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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

21st January 1878, No. 328 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper:—

No. 177. Endorsement of the District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 4th December 1877, No. 5,125:
From Captain S. C. CLARKE, R.E., Executive Engineer, Junction Canal Works, to Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated 30th November 1877, No. 1,790.

I HAVE the honor to request you will be good enough to forward the following suggestion for the consideration of the Government relative to the utilization of the portion of the land purchased by the Government for the canal purposes, lying on either side of the canal at the foot or rear of the upper slopes of the spoil banks.

2. It occurred to me some short time back that it would be advantageous in many ways were that now useless ground to be studded over with such description of trees as would prove remunerative in their outturn of fruit or bark, &c., such as the cocoanut, tamarind, &c., and I had but little doubt that, if the scheme were proposed, some person or persons of an enterprising spirit would be found ready to take it up and to offer a fair yearly rental to Government for the land in question.

3. I have lately mooted the question and find that there is one (if not others) gentleman who possesses various such like properties in the vicinity of Madras, the produce of which are tamarind, cocoanut, fruit, tannic acid, bark, &c., who would be quite ready to take up the strips of land referred to.

4. The existence of trees at the foot of the slopes would moreover, in my opinion, tend to strengthen the latter, which are more or less liable to be washed away by the heavy rains.

Copy submitted to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, for orders.

(Signed) ROSS THOMPSON, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Presidency.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 21st January 1878, No. 328 W.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council is of opinion that until the requirements of Government for the canal are more certainly known, it will not be advisable to part temporarily or otherwise with the control of any portion of the land taken up; but the Government quite approve the proposal to utilize any available area to the best advantage, and consider that this may be done for the present by planting with casuarinas on Government account.

2. Where the land now occupied by spoil is valuable, it will probably pay when the water-way is open to remove much of the spoil to the Adyar, &c., in boats.

3. Offers to take up any of the land which may reach the Executive Engineer should be registered and reported as indications of value, but none must be accepted without special sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Revenue Department.
Exd. E. C. Shunkor.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1878) ~~Public Works~~
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY
Secy. &c., &c.

Dated January 21st.

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G. O., 21st January, 1878, No. 229 W.

JANUARY.

No. 177-178.

Junction Canal.—The spoil banks of the
—not to be dug out of at present, but to
be planted with casahuate on Government
account.

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Junction Canal Office
30th November 1877

From The Executive Engineer
Junction Canal Works
Presidency
To The District Engineer
Presidency
Fort Saint George.

Sir, I have the honor to request
You will be good enough to forward
the following suggestion for the Considera-
tion of the Government relative to the
utilization of the portion of the land
purchased by the Government for the
Canal purposes, lying on either side of the
Canal at the foot or rear of the upper
slopes of the Spoil Banks.

2^d It occurred to me some
short time back, that it would be
advantageous in many ways, were that
now useless ground to be studded over
with such description of Trees, as would
prove remunerative in their, out turn
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nut, Tamarind &c. and I had but
little doubt, that if the scheme were pro-
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prising

enterprising Spirit, would be found ready to take it up, and to offer a fair yearly rental to Govt for the land in question.

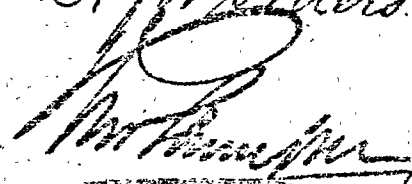
3^d I have lately mooted the question and find that there is one (if not others) Gentleman who possesses various such like properties in the vicinity of Madras, the produce of which are Tamarind, cocoanut fruit Tannic acid, Bark &c who would be quite ready to take up the strips of land referred to.

4th The existence of Trees at the foot of the slopes, would moreover in my opinion, tend to strengthen the latter, which are more or less liable to be washed away by the heavy rains.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed, Clarke Capt. R. E.
Exc. Engineer, I. C. Works.

N^o 5125.

Copy Submitted to the Chief Engineer, P. W. D. for orders.


Major R. E.

Fort Saint George

14th Decr 1877

7th District Engineer Presiding

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From *General*
The District Engineer
Presidency.

Dated 4 } December 1877.
Recd }

Encls.

No. 5125.

Junction Canal.

Suggests utilization
of land lying on either
side of the canal at the
foot or rear of the
upper slopes of the spoil
banks by planting
trees.

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Public Works Department.
PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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Under date the

Read the following :-

From the District Engineer Presidency (N.E. No 5125 d/4th Dec 1877)

X I think it would be better
to deposit for a year or so
it is for irrigation.

is secured - I think it would be
stand - I think it would be
better to put any officers who

might be made as an indication
of value - but any property it will prove

more profitable to plant
first with (some) trees

Spencer this is in accordance
with the H.E. order. but I don't

know any intention
to do the same. I don't

think any one will take the
land up for planting purposes
unless it gets a permanent

title. I don't suppose
it will be any influence on the

Dist. Engr. Presidency
Revenue Department
Financial Department

the District Engineer must
fully understand that he
must not in any way permit
any of the acquired land to be
alienated from Government
without first obtaining special
sanction.

Sanction.

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His Grace the Governor

in Council sees no objection to
the ground being utilized to
the best advantage - It must

however not be forgotten that
space either for eventually
widening the Canal or for

temporarily, at any rate, depositing
spoil will be required, and

the District Engineer must
fully understand that he
must not in any way permit

any of the acquired land to be
alienated from Government
without first obtaining special
sanction.

Sanction.

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From the District Engineer, Presidency
No: 5725 dated 4th December 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

5th Dec 77

Warrant to Colonel
Under Secretary
Colony P.W.D.

I have ordered the
Contract and other
provisions of the
proposed work
to be carried out
at the large station
where the road is to
be improved. The
work is to be done
by the contractor
and the cost is to be
paid to the contractor
by the Government.

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FOR ORDERS.

Presy
No 328W

B.R.
C.M.

No 328W Public Works Department

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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UNDER date the 21 Jan 78.

Read the following:-

From the District Mgr
Presidency (H.E. No 5125 of 4 Decr 1877)

[His Grace the
Governor in Council sees
no objection to the ground
being utilized to the best
advantage. It must however

not be forgotten that space
either for eventually widening
the Canal or temporarily
depositing spoil
at any rate, depositing spoil
will be required, and the
District Engineer must
fully understand that he
is not authorized to permit
any land to be alienated
from Government on lease
or otherwise without first
consulting the Collector and
obtaining special sanction.
In any case possible
should be deferred for a
year or so until it is

sent 1-78
As per

Chp 2520



Obt. of 1878 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.



To

The D. G. Presidency

Dated

Issued

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Encl.

G. O. 21 Jan'y 1878, No. 328W

Nos.

Junction Canal The
opposite banks of the — not
to be disposed of at present,
but to be planted with
Casuarinas on both sides.

Conf. in P. O.