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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

P.W.D. DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	3179-W	Press.
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Dated	7-8-1878	197.

R.R.
Not to be folded or roughly handled

D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT. No. 16

DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp

Dated

24 July 1878

FROM

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER.

SOUTH ARCOT.

TO

Roads and
Buildings

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

D. P. W.

Enclosures

Sir,

With reference to G. O. F. R
No. 1472 dated 5th July 1878, received
with your endorsement No. 2985 dated
6th idem, ordering arrangements to be
made so that the East Coast
Canal work might be started
without delay, in case of it being
necessary to recommence it as a
relief work, I have the honor to
inform you that the portion from
the Villams to the Paravannam lally,
sanctioned in G. O. No. 2875 W dated
13th July 1878 can be put in hand
at once, there are now standing 3000
others could be put if required in a week's time.

This

Ms 1518 4/
11 July 1878

This work would employ about 3000 coolies for 3 months in doing the excavation above Mean Sea Level. I fear it is useless to think of excavating below this level at this season of the year.

2. With regard to the section from the Merkanum backwater to French territory I regret that the Estimate is not yet completed and will not be so for a fortnight or 3 weeks. Mr. Chater Assistant Engineer on this project has not made so much progress as I hoped. He has been delayed owing to some mistakes in levels taken by Mr. Levinge's supervisor and the work of plotting has taken him longer than was expected.

The survey and levels are now all completed. The fair plotting of the survey with the reduced levels attached is it is almost done and therefore it will now not take long to complete.

3. Should it be necessary to commence this work as a relief work I fear it would be useless at this season to begin work in the backwater at Merkanum (as in September it is liable to be flooded) or in the low piece of country at the side of it South of Merkanum. I would propose therefore that the work should be commenced at the upper end of the backwater and continued Southward, the land at this place is Government waste and the work might be put in hand at any time it may be found necessary to do so. The work can be carried on Southward as required the land being taken up as the work progresses.

4. I regret that in consequence of the absence of the Collector from head quarters I have not had the advantage of personal communication with him regarding the state of the

district

district, there is no doubt much distress owing to the high prices, the coolies that are sent by the Civil department to the ordinary works are not however willing to work at the normal rates. Of 445 sent to work in Lindivanam and Trinamalay Saluys only 22 remain the others either refused to work when they found they were to be put on task work or after a few days work left.

5. I have written to the Collector and requested him should he think right to do so to ask Government for permission to start the Coast Canal near Porto Novo again as a relief work so that there may be one work in the district where famine relief coolies may be sent if necessary.

On ordinary works I am unable to pay coolies Batta on arrival

or

or any thing more than the value of the work they execute as the rates for famine relief works are not in force for them, this being the case they are of but little use for any but the ordinary working coolies.

6. I propose should the Coast Canal at Porto Novo be again started as a relief work to place Mr. Pemberton Executive Engineer in charge, should it not be started to send him to Liagar to prepare the Pallagacherry Project. I have no other work in the district that I can place him on and I fear the last work is hardly suited to him as his arm that was broken last ^{October} ~~September~~ is still stiff, he is however perfectly capable to superintend a large party of famine coolies.

He

L. 287 W. of 13. 7. 78
 2988 W. of 6. 7. 78

Road & Building

FROM DISTRICT ENGINEER
 SOUTH ARCOE.

No. 167

Dated 24
 Despatched 24
 Received

July

No. of Enclosures

East Coast Canal
 Reporting with refer
 G.O. No. 1472 of 1878 the
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 in hand at one of the
 is considered necessary
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 Pundit in the
 in Pulling up the
 stating that the
 has been written to
 the State of the
 permission of necessary
 in regard to the
 Pundit

Cir 287 W. of 13. 7. 78
 A. L. Pundit 9 July

Letter from the District Engineer, South
 Arcot, No. 167 dated 24 July 78

31/7/78

FOR ORDERS.

Let the Pundit
 from Pondi now be
 commenced at once
 as ~~the~~ special only
 relief work for the
 District - Pundit
 Pundit sent up
 as soon as possible -

E. A. Pundit
 with report that
 credit in Pundit
 Pundit

Recd
 3/8

2nd Aug 78

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Govt. of (1878) Honduras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

J. S. Arcot

7 Aug 1878 to 31/9/78

East Coast Canal from
Port Honduras Arcot de
The S.R. to arrange for
the immediate carrying
in accordance of the position
of the —

Ints in 1878