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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th March 1879, No. 690 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 104. From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Adyar, 3rd March 1879, No. 503.

I HAVE the honor to report that a considerable quantity of silt has collected in the Buckingham Canal near the crossings of the Penner, the Mannair and the Palar rivers at the 115th, 161st and 169th miles and at the Pedda Ganjam and Nelatur drainages at the 98th and 196th miles. The sides of the canal have fallen in here and there between the Adyar and the Cooum rivers, and portions of the old canal between Madras and the Shadiamcoopum lock and near Dugarazapatam have become very shallow, navigation is more or less obstructed at those places, and I have ordered the worst parts to be partially cleared, but the work is delayed for want of funds.

2. Out of the sum of 33,500 rupees sanctioned from Local Funds in Part II, page 5, of the original budget of special works, Rupees 186 were expended at the end of December 1878, leaving an unexpended balance of Rupees 33,314. I applied for one-third of this amount for expenditure in January under the terms of G.O., No. 4,858 W, of the 27th December 1878, and the Examiner has granted credit for it; but as the *total* expenditure on the Buckingham Canal including new works exceeds the total budget allotments, the Superintending Engineer states that according to G.O., No. 168, W, dated 13th January, there is no money available and I am therefore unable to utilise the credit granted by the Examiner to the extent necessary.

3. I enclose copies of the correspondence on the subject, and as the Superintending Engineer has not as I requested applied to Government for orders or for the required funds, and considering also the extreme urgency of the case, I venture to address you direct, and to request you will be good enough to move Government to grant 10,000 rupees from the source indicated in paragraph 2 above for expenditure in the current month.

No. 105. ORDER THEREON, 6th March 1879, No. 690 W.

EXPENDITURE to the extent reported to be *absolutely* necessary is authorised.

2. Funds to the extent of Rupees 10,000 will be provided from the Reserve.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, Third Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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Govt. of (1879) Madras.

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To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
THIRD CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 6th.

Issued

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G. O., 6th March 1879, No. 690 W.

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Nos. 104-105.

Buckingham Canal.—Appropriates from the Reserve Rupees 10,000 for the maintenance during March 1879 of the —.

BUCKINGHAM CANAL DIVISION OFFICE,
Camp Adayar
3rd March 1879.

No. 503.

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From

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Buckingham Canal Division,

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George.

SIR,

ENCLOSURES 8.

I have the honor to report that a considerable quantity of silt has collected in the Buckingham Canal near the crossings of the Pennair, the Munnair and the Palar rivers at the 115th, 161 and 169th miles and at the Pedda Ganjam and Nelatur drainages at the 98th and 196th miles. The sides of the canal have fallen in here and there between the Adayar and the Coom Rivers and portions of the old canal between Madras and the Shadiancoopum Lock and near Dugarazapatam have become very shallow, navigation is more or less obstructed at those places and I have ordered the worst parts to be partially cleared but the work is delayed for want of funds.

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

W. Humphreys
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn.

PW 1879 Dept
General
No. 1914

From
The Executive Engineer,
Buckingham Canal Division,

27-7-77 No 483 W
27-7-78 - 3013 W Misc
27-12 - " - 4858 W
13-1-79 168 W
29-1 - " - 329 W

Dated 3d March 1879.
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No. 503

Enclosures 3 ✓

Subject.

Requests to obtain the sanction of Government for a grant of Rs 10,000 for the maintenance of the Canal for March 1879.

Copy of letter No 606 dated 6th February 1879 from the Superintending Engineer 3d Circle to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division.

Sir,

With reference to your No 321 of the 24d January, I have the honor to inform you that until the Revised Budget is Sanctioned by the Government, it is not possible to obtain the funds, you now require for the upkeep of the Buckingham Canal, except so much as is actually necessary to meet the cost of the permanent Conservancy Establishment.

2. Funds will be made available for this and other works as soon as the Revised Budget Grant is Sanctioned.

I have &c
(Signed) S. C. Clarke Major R.E.
Ag. Superintending Engineer 3d Circle

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Copy of letter No. 423 dated 19th February 1879 from the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division to the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle.

Sir,

I have the honor to remind you of my letter No. 321 dated the 24th Ultimo and to previous correspondence asking permission to expend a portion of the unexpended balance of the Local Fund grant for the maintenance of the Buckingham Canal during the months of January, February and March of this year.

The Local Fund grant to which I refer is in Part II of the original sanctioned Special Fund Budget page 5 for the current year.

I have &c.

/Signed/ J O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division

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No. 760

Circular

The Divisional Officers are informed in reference to the orders of Government circulated with this Office Nos. 5111, 285 and 512 dated 31st December 1878, and 20th January and 3rd February 1879, respectively, that the whole of the balances from Local Funds on the 1st January 1879, after deducting the amount of all liabilities due, are available for expenditure during the last 3 months of the current official year at the rate of 1/3rd of such balances for each month. The Divisional Officers may, therefore, incur expenditure on Local Fund Works up to the end of the current month, to the extent of two thirds of the available balances on the 1st January 1879 after meeting all liabilities, leaving one third for expenditure in March 1879.

2. In computing the balances available on the 1st January, the requirements of G. C. No. 168 W dated 13th January 1879 and of the concluding clause of G. C. No. 329 W dated 29th January 1879 should not

be lost sight of. In respect to G.O. No 168 W not only such works as are entered in the Local Fund Budgets, but also all others that may be classed as Local Fund Works should be taken into account.

(Signed) C. Assher
Assistant Engineer
Assistant to Superintending Engineer
8 Circle

St. Thomas Mount
13 February 1879

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Copy of the Letter from the Executive Engineer, Buckingham Canal Division, to the Superintending Engineer 8 Circle dated 24 January 79 No 321

Sir,

In advertance to your Letter No 232 dated the 17 Instant, I have the honor to inform you that the normal value of the work executed on the Buckingham canal from the 1st April to the 30th December 1878 amounts to Rupees 345,537-7-

The Budget grants for the current year amount to Rs } 128,900 - -

and the value of the work executed is therefore Rs } 216,637-7-

already in excess of the Budget Grants

The Budget grants comprise

for Maintenance & Repairs	55,000
For Masonry works (new)	68,000
Tools and Plant (Boats)	5,900

It is probable if not absolutely certain, that Government never expected or intended, that the normal value of the extension and reformation of portions of the Canal by famine labour, should be charged to these comparatively small grants, the greater part of which could not be expended on famine labour at all and it seems therefore doubtful if the orders of Government dated the 13th January 1879 No. 168 are applicable and from the facts above stated can be applied to this work beyond the extent referred to in my letter No. 226 dated the 11th Instant.

The Establishment of Ferrymen, Tide and Traffic Gumastahs, Store Keepers, Store and Canal watchers cannot be dispensed with, without serious detriment and loss, and the removal of silt or other obstructions to traffic is to a certain extent equally indispensable under these circumstances, I have the honor to again urgently request that you will be good enough to obtain the orders of Government on the application made in my letter No. 226 dated the 11th instant as soon as possible, and as the amount applied for in that letter for the upkeep

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of the canal is considerably within the average Revenue of the work for a similar period, I trust that Government will be pleased to grant the amount required, on the assurance, that the expenditure will be kept down to the lowest possible limit within the amount applied for.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn

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Copy of the Letter from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle to the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division dated 17th January 1879 No. 232

Sir,

In reference to your No. 227 dated 11 January 1879, I have the honor to observe that under G.O. No. 483 W. dated 27th July ~~1878~~ 1877 the normal value of all famine work has to be borne by the Budget Grants, the excess only being debitable to famine. This has been repeated in G.O. No. 168 W dated 13th January 1879 (enclosed) which you will observe modifies G.O. No. 4858 W. of 27th December 1878. I request to be informed what balance will be available for expenditure after deducting from the Budget Grant for the year the probable normal value of famine work executed on the Buckingham Canal since 1st April, your application for credit for Rs 11,105 received with your No. 226 of 11th instant has however been forwarded to the Examiner

I have &c
(Signed) R. O'Connell Colonel R.E.
Supdt. Engineer 3rd Circle

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Copy of the Letter from the Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Division to the
Superintending Engineer 3d Circle No 227
dated 11 January /79.

Sir,

In reference to your memo No 83 dated the 9th instant, I have the honor to observe that you are I think mistaken in stating that no funds are available for the maintenance of the Buckingham Canal.

A Sum of Rupees 33,500 appertaining to special and Local funds was allotted to this work in the special fund Budget of the current official year; Rs 186 of this allotment has been expended leaving a balance of Rs 33,314 available for the work at the end of the past month, and by G.O. No 4858 W dated 27 December 1878. 1/3 of this available balance or Rs 11,105 may I think under existing orders be expended on the work and I have under the terms of the G.O. just quoted applied to the Examiner P.W. Accounts for the necessary credit to this extent.

Should my interpretation of the

orders I have quoted be in your opinion incorrect, I request you will be so good as to apply urgently to Government for a grant of 12,000 Rs required for the maintenance of the work during the months of January, February and March of this year.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham canal Division

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Copy of the Letter from the Superintending Engineer 3rd Circle to the Quarter Master General, Fort St George dated 7th January 1879 No. A.

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Sir,

From a communication just received from the Executive Engineer of the Buckingham canal Division, it would appear that, that Officer proposed recommending that troops should be conveyed from Cuddalore on the South bank of the Palar enroute to Bezwarah but that the crossing from the South to the North of river requires further deepening to render it practicable.

2 There being no funds available at present for this work I have the honor to report that the troops should embark at Sadras.

I have &c
(Signed) P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.
Supdg Engineer

No. 83

(True Copy)

Forwarded to Mr. O'Shaughnessy for information with the intimation that no funds are available for expenditure upon the canal as he has already been informed in this Office Memo A dated 8th January 79.

(Signed) P. O'Connell Colonel R.E.
Supt. Engineer 2nd Circle

2nd Circle Superintending Engineer's Office
Madras 9th January 187

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Copy of the Letter from the Executive Engineer Buckingham Canal Division, to the Examiner P.W. Accounts through the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle dated 11 January 1879, No. 226.

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Sir,

Enclosure 1
1 Application

In reference to G.O. No. 4858 W dated the 27th December 78 I have the honor to enclose an application for credit of Local Funds to the extent of 1/3 of the available unspent balance of the grant for the Buckingham Canal in the Special Fund Budget of the current year as follows.

Special Fund Budget Page 5	Maintenance of Buckingham canal	33,500
Expended to end of December 1878		186
Balance available		33,314

One third of which is 11,105 for this amount, credit is urgently required to the extent of 7,500 Rs in the Nellore and Rs 3605 in the Chingleput Districts.

I have &c
(Signed) J. O'Shaughnessy
Executive Engineer
Buckingham Canal Dn.

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No. 690 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 6th March/79.

Read the following :—

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From

The Ex. Engr. Buckingham Canal Divn. } (H.C. No. 503 d/ 3rd March/79)

Expenditure to the extent reported to be absolutely viz necessary is authorised.

Funds to the extent of Rs 10,000 will be provided from the Reserve.

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Appropriates from the Revenue R10,000 for the maintenance during March 1879 of the —

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