

No. 2690

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,
BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

Camp,

17th January

1880.

From

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS,

BUCKINGHAM CANAL,

To

THE CHIEF ENGINEER,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Madras.

SIR,

one Enclosure.

I have the honor to return
the original letter received with
your Memorandum No. 252 dated
4th August 1880 for record in your
Office.

Put up with
No. 7601 sent
in en - 7-1-81

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant.

A. A. A. Captain R. B.
Superintendent of works
Buckingham Canal

Correspondence Department.

188 .

From

The Commissioner of

Salt Revenue,

Madras,

To

The Dy Chief Engineer
D. M. Department.

Dated

July 15 } 1880.
Received

No. 4503

Enclosure.

SUBJECT.

P. h. Chul. 3 Augt.

Remarks on an
abstract from a
letter from the Dy Chief
Engineer, D. M. Department,
Madras, regarding
the Madras Salt Revenue
be in draft order.

P.W.D.

17 JUL 80

No. 4503

P. W. 312/80

No. 4503.

OFFICE OF THE COMM. OF SALT REVENUE,

On Circuit, Madras, Camp Pulidivato,

Dated July 15, 1880.

From

H. W. BLISS, Esq.,

Commissioner of Salt Revenue,

To

Major J. Pennycook, I.E.,
 Deputy Chief Engineer,
 Public Works Department
 Madras.

SIR,

In reply to your footnote No. 1653 dated 6th instant forwarding for my remarks an extract from a letter (No. 825 dated June 12, 1880) from the Superintendent of Works, Buckingham Canal, I have the honor to inform you that I have long been of opinion that the Thembakkam Causeway Road is not required. I proposed before that it should be abandoned and the causeway done away with, but Government declined to accede to my recommendation (vide G.O.s September 11, 1878, No. 1486, and February 3, 1879, No. 268, A. D.).

2. So far as I can judge there is not the slightest probability of any salt ever going by Canal from Mercanam Northwards, the tracts of country supplied therefrom lying to the Southwards and westward. The Madras supplies of salt are already sufficient to meet the demand along the lines of Railway which diverge from Madras, and it would merely be a useless expense to add to them the

the Mercanum Salt, which is now distributed by cart in South Arcot and the South of the Salem District much more cheaply than it could be by Canal to Madras, thence by rail and by cart from Railway Stations in the Interior. Carriage by canal and rail is of course very cheap as compared with carriage by road, provided the distances are anything like equal. But if Mercanum Salt were sent to Madras by canal and thence by rail the distance it would have to travel to its ultimate destination in the South of the Salem District would be at least trebled, and the cost of transit would greatly exceed that by road in carts, which, after bringing down produce to the Coast, return with loads of salt at very low rates of freight. If the Canal is extended from Mercanum to Pondicherry and Cuddalore a considerable amount of salt will no doubt pass along it — perhaps some 3000 tons per annum — but a direct road inland from Mercanum will still be necessary for the accommodation of the remainder of the Salt Traffic which is three or four times as heavy.

3. I do not know the old route inland from Mercanum, referred to by Captain Andry, which crosses the line of backwaters 4 miles South of Mercanum, but it appears to me that if it is adopted it cannot be left in its present condition of a bandy track, but must be made into a good road. This will cost a considerable sum, and will much increase
the

the length of road necessary to be kept up in the future. I consider, therefore, that it will probably be found that to restore the Kandadur Bridge will not be much more costly, in the long run, than to adopt the Southern route, while it will certainly be much more convenient to every one whose business takes him to Mercanum.

4. I do not enter upon the question of how the Kandadur Bridge is to be repaired, or at what cost, those questions not being within my province, but I may point out that when the work is completed the circumstances would amply justify, and the place would be most suitable for, the levy of a toll on traffic, the proceeds of which should at least pay a fair rate of interest on the capital expenditure.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

B. W. Smith

Commissioner of Salt Revenue

copy by
S. M. A. K.



1881
B. W. Jones 1881

P. W. D.

No.

Memorandum of Papers from the
Records of the Madras Government for
reference.

1400
1507
1417
1555
20-3/82
19-6/82
15-7/82
1404
1564
1318
1578
mer. Account

No. of G.O.	For what purpose.
15787	Original for no 496
14816	Sub for ch 59
1625	one copy for sub
1535	for Acting S-A
1424-25	Original for no
1439	Gen to. Annual
1578	^{no copy} Original for card the
1535	Gen to CKM
1565	Original for ch 8596
1578	one copy for ch 94
1578	one copy for ch 101
1570	for ch 10874 at
1586	for ch 10917 at
1597	Original for ch
1554	and file for ch 668

84
Inj
84
5/85
9-6-6-83
29-6-85
19/8/85
8/9/85
24/3/10/85
21-30/10/85
10/14/24/11/85
95-81-4-11-85
9-2/12/85
17/12/85 or ch 6203/86
18/12/85
32865/11/4/85
30/8/86
28/2/87
1/87
General office
24-10-87
6251 of
+ account

14684

1393

12615

1515

Red

10

15

10

4520 4505693

No. of
G.O.

For what purpose

1578 W for W 2/12-11-8
1550 W for W 3/10-22-5-183

1589 W for W 15-11-89
1590 W for W 17-11-89

1575 W for W 8203 2/2-12

1549 W for W through line
1571 W for W copy for cho 4 3/1

1507 W for W 3239/17-1-83

1551 W for W to 30-1

1522 W for W 3012 3/110

1435 W for W 3100 7/2-1

1578 W for W 2-5-83

1578 W for W 6235 7/25-7/83

1578 W for W 160-21-8-83

1578 W for W 7442 31-8-83

1578 W for W 7643 6-9-83

1578 W for W 9506 4-96

1578 W for W 104

When taken.	Name of the party by whom taken.
-------------	----------------------------------

22	
22	
22	
22	
22	W-29-10-81 B. Morris
22	
22	
22	
22	Co of fire made by 179 d/300 on the 21-5/82
22	
22	19/6/80 Do
22	6/82

No. of. G.O.	For what purpose.
~~1481~~	~~for binder 8/21-2~~
~~1550~~	~~for binder 8/21-2~~

~~1495~~ for binder 1269-27-2

~~1550~~ for binder 1251-27-2

~~1579~~ for binder 1291-28

~~1586~~ for binder 1265

~~1618~~ for binder 1271-28

~~1606~~ for binder 2002-15-6-7

~~1607~~ for binder 2146-13-4-12

~~1610~~ for binder 2805-12-5-11

~~1439~~ for binder 2790-15

~~1606~~ for binder 2518 and and

~~1564~~ for binder 10-5/10

~~1550~~ sent to City - 19-6

~~1618~~ for binder 10-5/10

~~1533~~ for binder 1058-2

~~1533~~ 1 copy for ed 6115/9-9/82

~~1578~~ 1 copy for ed 26270/15-7

~~1587~~ for binder 5936-19/9/82

	When taken.	Name of the party by whom taken.
--	-------------	----------------------------------

--	--	--

18-1-83		
17-1-83		
12/81 recd: 22897/15-3/83		
9-11-83		
27-11-83		
12-8-3 1871		