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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

19th February 1878, No. 844 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 185. Despatch from the Most Honorable the Secretary of State for India.

Public Works,
No. 5.

INDIA OFFICE, LONDON,
29th March 1877.

MY LORD DUKE,—I have had under consideration in Council the petition from certain inhabitants of Mylapóre, and the other papers, forwarded with your Grace's letter, No. 4, of 31st January last, relative to the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Cooum to the Adyar river.

2. I observe that sanction, although not hitherto acted upon, was given to this project by Sir Charles Wood, so long ago as February 1860. It is evident, however, from the language of the despatch conveying it, that this sanction was given with considerable reluctance, and that much doubt was entertained by Sir Charles Wood whether the utility of the project would be at all commensurate with its probable cost, which, moreover, though then stated at three, is now estimated at five lakhs. The same objection is strongly urged by the petitioners, who likewise lay great stress on the injury which the proposed cut could not, in their opinion, fail to do to the soil, wells, and air of the neighbourhood; the Municipal Commissioners entirely concurring with them as to the seriousness of the sanitary danger. I must own that none of these objections seem to me to be anywhere adequately met in the papers before me.

3. Her Majesty's Government would, nevertheless, be exceedingly unwilling to interpose in a question of such purely local character, and I will only add, that it would be very satisfactory to them to learn that your Government had, on renewed inquiry, seen cause to modify your previous decision, or that the usefulness of the work can be better substantiated, and the objections to its execution more completely removed, than appears to be the case in the papers on the subject at my disposal.

I have, &c.,
SALISBURY.

To His Excellency the Most Noble
The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

No. 185-A. From Captain G. T. SKIPWITH, R.E., Assistant Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Irrigation,) to the Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, (Irrigation Branch,) dated Simla, 11th May 1877, No. 119 I.

REFERRING to Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, No. 5, dated 29th March, to the address of the Government of Madras, relative to the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Cooum to the

Adyar river, I am directed to state that the report on the subject called for by the Government of India in telegram No. 145, of the 26th February last, and promised in yours of the 15th March following, is awaited.

No. 185-B. From the same Officer, dated Fort William, 14th January 1878, No. 119-1 I.

I AM directed to invite attention to this office letter, No. 119 I, of the 11th May last, and to inquire when the report on the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Cooum to the Adyar river may be expected.

No. 186. ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1878, No. 844 W.

ORDERED that the following reply be sent.

(Here enter No. 845 W, dated 19th February 1878.)

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. St. T. Austin.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated February 1878.

Issued

Read. Encl.

G. O., dated February 1878, No. 345 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 185-186.

Adyar Junction Canal.—Passing orders on correspondence on the subject of the petition from the inhabitants of Mylapore against the construction of the —

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

No. 345 W.

No. 187.

From

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

To

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

SIR,—In answer to the Assistant Secretary's letter, No. 119-I I, dated 14th January 1878, calling attention to your letter 119 I, of the 11th May last, I am directed to state that the report for which the Government of India telegraphed on the 26th February 1876 was understood to be required *solely* with regard to a petition from the inhabitants of Mylapore against the undertaking of the work which was already in hand and with which considerable progress had been made. A similar petition had been addressed to this Government and this Government had also addressed the Secretary of State with reference to a similar petition. Hence during the pressure of famine work the preparation of the further copies and particulars asked was overlooked, for which I am to express regret.

2. The canal was commenced in December 1876 by famine labor and is all but completed, and a report on the canal communication of the Presidency, of which this is a short link, will be very shortly submitted.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th February 1878.

Encl. S. T. Austin.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Estt. of (1878) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

For

THE SECRETARY to the
GOVERNMENT of INDIA.

Dated February 1878.

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G. G. O. No. dated 1878.

PRESIDENCY.

No. 107.

Letters regarding the formation of the Estimate for connecting with the Adyar Irrigation Canal and subsidiary works, and the Estimate for the canal communications of the Presidency will shortly be submitted.

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1. Total length = 23 boy. ton 4½ miles
2. Length completed — 7700 ft — = 1½ miles / road
3. Effect in hours — 6450 ft — = 1¼ miles.
4. Establishment Cond. Off Madras — Rs. 1775 — 1760.
   Establishment — 580 — 603
   2343 + 2363 = 4706.
5. — For Labourers.
   Men — 950
   Women — 1915
   Children — 693
   = 2560
6. Relief Camp Establishment
   Men — 525
   Women — 382
   Children — 109
   = 1032
   = 12 Rupees 6 annas
   Grand Total = 8318

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GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 187. { P.W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Dy. Asst Colonel
Clarke Leas entered Madras, April May 12 1877.
Ass Engr. Mr Thompson
Gov Engrs.

Goodwyn Smith

Wm Thompson

12 MAY 77

OFFICE NOTE.

My dear Rogs- Thompson
Will you
please enter the Cons
(1) The total length of Sanction-
Canal
(2) do completed to date
(3) do in hand - viz.
in which work has
actually been resumed
in clearing &c exclusive

(4) The total number of
coolies employed -
men, women & children
(5) do for the Cons -
men, women, children
(6) do men, women,
& children for
chief Engrs camp &
Superintendence
W Thompson

OF 187 -

P. W. Dept.

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Note.

There seems to be
Attached but wanting
Secretariat Clerk
Rd 5/12

Advertising to His
Grace's remark, the Secretary
has the honor to observe
that until a despatch has
been sent to the Home
Government, it appears
a matter of some difficulty
to answer satisfactorily
the communications on the
subject which have been
received from the Govt of
India. In the late
Secretary's telegram of
the 14th March, a report
on the project was promised
to the Government of India

Below the note -
Reference to the
Correspondence &c
Means completion of the
Efficacy
Spell

A.P.

In the Govt. of India despatch recorded with G.O. No. 1238 dated 10th April 1877, the Secretary of State was informed that the Govt. of India would await this report, before communicating their own views to the Marquis of Salisbury; and in Captain Rundall's letter No. 119 I of the 11th ultimo the attention of the Madras Government was again drawn to the subject.

2. The present despatch was prepared with the idea of confining the discussion to the Home and Madras Governments. If it be sent, the Govt. of India can be simply supplied with plans and

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estimates of the work, and informed that as this Govt. ~~are~~ is in direct communication with the Marquis of Salisbury it appears needless to send them a detailed report on the subject.

E&T
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R. Aitchison

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

Read the following :—

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Letter from the Asst. Secretary to the Government of India } No. No 119 dy 14th Jany 1878.

Ordered that the following reply be sent—

To The Secretary to the Government of India

Sir In answer to the Assistant Secretary's letter dated the 14th January 1878, No 119, calling attention to your letter, No 119 I of the 11th May last, I am directed to state that the Junction Canal is now all but completed, and that the report for which the Government of India telegraphed in the 26th February 1876

1876, was apparently required solely with regard to a petition from the inhabitants of Mylapore against the undertaking of the now nearly finished work. I am therefore to enquire whether the submission to the Government of India of a report and plans of the Junction Canal may not with advantage be deferred until this Government are in a position to send a comprehensive review of the whole system of inland water communication from the Kistna District Southwards; in which system the Junction Canal is but a small connecting link. And such a report as this cannot be furnished, it is believed, for some months.

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Write an office note.

which was already in hand and with which enquiries had been made

A similar petition had been addressed to this Govt and also to the Govt of India with a request for similar information

Hence during the progress of the Inquiry the Inspecting Engineer - Inspector of Irrigation would have visited the Canal - and would be in possession of any report I am disposed to think

The Canal was commenced in December - by January it will be completed - it is all but completed now a report on the Canal communication of the Presidency - Inland Water Communication - would be a useful link - under any circumstances submitted -

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is such a despatch necessary? See no necessity for it. Symptoms of satisfaction with what has been done. Would respect to the A.P. work - Inspection of the Canal

Ld

8/2/77

P.W.G. in the P.W. Dept

Under date the 1877.

No. K.

From Secy. of State

Recd Despatch (P.W. No. 5 dated 29th March 1877)

The Home Govt will be again addressed.

To Secy. England

My Lord, Marquis

We have the honour to acknowledge your Lordship's Public Works Despatch, No. 5, dated the 29th March, in which it is stated that whilst Majesty's Government, while willing to interfere in

in the question of constructing the Junction Canal, would nevertheless be glad to hear that we had seen cause to modify our previous decision, so that we could more fully satisfy the usefulness of the work, and remove the objections to its execution.

2. Your Lordship observes that the original sanction accorded some seventeen years ago to the scheme, by Sir Charles Wood, was evidently given with reference, and doubts whether the utility of the project has commensurate with the probable cost; and that the objections on the score of sanitary dangers urged by the Ellyla pore petitioners, and by the Madras Municipal Commissioners, have not been adequately met in the papers before

Received
Recorded
Registered

3. We would, in reply, remark that the construction of the Canal was advocated by each of the Governments of Madras under whose consideration the question successively came, and also by the Govt. of India; and that the judgment of many distinguished Engineers, including Sir Arthur Cotton, has been in favour of the work. In 1859 the Govt. of India considered the proposed Junction as a most desirable connection of a very important line of navigation, and fully approved of the scheme on its professed merits. While Colonel Cotton remarked that nothing could be more contrary to sound judgment than to cut a Canal of 40 miles in

= pletion — one mile and a half of the Canal having now been excavated to the full depth and width, and most of the remainder of the line being in hand, it ~~would~~ had been the means of affording relief to a large body of work-people, at present aggregating nearly eight and a half thousand souls, many of ~~them~~ them actually pro= = fessional Earthworkers, from whom a due sale of work has been, and is, exacted, and who would, but for this undertaking, sooner or later have been driven to our Famine Relief Camps.

A total of two miles completed of 4½ miles.

The whole work is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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India Office,
London, 29th March 1877.

Public Works,
No. 5.

To His Excellency The Most Noble The Governor in Council, Fort St. George.

My Lord Duke,

Para. 1. I have had under consideration in Council the petition from certain inhabitants of Mylapore, and the other papers, forwarded with your Grace's Letter, No. 4, of 31st January last, relative to the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Corum to the Adyar River.

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I have the honour to be,
My Lord Duke,
Your Grace's most obedient humble Servant,

Salisbury

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29th March 1877

The Letter to Lord M. George

No 5.

31 Jany No 4 of 1877 Home Despatch
26 " 1877 No 266.
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1 July 1870 " 1635.
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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Civil Works
Irrigation

To

The Joint Secy. to the Govt. of Madras.
in the P. W. Deptt Drgs. Bch.

Simla 11th May 1877.

Sir,

Referring to Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State No. 5 dated 27th ultimo, to the address of the Govt. of Madras, relative to the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Coovum to the Adyar River, I am directed to state that the report on the subject called for by the Govt. of India in

in telegram No. 1145 of the 6th February last, and promised in yours of the 15th March — following is awaited. —

P.W.D.
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No. 5400

from the Govt of Madras

Dated 11th May 1877

No 119 J.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant
Fras Beckwith Captn R.E.
Asstt. Secy. to the Govt. of India

G.G. 10 ct Sml/77 No 1238
Mad No 1990/15 March/77
Copy of Telegram of 16 March 77.

20-6-77

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary.

No. 119 J.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

To

The Joint Secy to the Govt of Madras,
Public Works Department.
Irrigation Branch.

Fort William, 11th January 1878.

Sir,

I am directed to invite attention to this office letter No 91 J of the 11th May last, and to enquire when the Report on the proposed junction of the North and South Coast Canals by means of a cut from the Coovum to the Adyar River may be expected.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servant,
Fras Beckwith Capt R.E.
Offg Secretary to the Govt of India.

Ld No 3225 of 29-11-76.
" " 3461 " 8-12-76.
Mis: No 199 of 15-3-77 ought
to be 1238 - 10-4-77.
" " 3563 - 29-12-76.
" - 266 - 26-1-77.
Despatch to Home Govt No 4 of 31-1-77.
Do — from — Do — No 5 of 25-3-77.
Note for answer of 20-6-77 to a proposed
draft-letter to Home Govt with remarks.

No 844 Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19 Feb/78

Read the following:—

From the Secretary to G. of I. No. 5 dated 11th Jany 78
from the Asst Secy do do 35 " 19 " "
Govt of India 3 P.W. No 14 dated 14th Jan 78

Ordered that the fol-
lowing reply be sent.

H. E. No 845 dated 19 Feb/78

To No 825
The Secy to the
Govt of India

Sir,

In answer to
the Assistant Secretary's
letter No 119 I dated 14th Jan/78
calling attention to your
letter No 119 I of 8th " May
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the Government of India
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to a Petition from the
Inhabitants of Bellary
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Govt of India—7
Office — 17
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PUBLIC WORKS.

To Lieut Col Merrill Asst Engr of Ladies

Dated

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C. O. 19 Feby 1878, No. 844/878

Nos.

Welland Canal

Calling Orders in Connection with the Petition from the inhabitants of Allanburg Lathore Aqueduct &c &c. Requesting Report in reference thereto

Requesting Report in reference to furnishing Certain information in connection with the Welland Canal and submitting Petition from Canal Employés in connection therewith

Ladies Petition Forwarded for Consideration.

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