col. Brew-
ster states that
even the War Office
have been demanded
of the valuable ser-
vices they can
render. So that
this part runs it in
fact runs for some
in this respect also.
There is also the
question of the barrier
works & raising money

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during floods.

The first trustee
that has volunteered
to accept the work
on terms which
are absolutely excluded
of any thing being
done for its improve-
ment will not be
him under & took
it is acknowledged
to be financially
a failure - and
the first is naturally
averse to allowing
it under conditions
which render it
continuing & useless.

The trustees for the
rest, so far as the

put can be used
can be used for
- for a long time
but he equally
fulfilled by its

continuing the point
The put has as
a blue line as
to the "fiction" &
then can be used.

shows him that at
indicate 4 of the
the Western world
acknowledgment
and they would
be as the the
there could be some
thing as ourselves
in the clearing them

like the exclusive applica-
tion of the assignment to
the purpose of maintenance
of the work will be assured

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each of the river
Provincial - which
all the rest of it
in the its ancient
channel is now
perish.

The put are also
very a few lines
that because it
has a the be brought
to be as the
for the in the
of the - ^{note} it
they will be
there is the only
in the history & that
under any cir-
cumstances they
will be expected
to the report of

If however the
 of it still con-
 sider it desirable
 in the interests of
 the Empire that
 the work should
 be treated as a
 Provincial one,
 the final will be ac-
 cepted it as such
 if an assurance

I do not think I trust the
 spirit of America as much as it used to be. What I fear
 is the force of English & British opinion & influence in
 the shape of money, which has not the same effect as it
 used to have. It is not the same as it was in 1840.

I think this
 paper is false
 that the S. Hays
 was in the camp
 of Bent & are
 at the other
 end of the river
 in Council Bluffs
 It is said in the
 paper that there
 are cotton
 & wool
 & other
 goods
 & that the
 cotton is
 from the
 cotton
 & that the
 wool is
 from the
 wool
 & that the
 other goods
 are from the
 other goods

be formally con-
veyed to this put
to its liability
in connection with
the notes & their
navigation is limited
by the assignment
made in the then
and the net benefits
derived - of which
one account will
be kept & submitted.
The final trust to that
the pub: put will
not ~~be~~ ^{with-hold} ~~the~~ ^{the}
security
again to cross the
mind understanding
I am & we all want
here a the

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