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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th November 1876. No. 3,044.*

No. 232. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Revenue Department, dated 7th November 1876, No. 1,598 :—

ABSTRACT.—*Funds for Pennair Embankment and East Coast Canal.*—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the subject of placing — at the disposal of the District Engineer.

No. 233. ORDER THEREON, 14th November 1876, No. 3,044.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 18-A.

RECORDED in continuation of G.O.,
No. 3,043, dated the 13th November 1876.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Engineer will be exhausted at the end of this

Revenue Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 4th November 1876, on letter from
the Ag. Collector of Mellore, dated
2nd November 1876, N^o 3057.

I have the honor to ask that
the Board will be good enough to request
the Government (in the Public Works
Department) to place at the disposal of
the District Engineer the money he
requires both for the Penuier Embank-
ment and for the East Coast Canal.

2. As regards the former work,
I have already telegraphed to you this day.
Upon it, employment is being given to
some 4000 workpeople and the present
allotment will be spent in about 10 days,
so that if the Government do not grant
the District Engineer the money he has
asked for viz. Rs. 15,000, the above large
number of persons will be out of employ-
claiming for work & in need of food.

3. As regards the East Coast Canal
as the Government have recently withdrawn
half a lac of Rupees out of the allotment
made by them in this year for the work,
the funds now at the disposal of the District
Engineer will be exhausted at the end of

this month. As I mentioned in my letter No. 2948 of the 24th ultimo the District Engineer is giving all the work he can upon these important projects; some 7500 people are at present employed on it & the number is increasing at the rate of 500 per week, so that it is expected the total number of employees may shortly reach 10,000.

4. Some 4000 people are also employed on irrigation works in different parts of the District, the allotments for which will be shortly expended. These works have been giving employment to people throughout the country at or near their own villages.

5. The stopping of the Punnair Embankment & East Coast Canal works will not only be a matter for extreme regret as regards the importance of the works in themselves as a subject which I need not press at length upon the notice of the Board, but will cause risk of a most serious calamity in the depriving of some 10,000 to 14,000 people of the means of earning a subsistence in this time of general dearth of employment, a part from Public Works, and not only of high prices, but of difficulty in purchasing grain from the smallness of the supply which is offered for sale. On the East Coast Canal a great deal of work is done by petty contract with well-to-do

peasants who pay their coolies in kind from their own stocks of grain or, as in one instance, at any rate, import it from Madras for the purpose of disbursement. Some four or five hundred of the work people have come from Cuddapah; attracted by the prospect of employment, & large bodies of them are from the western Taluqs of this District. On the grounds of humanity and of the risk of starvation, and riot, I cannot but dread the possibility of these thousands of people suddenly deprived of their livelihood pouring into Bellare, clamouring for work & frightening the bazaar men by their mere presence.

6. Already the Municipality of Bellare¹⁴³ is employing some 200 people upon what is practically a relief work & I have found it necessary to open up other work in the vicinity of the town to give employment to some 800 more & very many were turned away from the works yesterday. We have therefore, no means of ordinary employment for people about Bellare. I subjoin a resolution of the Municipal Commissioners passed at their last meeting on this subject.

^{on the 24th ultimo} Resolved that the Local Fund Board & Government be addressed on the subject of opening up some road with the neighbourhood of Bellare town, as a relief to the Bellare coolies & to those attracted to it. They consider it inadvisable to attract crowds

crowds of coolies on work in the town itself"
 7. Under these circumstances, I doubt not that the Board will see fit to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity for supplying the District Engineer with the funds he has been asking for for the Pennair Embankment & the extension of the East Coast Canal.

P.W.D.
 BMV75
 No 8058

Revenue Dept.
 dated 7th November 1876
 No 1598

Submitted for the favorable consideration & orders of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, 2nd November 1876 Min. No 9386. It would be much to be regretted were the large works referred to by the Collector to be stopped for want of funds at the present time.

Order thereon, 7 November 1876 No 1598
 Communicated to the Public Works Department in continuation of G. O. dated 4th November 1876 No 1572.

(True Extract)

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No 232

Secretary to Govt

To The Public Works Department

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 No 3044 Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 14 Nov/76
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Proceedings of Govt
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 dated the 13th November 1876

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 Chd. for Sec.
 Revenue Dept. Dec 30. 11. 76

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Govt. of Madras.

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To

The District Engineer
Madras.

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