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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th November 1876. No. 3,043.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 227. From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 11th October 1876, No. 117.

In reference to your memorandum, No. 1,254, dated the 19th August 1876, I have the honor to bring to your notice that, in the final issue of the Irrigation Budget since received, there are no deductions from the amount granted in the Preliminary Budget for the following works:—

Budget Item.	Work.	Allotment.
	IRRIGATION.	RS.
	ORDINARY.	
	Miscellaneous.	
298	Improving right embankment of Pennair from Narasimacondah to Nellore tank	28,200
299	Do. do. anicut to sea	19,500
	Total ...	47,700

And I request to be informed if the Budget cancels the reduction of Rupees 10,000 and Rupees 5,000 respectively, made in your order under reference from the allotments for those works.

2. In regard to the reduction of Rupees 250 from item 28 of the Provincial Budget, (land to be enclosed within the compound wall of the station-house at Nellore,) I have the honor to point out that, if this sum is withdrawn, the allotments for the proposed latrine* and compound wall should be withdrawn also, because the latter works cannot be carried out if the land is not purchased.

There is great difficulty in getting possession of this land, the matter is in the hands of the Collector, and it is probable that the provisions of Act X of 1870 must be enforced in regard to it. I believe, however, that possession of the land may be obtained in time to have the buildings completed before the end of the official year, and I recommend that the original allotment for the purchase of the land be allowed to hold good.

3. In regard to the reduction of Rupees 50,000 in the allotment for the East Coast Canal, I beg to draw your attention to the Progress Report of that work for the month of September. The monthly expenditure on that work has increased from 6,000 or 7,000 Rupees a-month in the beginning of the year to about 15,000 in the past month, and, if funds are available, the monthly expenditure can be increased to much more than it is at present. The unspent balance, Rupees 48,500, of the reduced allotment will be quite spent by the end of December, and this is allowing for occasional stoppages during the monsoon months; so that, if a further grant is not made, we will have to stop work in about two months from the present time.

4. There are now about 5,000 men on the canal, and, owing to the want of rain and floods and consequent want of employment in cultivation, the numbers of people seeking employment on the canal are daily increasing. Should the canal work be stopped as it must be if more funds are not granted for it, I do not know what is to become of these people, they will probably seek "relief" work from the Collector; but there is no work in this district on which they can be so conveniently or profitably employed as on the canal, and I beg you will urge upon Government the desirability of granting more money for this important work.

5. For similar reasons, I beg that the original allotments for the Pennair flood banks may not be reduced. The work is a most necessary one, and, from its nature and position, it is well adapted for the employment of those classes, young and old, who have no other means of employment, and probably subsistence at present.

6. To revert to the subject of the East Coast Canal, I may mention that by a slight detour by backwater round the Kistnapatam road, which is not yet cut through in the line of the canal, it is open for traffic for a continuous distance of 13 miles north of the Kundalairoo, and, if funds are forthcoming, we can probably get boats through to the Pennair before the end of the official year.

No. 228. From the same Officer, dated Nellore, 1st November 1876, No. 128.

I BEG to draw immediate attention to my letter, No. 117, dated the 11th ultimo.

2. By the failure of the usual early floods in June and July and the failure so far of the north-east monsoon, thousands of people who would otherwise be employed in cultivation are seeking employment on Public Works.

3. There are over 3,000 people employed on the Pennair south bank, and employment has to be refused for want of money to many others who offer themselves for work. Out of the reduced allotments for this work, vide your No. 1,254, dated 19th August 1876, there is about Rs. 5,500 remaining unexpended, and of this sum Rupees 1,500 is due for work already done. So that there is actually only Rs. 4,000 available. This will be worked out in ten days time, and then the 3,000 people now employed will, if no more money is granted, be without employment.

4. I inspected last week the portion of the East Coast Canal now in progress. The number of people employed on that work is over 7,000, which shows an increase of about 2,000 in the last month. The number is increasing daily, people flocking to the work from the western taluqs, there is a large gang even from the Cuddapah district, and, as I have decided to employ for the present every person who comes to the canal for work; there will be at the end of this month probably 10,000 people employed on it.

5. The unexpended balance of the 1 lakh Budget allotment is about Rs. 1,000; there is about Rupees 8,000 worth of unfinished work to be paid for, which leaves only Rupees 25,000 for current expenditure, and this sum will probably be worked out before the end of this month.

6. There are probably 4,000 people employed on ordinary irrigation works all over the district; there was only Rupees 6,000 of the grant unexpended at the beginning of October, and I believe I have not now a farthing left to continue the works.

7. The state of affairs in regard to these works is attributable to the difference in the preliminary and final Budget grants, and to unexpected charges being debited to this head of service. I have explained it to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and am anxiously waiting for orders; in the mean time my hands are tied, and the works must be stopped forthwith.

8. No doubt, the Collector is keeping Government informed of the state of the district, but I may mention to you that it is threatened with a fearful crisis. There is no famine yet; but there is want and distress, and the thousands of idle persons who are moving about unoccupied and probably hungry, give great cause for alarm in regard to the peace of the country and the protection of property. I believe there is sufficient food in the district for one and a half or two years local consumption, but it is being exported every day by land and sea, and cannot be procured in the local markets but in small quantities and at famine prices. The contractors on the Coast Canal have had to bring grain from Madras, while grain is being almost daily exported from the villages in the neighbourhood of the work.

9. I earnestly beg of you to urge upon Government the immediate necessity of making the following additional grants to the under-mentioned works:—

	Rs.
East Coast Canal	50,000
Pennair flood banks	15,000
Ordinary Agricultural Works	20,000
Total ...	85,000

10. If this money is not granted at once, about 20,000 organized work-people who are now working satisfactorily will have to be disbanded, and for peace and humanity's sake they will have to be employed elsewhere on relief works, and I need not say that it will be an advantage in every way to keep them where they are.

11. I have not one moment to lose in arranging to stop or to go on with the works I have mentioned, and I therefore beg of you to let me know by telegram what I am to do.

No. 229. Telegram from the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, to the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 3rd November 1876.

INCREASE of your grants for canal flood tanks Ordinary Agricultural, sanctioned.

No. 230. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 4th November 1876, No. 1,572.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd November 1876, Mis. No. 9,386.

Read the following telegram from the Collector of Nellore, dated 2nd November 1876.

"PLEASE urge Government to give District Engineer more money as asked for Pennairembankment, or four thousand people will be thrown out of employ in ten days."

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th November 1876. No. 3,043.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

The Board trust that funds may be found for Public Works in Nellore.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, as the matter appears to be under consideration in that department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. B. GRIGG,
Ag. Under Secy. to Govt.

No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1876, No. 3,043.

IRRIGATION, No. 18.

RECORDED, with reference to Chief Engineer's memorandum, No. 1,602, of 4th November, and telegram of same date.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

No. 117

District Engineer's Office,
Nellore 11th October 1876.
Sup. 13 00

From,

J. C. Channarayana Esquire,
District Engineer of Nellore
Major-General B. G. H. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer, S.W.
Fort St. George.

Sir,

In reference to your memorandum No. 1254 dated the 19th August 1876, I have the honor to bring to your notice that in the final issue of the Irrigation Budget since received there are no deductions from the amount granted in the Preliminary Budget for the following works.

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* Provincial Budget
Item No. 28
G.O. No. 1610 of 1907
June 1876
Latrine Rs. 580
Compound Wall - 3465

There is great difficulty in getting possession of this land, the matter is in the hands of the Collector, and it is probable that the provisions of Act X of 1870 must be enforced in regard to it. I believe however that possession of the land

may be obtained in time to have the buildings completed before the end of the Official Year, and I recommend that the original allotment for the purchase of the land be allowed to hold good.

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There is no objection to the interest being cancelled on grounds of the work being

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I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant,

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District Engineer.

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P.W.D.
16 OCT 76
No 7125

Ch R No 1602 of 3 Nov 1876
Dated 11 Oct 1876
Supd 13 do
Recd 15 do
The District Engineer
The Chief Engineer
Sd 23/7
Sd 23/7
Sd 23/7

Reconstruction of alluvial
- regarding the canal - on
the case of the East Coast
and also certain other
works mentioned.

G.O. 72 June 76 No 1410.
Ch Engrd memo No 1121 16 Oct 76
En. 11.10.76 No 2729
Memo: No 12528 19/8/76.

No 227-

Ch 2-11-76

No 128. 10/2/76
From,
District Engineer's Office
Nellore 17 November 1876.
J. O. Shaughnessy Esquire,
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Rs. 55000
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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

P. Whangpung,
District Engineer

P.W.D.

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From N 7971

The District Engineer
Sellore

To The Chief Engineer
S.W.
Fort St George.

Dated 1 November 1876
Recd

No 128

Ch No 1616 d/4 Nov 1876
Recorded with refer-
ence to Memo. No.
1602 of 20 Nov; & the
following Telegram
sent - "Increase of your
grants for Canal - Flood
Banks - Ordinary Agricul-
tural - Sanitation - ~~etc~~
- Additional grant for
Urgent application for

D. E. Sellore
C. E. for Luv
Rev & Dep

No 13 in continuation of Revenue Dept
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue dated 2 November 1876
this: N 9386.

Read the following telegram
from the Collector of Sellore, dated 2 November
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"embankment or four thousand people will
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Submitted for the orders of Govern-
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(True copy & Extract)
1876 D. E. Stokes

Order thereon 4 November 1876 N 1572

Communicated to the
Public Works Department, as the matter
appears

Telegram
to D. E. Sellore - Dated 30 November 1876.

Increase of your grants for Canal &
Flood Banks & Ordinary Agricul-
tural & Sanitation.

W. H. M.
Ch.

N 228

appears to be under consideration in
that Department. Includes also a copy of the
understanding of the same.

True Extract

[Signature]

A. Under Secretary to Gov.

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P.W.D.

NOV 76

No. 7988

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Revenue Department

Dated 4th November 1876

1872

Communicating a
Telegram from the Collector of
Mellore, requesting to allot
more money to District Eng^r
for Pennair embankment.
No 3043 d/13 Nov/76. Recd
Recorded with re-
ference to Ch. Engrs
Memo No 1602 of
4th Nov, & telegram
of same date.

G.M.W.
6.11

Dr. Nellare ✓
C. E. for Engr ✓
Rev. Dep. ✓

Depd - 17-11-76

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Govt. of 1876 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The N. E. Mellore

Dated

Issued

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 18th Nov 1876, No. 3043

Nos. 227/31

South bank of the
Perrin, ^{river} ~~bank~~ ~~with~~ ~~bank~~
Mellore Dist. - Progs. Rev.
Dept. Commg. Telipam.
the Collector requesting to
allot more money to the
~~bank~~ towards the
repairs of the

18-11-76

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