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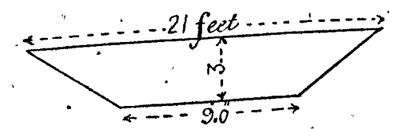
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No. 463. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 20th January 1877, No. 57 W :—

From J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Chief Engineer and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Kurnool, 16th January 1877, No. 4.

I HAVE the honor to say that a Mahomedan gentleman, Zicharrah Khan, formerly an extensive contractor for earthwork and bridges near Sultanpur in the 2nd secti on of main canal, informs me that the Nizam's Government are very anxious to find work suitable for employing labourers in large numbers in the Hyderabad territory in the neighourhood of the Kurnool District, with a view to preventing emigration in search of work on the relief works of the Madras Government ; and that no such suitable work can be found as the making of an irrigating channel of the section shown in the margin, from the north end of the Sunkesala anicut, for direct irrigation, and for filling tanks proposed to be constructed under it ; the river water to be taken only while the under-sluices are open or water is flowing over the anicut.



To this I see no objection provided it can be done without involving the Canal Company in any responsibility. The anicut has cost Rupees 5,43,204,* and was constructed for irrigating 200,000 acres of rice. Assuming the fall in the proposed channel to be a foot a-mile, and its irrigating power enough for 12,000 acres of rice, then 5 per cent. on the outlay divided equally between 200,000 and 12,000 would give 2 annas 9 pice an acre on the fair contribution for the cultivation under the new channel. This would involve less responsibility than a charge of Rupees 32,600, down, for the privilege of making the new channel, or than Rupees 1,630 a-year for using it.

* Executive cost, ... Rs. 4,07,403
Superintendence, &c. ... ... „ 1,35,801

The Khan proposed this channel several years ago, and some correspondence took place which did not then lead to a settlement of the matter. He desires to execute it.

As the new channel is not proposed for navigation, I consider it only in comparison with the cost of the present canal for irrigation, and therefore have not included any charge for the debenture debts. The head sluices of the channel should be closed and locked by the Company when water ceases to be available for it.

Capital spent ...	£ 350,000	£1,600,000	
Navigation ...	150,000		
Surveys elsewhere		500,000	
Cost of canal for Irrigation ...		£1,100,000	

I bring the matter to your notice in order that, should the scheme seem, on the face of it, practicable, you may do the Khan the favor of intimating through the proper channels what plans and guarantees will be required in order to obtain the permission of the Madras Government for the work, which is represented as very urgent.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th January 1877. *No.* 233.

SUBMITTED for the consideration and orders of Government.

The undersigned does not recommend the sanction of an offtake from the Soonkesala anicut in the Nizam's dominions, because although there may be no objection to water being drawn off where there is a superabundance, it would always be a very difficult matter to stop the supply and cause the loss of crops when all the water available might be needed for the Kistna and for the Kurnool canal.

2. The least objectionable arrangement would be the construction of a canal on the north side by the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company. It is perhaps not likely that the Company will propose such an arrangement.

3. The Nizam's minister has requested that lands of villages of that territory on the south side of the river may not be irrigated, and it is not desirable therefore to make a channel on the north side when existing facilities for irrigation are not availed of.

Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 147, dated 17th March 1874—(Revenue Department, G.O., No. 333, of 11th March 1874).

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 464. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1877, No. 238.

IRRIGATION, No. 51.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is not prepared to entertain favorably the proposal to cut an irrigation channel from the Soonkesala anicut on the north or left bank of the river.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Chief Engineer and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Revenue Dept

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated January 25th.

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Rcd. *Encl.*

G. O., 25th January 1877, No. 238.

JANUARY.

Nos. 463-464.

Relief Works in the Nizam's dominions.—The proposal to cut an irrigation channel from the Soonkesala anicut for —, declined.

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From

The Chief Engr. for Irrg.

Dated 20
Despd 20 } May. 1877

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N-57-W.

Relief Works in Nizam Dominions — Submits for orders Ch Engr's letter regarding — with suggestion that no sanction should be given for an off take from the Soonkesala Amount in the Nizam Dominions.

N. 463.

N. 57-W.

Encls.

Submitted for the consideration and orders of Government.

The undersigned does not recommend the sanction of an off take from the Soonkesala amount in the Nizam's dominions, because although there may be no objection to water being drawn off where there is a superabundance it would always be a very difficult matter to stop the supply and cause the loss of crops when all the water available might be needed for the Kistna and for the Kurnool Canal.

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P. W. Dept.

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P. W. G. No. 147 dated 27th March 1874 – (Revs. Dept. G.O. 333 of 11 March 74)

Fort St. George
20th January
1877.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
C. S. Lowndes Lieut. Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works dept

Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation No. 57 W dy 20th Jany 1877.

For orders

Sd/ with the
Chief Engineer –
RMK

C. S. Lowndes Lieut. Col. R. E.
Joint Secretary to Govt.
P. W. Dept.
GMK

M. R.

No 238 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 25 January 77

Read the following:—

Endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation
No 54/Ir, dated 20th January 1877.

His Grace the Governor in Council is not prepared to entertain favorably the proposal to cut an irrigation channel from the Soan Kesala anicut on the North or left bank of the river.

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C.E. for Irig. with 1 Encls ✓
C.E. & M.M.I.C.Co ✓
Revenue Dept ✓

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To The Chief Engr & Secy to Govt

Dated 26 Oct

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G. O., 25th Oct. 1877, No. 238

Nos. 463 - 464

Relief Works in the Nizam's Dominions — The proposal to cut an Irrigation Channel from the Soon Talab Anicut for — declined

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