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Cochin - Tirur Canal

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.

READ—the following paper:—

From J. C. HANNYNGTON, Esq., Resident in Travancore and Cochin, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Trivandrum, 3rd July 1885, No. 78.

I have the honor, with reference to G.O. of 28th May 1885, Mis. No. 373, to forward copy of a letter from the Dewan of Cochin, from which you will observe that the Sirkar is willing to pay a moiety of the cost of the proposed improvements to the Cochin-Tirur canal between Yennamakal and Eddathurthy, a distance of about twelve miles.

2. It is clear that the Dewan does not look upon the project with any great degree of favor, and I must confess that in this feeling I sympathise with him.

3. What is really required is a water communication which will permit cargo to pass without breaking bulk from the shipping at the port of Cochin to the Tirur railway station, and entirely do away with the want or necessity which now exists of a railway communication between the two places; and there can be but little doubt that were such a communication established, we should in a very short time have a number of steamers at work both towing baggage boats and carrying merchandise and passengers.

4. The railway is much desired both by the merchants of British and Native Cochin and by the States, but the project is so expensive that it is very unlikely to be carried out within any reasonable time.

5. The present scheme will, I fear, do very little in attracting traffic to the proposed route, and I dread lest the minor work may render the execution of the larger canal yet more difficult and expensive.

6. Unless the more permanent bridges are made at once of a size and form suitable for the ulterior scheme, and unless the banks are now thrown back to the width which will be ultimately required, the present bridges may prove mere waste of money and the removal of banks now thrown up will entail expense.

I trust, therefore, that if the work now proposed be carried out, the requirements of the larger scheme may be borne in mind, and more especially in the matter of reservation of a sufficient width where the channel passes through cultivation.

ENCLOSURE.

From M.R.Ry. T. GOVINDA MENON, Dewan of Cochin, to the British Resident in Travancore and Cochin, dated Ernacollum 26th June 1885, No. 789.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 579, of the 9th instant, forwarding copy of G.O., No. 429, dated 6th May last, in regard to the improvement of the canal from Tirur to Cochin.

2. The existence of a port at Nanakal and a railway station at Shoranur, combined with the existing roads and water communication connecting the various commercial centres of this State, afford sufficient facilities for its traffic.

3. The inland trade of this country mostly passes to Shoranur *via* Karupadunom and Trichoor, and it is seldom that goods bound to the Madras railway are carried through the circuitous western canal to the more distant station of Tirur.

4. It will therefore be perceived that the benefit which this Sirkar might derive from the proposed improvement of the canal navigation will be too infinitesimal to enable me to recommend any contribution, unless in furtherance of a scheme of through steam communication that would supersede the necessity of connecting Cochin by rail with some point of the Madras railway.

5. Considering, however, that the portion of the canal from Eddathurthy to Yennamakal has been hitherto maintained at the expense of the two Governments since the arrangement *
 * *Vide* G.O., No. 413, dated 17th October 1873.
 in 1873, I have no objection to obtain His Highness' sanction to defray a moiety of the cost of improving this particular portion of the canal.

6. As the works now contemplated will only enable the ordinary baggage boats to proceed more freely at all seasons of the year than at present, but afford no additional facilities of importance, I do not think it is advisable to tax the trade with a toll. Some of the bridges are, I understand, not sufficiently high to enable large cabin boats and empty baggage boats to pass freely under them when the canal is full, and the space between the supporting posts of the bridges might be widened with advantage to give full play to the oars of a cabin boat.

No. 1269, Political.

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to orders in that department, No. 429 I., dated 6th May 1885.

OOTACAMUND,
 11th July 1885.

(Signed) E. F. WEBSTER,
 Chief Secretary.

ORDER—dated 12th September 1885, No. 774 I., Public Works.

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle, who will report, when submitting the estimate for improvement of canal, the share of cost which will be borne by the Cochin Government.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
 Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
 Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
 „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 „ Political Department.
 „ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. J. Henricus.
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G.O., 12th Sept. 1885, No. 774 I.

SEPTEMBER.

Cochin-Tirur Canal

Correspondence from the Resident in Travancore and Cochin regarding proposed improvements to the —, communicated with remarks to the Superintending Engineer.

No. 78

Resident's Office,

Travancore and Cochin.

3rd July 1885

From

J. G. Ramsington Esquire

Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

To

The Honorable E. Foster Webster

Chief Secretary to Government,

Fort St. George.

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I trust therefore that if the work now proposed be carried out, the requirements of the larger scheme may be borne in mind and more especially in the matter of reservation of a sufficient width where the Channel passes through cultivation.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours Most Obedt. Servant,

Resident

No 789. H. negro Cutching.
Ornaceum in Cochinchina.
26th June 1888.

June 1898.

J. C. Harrington
British Resident in
Spartanochia

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 79 of the 9th instant, forwarding copy of G. O. No 429, dated 6th May last, in regard to the improvement of the Canal from Tivoli to Corbi.

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I have the
/signed/ J. Govinda Rao
Dewan

/True copy/

Manager
Residents.

J. V.

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Chief Secretary

Communicated to S. D. D. who
will report when submitting the
bill for improvement of canal
the scheme which will be borne
by the Government

The Public Works Dept.
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Political Department.

From
The Resident in Travancore and Cochin.

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Fort St. George.

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Print with endorsement

Communicated
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Supplg. H. Circle
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Coastal Improvement

Correspondence from
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The Supp. Engr.

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