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P.W.D.

DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

18th March 1878, No. 1,388 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 258.	From the Government of India, dated 31st Oct. 1877, No. 4,090.
No. 258-A.	" Acct.-Genl., Madras, " 5th Feb. 1878, " 1,406.
No. 258-B.	" " " " 27th " " " 1,504.

No. 259. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1878, No. 1,388 W.

ORDERED that the following reply be sent.

(Here enter No. 1,389 W, dated 18th March 1878.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.



GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of 1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 18th March 1878.

From

By

G. O. 1878 March 1878, No. 1,389 W.

MARCH

No. 258-260

Memorandum of the Government of India on the subject of the maintenance of the East Coast Canal for the repair and maintenance of the

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General
Account.

No. 1,389 W.

No. 260.

From

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,
Public Works Department,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Government of India in the Financial Department, No. 4,090, dated 31st October 1877, in which replying to my endorsement No. 327 W, dated 29th June 1877, it is stated that the question whether the cost for the repair and maintenance of the Vedarniem and East Coast Canals is properly debitable to Imperial or to Provincial or Local Funds must be decided on the principle laid down in Rule VI of the Financial Resolution No. 1,709, dated 22nd March 1877.

2. The principle referred to appears to be that a local Government is bound to accept any charge which would, under the system in force before 1871-72, have been recorded against it. Any doubt which is likely to arise in this matter must, it is stated, be solved by one test only, viz., "How would it (the charge) have been entered if it had occurred before 1871-72, when the powers and responsibilities of local Governments were first enlarged?"

3. Applying this principle it is certain that the charges now under reference would have been debited to "Petty Construction and Repair" under Imperial. As a matter of fact charges of this character were so debited. This has been ascertained by reference to the accounts of the Vedarniem and East Coast Canals for the five years previous to 1870-71, during which period the outlay on the Vedarniem Canal from Petty Construction and Repair Funds was Rupees 3,500, and that on the East Coast Canal from the same source Rupees 39,773.

4. Under these circumstances I am to request that the provision already made for these canals under Imperial may be allowed to stand.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

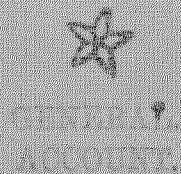
Your most obedient servant,

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Port St. George,
18th March 1878.

Edw. E. C. Shanker.

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Gobi. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY TO THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Dated March 1878.

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G. O. 15th March 1878, No. 1,200 W.

MARCH

No. 260.

Knows that the provision already made
for the Vedarneem and East Coast Canals
under Imperial may be allowed to stand.

No. 4090

1380

The Secretary to the Government of Madras
Public Works Department

Financial Report Sir,

With reference to your endorsement No. 327 W dated 29th June 1877 received in the Public Works Department I am directed to say that the question whether the cost for the repair and maintenance of ^{the} Vedarneem and East Coast Canals is properly debitable to Imperial or to Provincial or Local Funds must be decided upon the principle laid down in Rule 81 of Financial Resolution No. 1709 dated 22nd March 1877, and not upon the consideration stated by Colonel Foord vizt how far the Salt Department is or is not specially interested in these works.

2 I am therefore to enquire to what head of account the cost of these Canals has been charged in the past, and how the items of cost now under discussion would have

been changed before 1871-72

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant

Sindia
The 31 October 1877

W. W. Murphy
Asst. Secretary to the Govt. of India

Go. 29 June 1877 No 327. W
" 10 May " 89 W
" 9 " " 82 W.

Treasury
Account DEPARTMENT.

No. 1406

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office,
5th February 1878.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

TO THE Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

SIR,

With reference to your docket no 42321, dated 5th February 1877, I have the honor to report that the statements called for cannot be compiled, as replies from the Collectors of Tanjore and Chingleput have not been received. Reminders have been sent calling for the same, and on their receipt, the required statements will be furnished.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant

W. W. Murphy
Accountant General

Statement Shewing the expenditure on account of Vadaraniem
and East Coast Canal from Peltig Construction & Repair Funds
from 1866-67 to 1870-71

Year	Vadaraniem	East Coast Canal
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1866-67	"	22637 and
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1867-68	2000	17446 and
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1868-69	"	"
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1869-70	"	"
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1870-71	1500	and "
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Total	3500	and 39773 and
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W. B. Baker
Accountant General

DEPARTMENT

ACCTY GEN'L'S OFFICE, MADRAS.

No.

From

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, MADRAS.

To Mr. Secretary to Govt
Public Works Dept.

11006

1867/78

No. of ORDER.

Recd.
Amd.

Subject

Repayment of Vadaraniem
and East Coast Canal
Construction & Repair
Funds 1866-67 to 1870-71

11006

Treasury Account
DEPARTMENT

No. 1504

Fort Saint George,
Accountant General's Office.

27 February 1878.

FROM THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

TO THE Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

SIR,

With reference to your Memorandum
No. 4232 dated 3^d December 1877
I have the honor to forward the statement
of expenditure from Petty Construction
and Repair Funds and the Vedaranyam
East Coast Canal for the 5 years previous
to 1871-72 as required therein.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your obedient servant

J. P. W. L.

Accountant General

Enclosed

From the Asst. Secretary to the Government
of India No: 4090 dated 31st October 1897.

FOR ORDERS.

The grounds upon which
provision was made in
the Imperial P. W. Budget
of 1897-98 for maintenance
of the East Coast and Ve-
larni Canals are stated
at length in the note re-
corded with G.O. No: 3264
of 29th June 1897.

The Government of India
consider that the question
should be decided on the
principle of Rule III of
Financial Resolution 18709
of 22nd March 1897. That rule
appears to refer to a different
class of charges from those

DEPARTMENT,
ASST. GENL. OFFICE, MADRAS.
No.
P.W. DEPARTMENT (GENERAL), MADRAS.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept.
Dated
10th Nov. 1897.
Sd/-

Forwarding statement
of expenditure from 1894-95
to 1896-97 for the
Madras and East Coast
Canals, for 5 years
from 1894-95.

under discussion which are not affected by the "enlarged powers and responsibilities" of the Local Govt. The question seems to be simply whether Imperial interests, which are served by these canals to a large extent by carriage tax of salt, should be required to contribute to their repair and maintenance. Perhaps the Government would wish to have the views of the Board of Revenue on the matter.

Edmond Collett
Secy to Govt of Mad

Nov 22. 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

I am to send to go
to the Ad. H. ? is low
w. then charges have
been debited before
24/2. The reply I imagine
is that they are
have been debited to
Imperial under salt
Rtly (or have to be paid).

B. J. P. W.

No 1383W

Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18th Mar 78

Read the following:-

From
The Govt of India (No. N. 4090 of 31st Oct 1877)
" Accountant General } (No. 1406 of 5th Feb 1878)
Madras
" do do (No. 1504 of 27th Feb 1878)

Ordered that the following reply be sent.

No. N. 1383W of 18th Mar 78
To The Secy to the Govt of India
P. W. Department

Sir
I am directed to acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Assistant Secretary to the Govt of India

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 Petty Construction and Repair
 funds was Rs 3500, and
 that in the East Coast Canal
 from the same source Rs 3977
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 I am to request that the pro-
 vision already made for
 these canals under Imperial
 money be allowed to stand.

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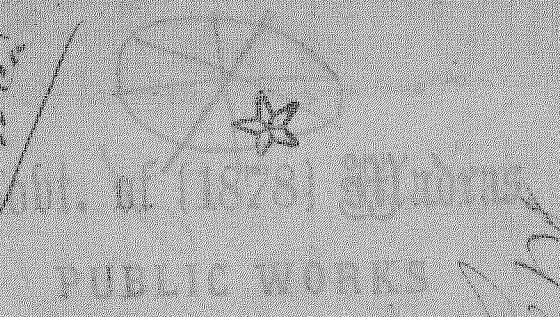
Rs 40000 20/77
 Rs 3000 20/77
 Rs 400 20/77
 Rs 400 20/77

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To the Secy. to the Govt of India

Dated
Signed
Read
Encl.

W. D. B. 1888 W
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Nos 258-259
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Vedarnieu & Mackay
Canal The S. of I. address
in the subject of the incidence
of the cost for the repair and
maintenance of the

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Requests that the provisions
already made for the Ved-
arnieu & Mackay Canal
under Imperial may be
allowed to stand.