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1st JULY 1885, No. ^{1533 W.}_{A.}, PUBLIC WORKS.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following paper:—

Noted by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 25th June 1885.

ORDER—dated 1st July 1885, No. ^{1533 W.}_{A.}, Public Works.

In continuation of proceedings, dated 29th May 1885, No. 1253 W., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council determines to postpone for the present the construction of the road from Potinghi to Koraput, and the sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for that work in the Provincial budget for 1885-86 (item No. 112) is accordingly withdrawn and surrendered to the Financial Department.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. S.,
Under Secy. to Govt.,

To the Financial Department.
" Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

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Govt. of Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated July, 1st.

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Road from Pottinghi to Koraput

Orders postponing construction of the —,
and surrendering the budget grant for the
work to the Financial Department.

note.

The original works to which
funds have been allotted in the
P.W. Budget for 1885-6 are
classed under three heads:—

- (1). Civil Buildings.
- (2). Communications.
- (3). Miscellaneous.

For the purposes of this note,
these heads must again be
subdivided into:—

(a). Works on which
outlay was incurred
before 31-3-85.

(b). Other works.

Under the head of Civil
Buildings, Rs. 8,09,405 were
allotted among 106 works.
On 56 of these works, with
allotments aggregating Rs. 2,91,053,
no outlay had been incurred up
to 31-3-85; — and in G.O.
dated 29-5-85, N 1253 W, this
entire sum was surrendered
by the P.W. Dept. in accordance
with instructions. The other
works, 50 in number, cannot
possibly be stopped without
involving the Govt. in serious
loss & other complications.

arrangements
but contractors etc.

Under the head of Communications,
Rs. 21,588 were allotted among
2 works. Out of these
works with allotments aggregating
Rs. 1,31,588, outlay had been
incurred prior to 31-3-85, and
work has been in active progress
since that date. As in the
case of buildings, these works
could not now be stopped
without entailing serious loss
on the State, the necessary
arrangements having already
been made with contractors,
etc. The remaining three
works are as follows -

- (1). Improvement of road
between Calicut & Vajitri.
- (2). Road from Pottunghe
to Kozhikott.

Improvement of Canal
between Ponnani & Kozhikott.

For these three works, allotments
amounting to Rs. 1,00,000, have
been made. and in my
opinion these are the only

33
items in the P.W. Budget which
it is now possible to touch
without serious direct loss to
the State.

I beg however to draw special
attention to the circumstances
in which each of these three
works has been provided for.
To the first, Improvement of
road between Calicut & Vajitri,
a sum of Rs. 50,000 is allotted.
This small sum represents
the first instalment of a long
promised boon to the Planters
in Wynad, whose grievances
in the shape of want of proper
Cart-roads between the main
centres of traffic have been
repeatedly urged upon the
attention of Govt. during the
last few years. The Planters
have been led to hope that at
last the condition of their main
thoroughfares is going to receive
consideration. The estimate
for improving the line between
Calicut & Vajitri amounts, in
all, to about 3 1/2 lakhs; and
this will be followed by an
estimate for the line from

Yangon to Mandalay, which will
be laid before Govt. shortly.

As to second work, "Road
from Pottinger to Lorafrut", a
sum of \$20,000 is allotted.
This line is the necessary sequence
to the Pottinger line, on which an
expenditure of above 4 lakhs
has been incurred, an outlay
which is comparatively small
in view of the expense towards the
opening out of the Kyaukse
region, unless the line
is continued beyond the top of
the Mt.

As to third work, "Improvement
of the Canal between Rongmi &
Cochin", a sum of \$30,000
is allotted. For more than
20 years, the necessity for this
work has been repeatedly urged,
and numberless reports have
been written on the subject.
That it has not before now been
taken in hand, is due, partly
to the fact that projects for a
branch railway from Shwamur
to Cochin have been more
than once started, — and

partly to the idea — which seems to
have been entertained that it
was not worth while to improve
the canal at all unless it were
made, at great cost, suitable for
steam traffic. The Canal has
been recently inspected by Colonel
Hasted, who has wisely decided
on recommending such minor
improvements of the worst parts
as will enable, at moderate
cost, the ordinary boats of the
country to travel without the
great difficulties & hindrances
to which they are now subject.
The estimate will probably be
within \$75,000, — and the
entry of 30,000 was made in
the hope that this improvement
of this important line of traffic
might be begun this year &
finished next year.

H.E. the Governor says that
something must be done for
South Arakan, and calls on me
to give up all I can. If I
must name a work from
which the allotment should
be taken, I think it will
cause less public inconvenience

to postpone the commencement
of the road from Pottinger to
Koraput, by which a saving
of £20,000 will be effected.
The other two works, improving
Wynmad roads, & improving
the West Coast Canal, are
of more vital & immediate
importance.

The relative urgency of these
three works, & of repairing flood
damage in South Coast, is of
course a matter for the Govt. to
determine. But I would
beg to observe that all the
three proposed allotments will
be spent in parts of the country
where there is neither railway
nor other proper means of
communication; whereas
South Coast is provided with
two lines of rail, the main &
the branch, besides ~~excellent~~
roads in almost all directions,
which were excellent.

The sum set down in the
P. W. Budget as "Reserve with
Govt.", £1,10,930, no longer
exists as a Reserve.

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amount is much less than the
corresponding item last year,
and has been already distributed
among works that remained
unfinished on 31.3.83, and
for which special allotments
were not made.

The amount allotted in
the P. W. Budget for "Repairs"
£2,24,175, has been arrived
at after much careful calculation.
Although an item of 31,615/- for
the kilgiri roads appears for the
first time, the total is less by
£21,818 than the amount
allotted in 1884-5. To
reduce the amount further
is not, in my opinion, possible
without serious injury to public
interests.

M. M. M. M.

25.6.83.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 1st July 1885

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To the Fin. Dept
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