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

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

SIR,—In reply to your letter No. 473 A.—G., dated 22nd December 1881, ruling that only outlay on or in connection with the preparation of the projects likely to be classed as "Protective" could be legitimately charged against the promised Imperial grant of 2½ lakhs for the current official year, I am desired to state that in the opinion of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the following works (see Appendix D, printed with G.O., 14th July 1881, No. 1,729 W.,) should be so classed, viz.:—

- (a) Ganjam Gopálpur Tidal Canal.
- (c) Buckingham Canal.
- (d) Do. do. south of Markanum.
- (e) Baroor Tank.
- (f) Marandahaly Tank.
- (g) Vaniar do.
- (h) Hindupur do.
- (i) Roddam do.
- (l) Periyár Project.
- (m) Poogalur Channel.
- (n) Rushikulya do.
- (r) Bhaváni Reservoir.

2. As regards (b) in the same list, viz., the road from Salur, viâ the Pottinghy Ghât, to Koraputt, &c., the Government in deference to the opinion expressed by the Government of India in their letter as per margin have omitted it, though at the same time desirous that the matter may be reconsidered on the grounds (1) that the work is in itself certainly Protective in character (see the reasons given in Appendix D above), and (2) that neither a navigable canal or a railway has apparently any chance of being ever made so as to serve this part of the country.

3. With the exception of project (c), the Buckingham Canal, all the others are at present in a condition which renders it difficult if not impossible to state in even an approximate way what the charges for establishment during the current year are likely to be.

4. One Project Division only has been completely formed, while the other three are only partially so, and at the same time officers not exclusively told off to their divisions are engaged on some of the projects.

5. To place the matter for the current year on a basis that may readily approve itself to the Government of India, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council desires me to suggest that the re-appropriation asked for (Rs. 60,000) may be definitely made towards covering part of the charge for the year on the Buckingham Canal.

6. The condition and character of this work are generally defined in Appendix D, and it may therefore suffice to say that the most strenuous efforts are being made to frame the complete estimate for the work.

7. From the ~~normal~~ character of many of the questions that have presented themselves for solution in dealing with this great work, and from the special and close study needed at nearly every drainage crossing in a length of 240 miles, unavoidable delays have occurred, but as most of the detailed estimates connected therewith have already received the approval of this Government, hopes are now entertained that in two or three months at furthest the complete project will be ready for submission to the Government of India.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th January 1882.

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ON the subject of the re-appropriation of
Rs. 60,000 to works from the excess provi-
sion in the Provincial Budget for 1881-82
for Establishment.

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