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Read the following papers :—

No 540 A. From G. S. SAGE, Esq, District Engineer, South Arcot, to Lieutenant Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Cuddalore, 15th February 1875, No. 240.

I HAVE the honor, to forward copy of letter No. 576, of 13th February 1875, from Officer No 3 Range, on the subject of the Pelandorai Anicut Work.

2. From this it will be observed that from the current year's allotment of Rupees 20,000, Rupees 19,174-2-2 have been spent up to the date of the letter, and that a sum of Rupees 11,050 is required to complete the project (exclusive of the storage project) by the end of March next, and bring it in readiness for the next irrigation season.

3. It is not certainly advisable to stop the work at present, the best working season, the Range Officer has, therefore, been instructed to push on with the same and complete it.

4. On the statement of the Range Officer, I reported in No. 110, of 14th October 1874, that no additional grant was required for the project for this year. As all the accounts connected with the project were taken away by the Deputy Controller, the Range Officer was not then in a position to state exactly what amount was required; these accounts have been only lately returned, and the required comparative statement is under preparation and will very probably be sent up in a fortnight. The great delay in the preparation of this statement and the loss of several good working months were solely due to the absence of the accounts in question.

5. Considering the importance of the completion of the project without any further delay, and the inadvisability of stopping it in its present state, I have the honor to request that the additional sum applied for in the accompanying letter be allotted at once.

From R. E. NORFOR, Esq, Executive Engineer, No. 3 Range, South Arcot, to G. S. SAGE, Esq, District Engineer, South Arcot, dated Virdachellum, 13th February 1875, No. 576.

In continuation of my No. 561, of the 6th instant, and your reply thereto, No. 1,721, of the 9th February 1875, I have the honor to inform you that of the allotment of Rupees 20,000 granted in the current budget for the Pelandorai Anicut Works, a sum of Rupees 19,174-2-2 has been expended up to this date, and there remains only a small balance, Rupees 825-13-10, and this is found to be insufficient to complete the works in connection with this project.

2. I have only a few days ago received from the Controller's Office the accounts and papers belonging to this work, and I am now engaged in compiling a clear statement of work and expenditure in each sub-head up to date, which will also show what has still to be done and the estimated cost of work to be done in excess of estimate and grant. The whole of the accounts from 1871 have to be thoroughly gone into in order to compile a statement such as could be submitted to Government, and is necessarily a duty entailing much labor and time. I hope, however, in ten days or a fortnight to send this up to you in a complete shape, but in the meanwhile I am at a loss to know what is to be done to meet expenditure up to the end of the current official year in excess of allotment, especially as in G. O., No. 2,124, of 27th August 1874, it would appear no further grant is likely to be available. It could never do to stop the work now as this is the best working season, and by pushing on now the work will be fully completed by the end of next month and in readiness for the next irrigation season.

3 I roughly estimate that a sum of Rupees 14,050 in the aggregate will be required to complete the following works —

	Rs
1 Anicut ..	1,400
2 Main Canal	6,700
3 Head Sluice	100
4. Branch Channels	700
5 Subsidiary Masonry Works	3,100
6 Flood Banks	1,550
Sundries	100
Total	14,050

4 These figures are only rough approximations, the comparative statement now under preparation will be sent in as soon as I can possibly manage to get it ready.

5 The report on the Kattumyhan Project is also under preparation. Registers have had to be prepared from the commencement of the work to completion, but all is now done, and I shall have this off my hands too in a week or so I hope.

No. 247.

No. 540 B. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

In September last District Engineers were requested to state their requirements for the current year as regards funds for Local Public Works, and the result was reviewed and the necessary orders were passed in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 3,535, of the 19th December 1874.

2. At that time the District Engineer, South Arcot, reported that no alteration in the grant of Rupees 20,000 for the Pelandorai Anicut works would be required, but he now states that Rupees 14,050 additional will be needed to enable the works to be got ready for the approaching irrigation season; that, if this sum be made available, the project will be complete, with the exception of the additional storage arrangements not yet sanctioned, and that he has authorized the Range Officer to go on with the work as it would be extremely unadvisable to stop it in its present state.

3. It is said that the absence of the accounts, which were in the Controller's Office, from the range, led to the mistake as to the funds really needed for expenditure in this year; but it is not clear how there could have been any doubt as to the amount of the grant and the progress of expenditure, or much room for misapprehension as to the extent of work remaining to be done, seeing that the Range Officer had been connected with the project from the beginning.

4. Information is not at the moment* available as to whether there are likely to be savings elsewhere to cover the additional expenditure in South Arcot, but it is probable that the expenditure in the Eastern Delta, Godavery, will fall somewhat short of the allotment, and it is certain that the total outlay of the Presidency will be less than the original grant, though perhaps not less than this as reduced by the surrender made in the Proceedings of December last.

5. According to the Budget Estimate of 1874-75, the computed expenditure up to 1873-74 added to the grant for the current year would exhaust the entire

* Rupees 20,000 since surrendered from Tinnevelly

sanction for the project, and consequently the further expenditure will be in excess of sanction and in excess also of the additional percentage which can be sanctioned without reference to the Government of India. A full report was long since called for, and it is stated that the comparative statement was expected to be ready by the end of February.

6. Under the circumstances it appears to be advisable to authorize the completion of the works at once rather than to risk a postponement of the opening of the canal for irrigation In the Budget of 1875-76 Rupees 20,000 have been entered for the project, but this allotment will not be needed if the project be finished by the 31st March.

CAMP, KALLIGHERRY, (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
5th March 1875. *Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

No. 549-C. ORDER THEREON, 22nd March 1875, No. 808-A.

IRRIGATION, No. 37A.

In October, Rupees 20,000.
" February " 34,050

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that so remarkable an error in the estimate of the expenditure on the Pelandorai Anicut works in the current year is not capable of explanation merely by the circumstance that the project accounts were absent from the range, and it would seem that the Range Officer omitted to take note of the progress which the work was making and of the quantity which it would be practicable to complete up to the end of the year, an omission which, seeing that a special reference was made on the subject, is the less excusable.

2. It is reported that the anicut and channels can be completed by the 31st March next, and that irrigation from the latter can thus be secured in the season about to commence, and the amount Rupees 14,050 required will be provided from the sum of Rupees 20,000 surrendered by the District Engineer, Tinnevelly, from the grant for the Streeviguntum Anicut Project.

3. The report on the excess expenditure on this project should be submitted without further delay

4 Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be transmitted to the Government of India for the confirmation of the transfer of Rupees 14,050 made in paragraph 2 above.

(True Extract)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 549-D (DOCKET No. 808-B, dated 22nd March 1875.)

COPY of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Government.

Ed S T. Austin.
Spare Copies

No 576. No 3 Range Office Ltd
Vindachellum 13th February 1875.

From.

The Executive Engineer
No 3 Range, N.C.

To.

The Dist. Engineer
South Circle.

Sir.

In continuation of my
No 561 of the 6th inst and your reply
thereto No 1721 of the 9th February 75 I
have the honor to inform you that of the
allotment of Rs 2000 granted in the
Current Budget for the Polonnaruwa
Ancient works a sum of Rs 1974-2-2
has been expended up to this date and
there remains only a small balance
Rs 825-13-10 and this is found to be in-
sufficient to complete the works in con-
nection with this Project.

I have only a few days ago re-
ceived from the Controller's Office the ac-
counts and papers belonging to this work
and I am now engaged in compiling a
clear statement of work and expenditure
in each sub head up to date which will

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also show what has still to be done, and the estimated cost of work to be done in excess of estimate & grant — the whole of the accounts from 1871 down to date thoroughly gone into in order to compile a statement such as could be submitted to Government and is necessarily a duty entailing much labor and time: I hope however in 10 days or a fortnight to send this up to you in a complete shape, but in the meanwhile I am at a loss to know what is to be done to meet expenditure up to the end of the current official year in excess of allotment as in G.O. No 2421 of 27 August 74 there would appear no further grant is likely to be available — It could never do to stop the work now as this is the best working season and by pushing on now the work will be fully completed by the end of next month and, in readiness for the next irrigation season.

I roughly estimate that a sum of Rs 14052 in the aggregate will be required to complete the following works.

1. Anicut — Rs 1,400
2. Main canal Rs 6,700
3. Head sluice Rs — 600
4. Branch channels — 300
5. Subsidiary Masonry works } 3,100
6. Flood banks — 1,850
   Sundries — 100
   Total Rs 14,050.

These figures are only rough approximations, the Comparative statement now under preparation will be sent in as soon as I can possibly manage to get it ready.

The Report on the Kattamylore Project is also under preparation. Registers have had to be prepared from the commencement of the work to completion, but all is now done and I shall have this off my hands to a week or so I hope.

I have &c.

/signed/ R. E. Morgan
Executive Engineer.
No 3 Range S.A.

/True Copy/

D P W
South Arcot

No 240

District Engineer's Office

Camp Cuddalore

Dated 15th Feby 1875.

From

The District Engineer

South Arcot

To

The Chief Engineer

for Irrigation.

Enclosures

1 Copy of letter.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward copy of letter No 576 of 13th February 1875 from Officer No 3 Range on the subject of the Palamdoraie Anicut work.

2- From this it will be observed that from the current years allotment of Rupees 20,000, Rupees 19174-2-2 have been spent upto the date of the letter and that a sum of Rupees 11,050 is required to complete the project estimate of the Storage project by the end of March next and bring it in readiness for the next irrigation season.

3 It is not certainly advisable to stop the work at present the best working season, the Range Officer has therefore been instructed to push on with the same and complete it-

4. On the Statement of the Range Officer, I reported under No 119 of 11th October 1874 that

no

no additional grant was required for the project for this Year. As all the accounts connected with the project were taken away by the Deputy Controller, the Range Officer was not then in a position to state exactly what amount was required; these accounts have been only lately returned and the required comparative Statement is under preparation and will very probably be sent up since fortnight. The great delay in the preparation of this Statement and the loss of several good working months were solely due to the absence of the accounts in question.

5. Considering the importance of the completion of the project without any further delay, and the inadvisability of stopping it in its present state, I have the honor to request that the additional sum applied for in the accompanying letter be allotted at once.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
[signature]
District Engineer

To Govt. No 25. 5th Mar 75.

SOUTH ARCOT D P W

From The District Engineer South Arcot

No 325

To The Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Dated 15th
Despatched 15th } February 1875
Received 18th

No 316
Enclosure 1 Copy letter

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Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter requesting that a sum of Rs 14050 be granted for the completion of the Palandoray Project by the addition of the storage reservoir of the Project.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
[illegible]
District Engineer
South Arcot

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No. 25.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

In September last District Engineers were requested to state their requirements for the current year as regards funds for Loan Fund works, and the result was received and the necessary orders were passed in Proceedings Madras Government, No. 3585 of the 19th December 1874.

2. At that time the District Engineer South Arcot, reported that no alteration in the grant of Rupees 20,000 for the Pelandoray Anicut works would be required, but he now states that Rupees 14,050 additional will be needed to enable the works to be got ready for the approaching irrigation season, that, if this sum be made available, the project will be complete, with the exception of the additional storage arrangement

arrangements not yet sanctioned, and that he has authorized the Range Officer to go on with the work as it would be extremely undesirable to stop it in its present state.

3 It is said that the absence of the accounts, which were in the Controller's Office, from the Range, led to the mistake as to the funds really needed for expenditure in this year, but it is not clear how there could have been any doubt as to the amount of the grant and the progress of expenditure, or much room for misapprehension as to the extent of work remaining to be done, seeing that the Range Officer had been connected with the project from the beginning.

4 Information is not at the moment available as to whether there are likely to be savings elsewhere to cover the additional expenditure in North Arcot, but it is probable that the expenditure

* Rs 20000 since surrendered from Timinelly

expenditure on the Eastern Delta, Godavery will fall somewhat short of the allotment, and it is certain that the total outlay of the Presidency will be less than the original grant, though perhaps not less than this as reduced by the surrenders made in the Proceedings of December last.

5 According to the Budget estimate of 1874-75 the computed expenditure up to 1875-76 added to the grant for the current year would exhaust the entire sanction for the project, and consequently the further expenditure will be in excess of sanction and in excess also of the additional percentage which can be sanctioned without reference to the Government of India. A full report regarding the estimate is called for, and it is stated that the comparative statement now expected to be ready by the end of February

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6 Under the circumstances it appears to be advisable to authorize the completion of the works at any rather than to risk a postponement of the opening of the Canal for irigation. In the Budget of 1875-76 Rupees 20,000 have been entered for the project, but this allotment will not be exceeded if the project be finished by the 31st March.

Camp at Kallighurry 6.15.3.76.

Lieut Colonel R.H. Lieut Colonel R.H. Chief Engr for Irrigation

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 5th March 1875 Rec'd 8th March 1875 No 2538 - 2424.

Q. P. No 1875 Dept 6 Sept 1708.

From Lieut Colonel R.H. Lyons Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Dated 5th March 1875 Received 13th March 1875 No 2557-

Subject Estimate for Works on the Pelandorai Anicut.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from the Superintending Engineer Trichinopoly Circle, No 24 dated 27th February 1875 with its enclosure from the Executive Engineer Trichinopoly Division, No 24 dated 22nd February 1875 on the subject noted in the margin.

2. I have the honor to request that the Government will be pleased to sanction the estimate for the works proposed in the letter from the Executive Engineer.

3. The estimate is for Rupees 20,000 and the expenditure will be charged to the Budget Head "Irrigation Works" Minor Head "Anicuts".

I have &c

(Signed) R. H. Lyons Lieut Colonel

Chief Engr for Irrigation

Camp at Kallighurry 6.15.3.76.

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

READ the following:—

From The Chief Engr for Irrigation (4 Encls No 2579 dated 5th March 1875) & Ord. No 808 A dy 22nd March 1875.

His Excellency the Governor in Council considers that the remarkable increase in the estimate of expenditure on the Pelandorai Anicut works in the current year is not capable of explanation merely by the circumstance that the project account were absent from the Range and it would seem that the Range Officer omitted to take note of the progress

In October 20000 Rupees
February 34050 "

which the work was making
and of the quantity which
it would be practicable to
complete up to the end of
the year, an omission
which, seeing that a spe-
cial reference was made
on the subject, is the less
excusable.

2 It is reported that
the Orient and channels
can be completed by the
31st March next, and that
irrigation from the latter
can thus be secured in the
season about to commence
and the amount Rs 11,050
required will be provided
from the sum of Rs 20,000
surrendered by the District
Engineer, Sinnevelly from
the grant for the ensuing

Orient Project-

3 The report on the expen-
diture on this project
should be submitted
without further delay.

4- Ordered that a copy
of these Proceedings be trans-
mitted to the Government
of India for the confirma-
tion of the transfer of
Rs 11,050 mentioned in para 2
above-

Ans[wer]

Docket No 37-

Copy of the above for
warded to the Govt of
India Disp. 5-4-76

To The Dt Engr South Arcot ~~Dist dated 22-3-76~~
" Chief Engr for Irrn
Collector of Mad
D.E. Sinnevelly

Disp. 5-4-76

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Govt. of India.

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To
Exr. Engineer
Sixth Circt.
Belgaum

Dated 22nd March 1902.

Sir,

In forwarding (in duplicate) the Estimate for completing the Bhandoras Project, I have the honour to request that the sum of Rs 20000 may be provided by the Dist. Engr. Kanara, separately from the grant for the Bhandoras Project.

Estimate for completing the Bhandoras Project.

Head Dist. Rs

Sum required for the completion of the Project to be provided from the sum of Rs 20000 hereby ordered by the Dist. Engr. Kanara, separately from the grant for the Bhandoras Project.

Rs. 549a-549d