

26TH JANUARY 1885, No 08, REVENUE

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
REVENUE DEPARTMENT

READ—the following note by Colonel J O HASTED, R E, Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Chepâk, 13th January 1885, No 5 I —

With reference to paragraph 2 of G O, Revenue Department, No 29, dated 10th January 1885, I have only to remark that a special officer is engaged in re-investigation of what is called the upper Bellary project, which consists of a channel from the Tungabhadra near Hospet, to be carried into the drainage basin of the Daroji tank by means of a tunnel through the hills, and above the tank to the station of Bellary, in order to see whether any modification of the project is feasible

2 The original project has been completely worked out. The cost of the works would be at least 100 lakhs of rupees, and though the Irrigation Company who first took up the project anticipated that it would be remunerative, I have no hesitation in saying, judging from experience gained on the Kurnool canal, that it would never pay. Irrigation of the black cotton plains of Bellary is never likely to be remunerative. Unless therefore the Government are willing to undertake the expenditure of from 1 to 1½ millions of money on a project to supply Bellary with good water and to irrigate dry crops in years of deficient rainfall, I think the project may be abandoned.

3 I have seen most of the ground on the line the channel would take—the first part, from the Tungabhadra to the Daroji tank, is through difficult country and is, I think, unsuitable for a famine work. The second part, from Daroji tank to Bellary, would be suitable, but the channel of course would be useless until the first part, with the tunnel through the hills, had been completed. Its excavation would therefore pledge the Government to a vast expenditure, or would mean digging a hole to be gradually filled up by weather. As I believe I have already stated, I know of no better famine relief work in the Bellary district than deepening tanks in places where space is available for the disposal of the silt removed.

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department,
Irrigation Branch

Transferred to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department

(Signed) J O HASTED, Colonel, R E,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation
and Joint Secy to Govt, P W D,
Irrigation Branch

CHEPAK,
13th January 1885

READ—the following note by Colonel J SILAW-STEWART, R E, Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 17th January 1885, No 109C —

I entirely concur in Colonel Hasted's remarks. The cost of the upper Bellary project will probably exceed one million sterling, and the chief advantage to be expected consists in conveying an ample supply of good water into the town of Bellary.

2 If the Government are prepared to face this large expenditure, arrangements may be made for the employment of labor on the excavation of a channel through the plains of black cotton soil which stretch from Daroji tank towards Bellary, but it must be distinctly understood that any expenditure in that direction renders inevitable the execution of what will be by far the most difficult and costly part of the project, the construction of a canal through the rough and rocky country which lies between the Tungabhadra and Daroji tank

3 To suggest suitable works within the Bellary district for the employment of relief labor is matter of no ordinary difficulty. The subject has been very carefully considered during the last few months with not very satisfactory results. Several large irrigation projects have from time to time been suggested, but none has stood the test of close investigation. The following are the works which in my judgment should first be taken up, but I regret to say that none of them is calculated to give long employment to a large body of labor —

- (1) The earthwork on the Guntakal-Hindupur line, respecting which the Government of India have already been addressed
- (2) The short lines of road leading to various stations on the Madras Railway, to which reference is made by the Collector of Bellary in paragraph 4 of his letter, dated 29th December 1884
- (3) The deepening of the Bellary, Adoni, and other tanks, referred to in paragraph 7 of the same letter

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department,
with note by Chief Engineer for Irrigation in original

ORDER—dated 26th January 1885, No 108, Revenue

Miscellaneous

The foregoing notes will be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to G.O., dated 10th instant, No 29

2 Pending the sanction of the Government of India to the Guntakal-Hindupur railway extension, the Collector will be instructed, with reference to paragraph 10 of his letter of the 29th ultimo, to take immediate steps, in communication with the officers of the Public Works Department, to have estimates prepared for the minor works specified at the close of Colonel Shaw-Stewart's note

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H E STOKES,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue
„ the Collector of Bellary
„ the Public Works Department.
„ the Financial Department

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G.O., 26th January 1885, No. 108.

JANUARY.

Relief Works.

Notes by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and by the Chief Engineer and Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, regarding — for Bellary, communicated to the Board of Revenue, and the Collector instructed to take immediate steps to have estimates prepared for certain minor works

with order

Quarters.
W. N. G. officers Const. Dept

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ootacamuhd,

2nd February 1885.

No 327 A.

From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT

SIR,

With reference to para 2 of O. G. No. 2751 W, dated 5th November 1884, communicated in Military Department No. 5738 dated 19th idem, I have the honor by order to state that the matter having been referred to the General Officer Commanding Eastern District it has been elicited that there are no works from which funds can be appropriated towards the completion of Quarters for the Warrant and Non Commissioned Officers of the Commissariat Department. His Excellency the Commander in Chief however hopes that Government

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Communicated
to the Supy Engr
III Circle, for information
and guidance.
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He find it possible to allot funds for
his work at the beginning of next official
year.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

Arthur Thomas
Major

Offg Dy Q^r M^r General

For Quarter Master General

absent on tour.

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Military (1885) Department.

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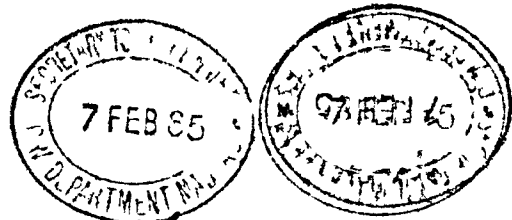
From

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL,

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

MILITARY DEPARTMENT



For Saint George
6th February '85

No 327 A

Dated 2nd } February
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Re 677. Forwarded to the
Public Works Dept, with reference
to P.G. in that department
No 2751 W, 8 5th Nov. 1884.

(By order)

A. Kenney-Herbert, Lieut-Col
Offg. Secy to Govt

ENCLOSURE *stib*

Regarding allotment of
funds for Quarters of
the Warrant & Non-Comsd.
Officers Const. Departt

5TH NOVEMBER 1884, No 2751 W, PUBLIC WORKS

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following letter from Colonel B H W. MAGRATH, Commissary-General,
to the Quartermaster-General, dated Madras, 8th October 1884, No 3722 —

I have the honor to report, for the information of His Excellency the Command-
der-in-Chief, that the Superintending Engineer, V Circle, informs me that he has no
funds available for completing the quarters of the Warrant and Non-commissioned
officers of this department

2 Four quarters (two for Warrant and two for Non-commissioned officers) are
now in course of construction, but Colonel Prendergast tells me no provision has been
made for beginning the other four

3 I trust therefore that His Excellency will be pleased to move Government to
place funds at the disposal of the Public Works Department for this purpose, as it is
most important that the men should be all out of Black Town and comfortably housed
before the next hot weather sets in, and this cannot be done unless the work is taken
in hand at once.

No 1651-A.

Endorsement on the above,

Forwarded for the consideration of Government with reference to Proceedings of
the Madras Government, No 1498, of 26th March 1884, and with a request that
Government will be pleased to direct the provision of funds necessary for completing
the eight quarters required for the Commissariat Warrant and Non-commissioned
officers as suggested by the Commissary-General

2 The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that it is most desirable the Warrant
and Non-commissioned officers of the department should be provided with new
quarters, so as to remove them from the very unhealthy locality of "Black Town"
in which they are now obliged to reside

(By Order)

OOTACAMUND,
13th October 1884

To the Secretary to Government, Military Department

(Signed)

A G HUTCHINS, Major,
Offg Dy Quartermaster-General

No 5104, Military

Transferred to the Public Works Department

(By Order)

OOTACAMUND,
13th October 1884,

(Signed)

A R. KENNEY-HERBERT, Lieut-Col,
Offg. Secretary to Government.

ORDER—dated 5th November 1884, No 2751 W, Public Works

The Government regret that there are no funds at their disposal from which an additional grant can be made for the completion of the quarters, now under construction at Madras, for Warrant and Non-commissioned officers of the Commissariat Department

2 In view however of the importance attached to the buildings, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested, in the Military Department, to suggest such re-appropriations of funds as may be thought practicable.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J SHAW-STEWART, Colonel, R E,
Secretary to Govt, P.W D.

To the Military Department
Superintending Engineer, V Circle.

Exd A Grubert.
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GENERAL,
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1884) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated November, 5th,

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Encl

G.O., 5th Nov. 1884, No. 2751 W.

NOVEMBER.

Quarters for Warrant and Non-
commissioned officers of the
Commissariat Department
at Madras

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief
requested to suggest re-appropriations of
funds to meet the additional grant required
for the completion of the —.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 10th Feb 1885

READ the following

From the Qr. Mr. General — A E No. 327 A of 2nd February/85
Encl thereon by the Military Dept .. No. 677 of 6th February/85

Recorded, with
remark that the balance
of the estimate for the
work is provided in
the Superior Military
works Budget for 1885-86

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To

The Military Department ✓ Desl 10/1/85

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