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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

Read—the following letter from R. G. MACDONALD, Esq., Officiating Under Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Irrigation), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 7th July 1886, No. 49 A.I. :—

In reply to your letter, No. 330 I., dated 27th April 1886, I am directed to inform you that, under the circumstances therein explained, the Government of India is pleased to sanction the debit of Rs. 60,000 to Imperial Funds under the head 43. Irrigation Minor Works and Navigation, on account of the Kovur-Manjair canal now in progress from Canal and Ferry Funds, in the Godávari district. The charge to Imperial Funds should be shown in the accounts of 1885-86 as a permissible excess over that years grant under 43. Minor Works and Navigation.

Order—dated 15th July 1886, No. 505 I., Public Works.

Communicated to the officers concerned for information and guidance.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.
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G.O., 15th July 1886, No. 505 I.

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Kovur-Manjair Canal

Letter from the Government of India sanctioning the debit to Imperial Funds of Rs. 60,000, being portion of cost of construction of the —, communicated to officers concerned.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

LETTER—from

COLONEL J. O. HASTED, R.E.,
Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Irrigation Branch,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,
(IRRIGATION).

SIR,

I am directed, in reply to your letter, No. 18-A C.W., dated 18th February 1886, to forward, for the information of the Government of India, the following brief sketch of the circumstances under which the Kovur-Munjair canal was constructed, as former communications have not placed the Government of India in possession of the complete facts of the case, a consideration of which has induced this Government to recommend the apportionment of the outlay to which the Government of India now object.

2. The proposal for a junction canal from the Cocanada canal above the Kovur lock to the Coringa canal originated in the necessity for facilitating access to the Pennaguduru salt-pans. Boats could only reach the salt-pans by the Cholangi river, the navigation of which was attended with much difficulty as the channel over the bar could not be maintained except at great expense. Doubts were, moreover, entertained whether dredging would secure satisfactory results. Under these circumstances the Government, in August 1869, acting on the recommendation of the Board of Revenue, ordered the preparation of plans and estimates for a canal to the salt-pans.

In October 1869 the Superintending Engineer submitted an estimate for excavating a canal to the salt-pans and extending it to join the Coringa canal above the Munjair lock. There was then considerable correspondence, which extended over some years, relative to the additional revenue under Salt that might be expected in consequence of the construction of the canal and to the bearing of the canal on the extension of irrigation.

In August 1876 revised estimates for the canal were submitted and the Collector, under whom salt operations were then carried on, reported that unless some scheme of the kind was carried out, it would not be very many years before it became impossible to remove salt from the pans by boats by means of the Cholangi river. The Government thereon sanctioned the estimate deciding that the cost of the canal only so far as the Cholangi river should be charged to the Salt Department, and that the Local Funds and Canal and Ferry Funds should contribute towards the extension to the Coringa canal, the Local Fund Board having promised a contribution of about Rs. 39,000.

The canal was then excavated as far as the Cholangi river, but in 1883, when the lock into the river to enable boats to be taken to the salt-pans was about to be

commenced, the Commissioner of Salt Revenue objected to its construction on the ground that fresh water would pass through it, and the Salt factory would be injured, and requested that all drainage which would naturally fall into the Cholangi creek should be diverted : the estimates were consequently revised and, on the Commissioner of Salt Revenue representing that the canal (altered as it was at his request) would only serve one platform, and deprecating the charge to the Salt Department of any portion of the expenditure, the Government ruled that, as the canal was originally designed for the special benefit of the Salt Department, the contribution must be paid.

3. The Commissioner of Salt Revenue, in deprecating the charge to Salt of any portion of the cost of the canal, states that no more than a lakh of maunds are ever likely to be available for removal by the new canal, that the factory is already approached by good roads and intersected by a navigable creek, and that the extension of the excise system to Pennuguduru rendered it necessary to charge the licensees with interest, which would be an unfair arrangement.

4. Having considered those objections, the Government observed that it was open to Government to relieve the licensees from payment of interest on the cost of this particular work and authorised the Commissioner to do so.

5. It will thus be apparent to the Government of India that this Government having considered all objections raised to the charge pro posed to Salt, bearing in mind that the work was primarily undertaken in the interests of Salt, have deliberately determined that a considerable portion of the expenditure can be legitimately classified as "Salt expenditure," and I am therefore to request that the Government of India may be moved to reconsider the decision expressed in their letter under reply.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
27th April 1886.

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Dated April, 27th.

Read. *Encl.*

27th April 1886, No. 330 I.

APRIL.

Kovur-Munjair Canal

The Government of India requested to reconsider their decision not to permit the debit to Salt Funds of a portion of cost of construction of the —.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

Read—the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. FILGATE, R.E., Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Civil Works), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 18th February 1886, No. 18-A C.W. :—

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 1086 I., dated 19th December 1885, requesting the sanction of the Government of India to the debit to Salt Funds and Local Funds of portions * of the estimated outlay on the Kovur-Munjair canal, now in progress from Canal and Ferry Funds, in the Godávari district.

		Rs.
* To Local Funds		37,350
„ Salt Funds		60,000

2. In reply, I am to say that the Government of India has no objection to the Canal and Ferry Funds and other Local Funds paying such share of the cost as the Government of Madras may deem equitable; no portion of the outlay on the Kovur-Munjair canal can, however, be legitimately classified as "Salt expenditure."

Order—dated 27th April 1886, No. 329 I., Public Works.

Ordered that the following reply be sent to the Government of India :—

(Here enter No. 330 I., dated 27th April 1886.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. O. HASTED, Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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Dated April, 27th.

Read. *Encl.*

G.O., 27th April 1886, No. 329 I.

APRIL.

Kovur-Munjair Canal

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed with regard to their refusal to sanction the debit to Salt Funds of a portion of cost of construction of the —.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

LETTER—from

COLONEL H. L. PRENDERGAST, R.E.,

Acting Joint Secretary to the Government of Madras,

Public Works Department,

Irrigation Branch.

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (IRRIGATION).

SIR,

I am directed to request that, in accordance with the resolution in the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 1274, dated 13th March 1884, the Government of India will sanction Rs. 60,000 of the total estimated expenditure of Rs. 1,82,074 on the Kovur-Manjair canal now in progress from Canal and Ferry Funds in the Godávari district being charged to Salt Funds, and Rs. 37,750 of the balance to Local Funds under the following circumstances.

2. The canal was undertaken to establish water communication between the Penuguduru salt pans and the Cocanada canal, and to unite the Cocanada and Coringa canals. Estimates were sanctioned in October 1876 for works amounting to Rs. 1,89,450 and providing for aqueducts over the Bhavaram drain, Cholangi river, Tooliabaga and Coorada drains, and also for a lock into the Cholangi river, in order that boats might convey salt from the platforms directly into the interior. As the canal would obviate the difficulty previously experienced in navigating the Cholangi river, it was considered necessary in the interests of salt manufacture. The proposal to charge a portion of the cost to Local Funds is due to the offer of Rs. 39,900 as a contribution by the Local Fund Board of the Cocanada circle, who recognised the usefulness of the canal as a means of communication. As a large surplus was available under Canal and Ferry Funds, expenditure in starting work on this canal was incurred from those funds, the cost of distributaries of the canal being contributed from Irrigation Funds. The total cost of the canal including establishment and tools and plant charges, as originally estimated, amounted to Rs. 2,51,970 and was apportioned to the several funds as shown below :—

	Rs.
Salt Department	1,04,090
Local Funds	39,900
Canal and Ferry Fund	89,550
Irrigation Fund	18,430
Total ...	2,51,970

3. On this sanction the canal was excavated as far as the Cholangi river and opened to traffic; but when, in 1883, preparations were being made for constructing the lock into the river and the aqueduct over it, it was found that the fresh water

drained into the river would injuriously affect the salt pans. The works were then suspended, and, after much discussion, it was finally decided that the drainage should be diverted. The estimates for the canal were, therefore, revised and sanctioned in March 1885, exclusive of the distributaries required for the extension of irrigation which were separately sanctioned from Irrigation Funds, the apportionment of the revised estimates amounting to Rs. 1,82,074 becomes against—

	Rs.
Salt Department	60,000
Local Funds	37,350
Canal and Ferry Fund	84,724
Total ...	1,82,074

4. All the previous expenditure has been debited to Canal and Ferry Fund, which has already borne considerably more than its proper share of the cost and cannot be expected to bear the whole cost of the canal which was primarily intended to promote salt trade and facilitate local traffic. As no portion of the amounts debitable to Salt and Local Funds has yet been paid, and as it is necessary that these funds should bear the shares chargeable to them, I am to request that the Government of India may be pleased to accord their sanction.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th December 1885.

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19th Dec. 1885, No. 1086 I.

DECEMBER.

Kovur-Manjair Canal

Requesting sanction to the apportionment of the cost of the — between Salt, Local, and Canal and Ferry Funds.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Irrigation.
Account.

READ—the following papers:—

Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Revenue Department, dated 6th October 1885, No. 1135.

ABSTRACT.—Directing the Commissioner to provide for payment of the contribution due by the Salt Department towards the expenditure on the Kovur-Manjair canal and to relieve the licensees from payment of interest on the cost.

G.O., dated 14th November 1885, Mis. No. 1033, L.F., Financial.

Read—the following letter from the President, District Board, Godávari, dated 1st October 1885, No. 70.

In reference to G.O., dated the 6th March 1885, No. 473, communicated to me by the Board of Revenue in their proceedings of the 31st idem, No. 3084 (Mis.), I have the honor to submit, herewith, a copy of the resolution passed by the District Board on the subject of the Local Fund contribution towards the cost of the Kovur-Manjair canal. I regret to say they are not willing to pay anything on this account.

2. They consider that the advantages anticipated by the then Local Fund Board from the excavation of the canal are not now derived, as the portion of the district where the canal runs has been provided with roads made by the District Board during the period of 12 years the excavation of the work was delayed.

3. They agree with the views of Mr. Bliss in the last part of his letter, No. 2019, of the 21st February last, printed in the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 1039, dated the 30th March 1885.

4. I am sorry that the District Board should have refused to pay this. They had promised to do so and, I think, they ought to fulfil the promise. But if it could be right to break a promise, I think the District Board have some grounds to go on. When they made the promise the canal would have proved much more useful to them than now. Circumstances have considerably altered since the promise was made, and the District Board were not in any way responsible for the delay that has occurred.

Order—dated 14th November 1885, Mis. No. 1033 L.F., Financial.

The Government see no reason to reconsider their order, dated 6th March 1885, No. 473 F.D., and arrangements should be made for payment of the contribution by the District Board without further delay.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. D. REES,
Under Secretary.

To the President, District Board, Godávari.
" Public Works Department.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, in the Financial Department, dated 19th November 1885, Mis. No. 1070 L.F.

Order—dated 19th December 1885, No. 1085 I., Public Works.

Ordered that, in accordance with the resolution in the Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 1274, dated 13th March 1884, the Government of India be requested to sanction the apportionment of the cost of the Kovur-Manjair canal between Salt, Local, and Canal and Ferry funds.

(Here enter No. 1086 I., dated 19th December 1885.)

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. L. PRENDERGAST, Colonel, R.E.,
Ag. Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Superintending Engineer, I Circle.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
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Dated December, 19th.

Recd. *Encl.*

G.O., 19th Dec. 1885, No. 1085 I.

DECEMBER.

Kovur-Manjair Canal

Ordered that the Government of India be requested to sanction the apportionment of the cost of the — between Salt, Local, and Canal and Ferry funds.

Local & Munl Department.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following paper

Letter from the President, District Board, Godavari, dated 7th April 1887 No. 36.

A sum of Rs. 19,000 was provided in the last year's Budget on account of contribution to Kovvur Manjaru Canal. As payment of the same is now claimed by the Collector vide Copy of his letter No. 87 dated 31st Ultimo to the Board of Revenue, I have the honor to request that Government will be pleased to issue orders for placing the above sum at the disposal of the Public Works Department through the Accountant General making the necessary adjustment in the accounts of the last official year.

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Order

Order thereon dt 11th May 1887 No 834 L (Mis:)

Communicated to the Accountant General who is authorized to make the necessary adjustment in the Accounts in communication with the Public Works Department.

(True Extract)

W. Berger
Asst. Secretary.

To

The Accountant General.
" Public Works Department.
" President, District Board, Godavari.

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Authorizing the Accts General to make the necessary adjustment for placing Rs 19,000 at the disposal of the P. W. Dept.

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Resource Department.

Fort St George
Accountant General's Office
3rd June 1887.

No. 1465.

From

W. F. Clogstoun Esq:
Accountant General
to the Govt. of Madras.

To

The Collector of Godavari.

Sir.

With reference to your letter to the Board of Revenue No 87 dated the 31st March 1887, I have the honor to state that in order to bring into the accounts of 1886-87 the further amount of contribution of Rs 19,000 of the Godavari District Local Fund towards the cost of the Kovur-Nunjair Junction Canal, the necessary adjustment will be made in the books of this Office for that year under the adjusting heads to the debit of "Local Funds Act V of 1884" and credit of "Canal and Ferry Fund" as in the case of the first instalment of that contribution referred to in my letter

No.

G.O. No 1085 d. 9/9-12-85

112 dated the 15th February 1886.

I have &c. &c.

(Signed) N. F. Clogstoun

Accountant General.

No. 1466.

Copy forwarded to the Examiner of Public Works Accounts with reference to G.O. No. 834 Miscellaneous dated 11th May 1887 Local and Municipal Department.

(Signed) N. F. Clogstoun.

Accountant General.

(True Copies)

G. Patton

Supt. Correspondence Branch.

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Madras, 1st July 1887.

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Copy of the Accountant General's (Madras) endorsement No. 1466, communicating letter to the Collector of Godavari District, regarding the adjustment of the Contribution from Local Funds on account of the Kovur-Munjair junction Canal, is herewith forwarded for information, with reference to G.O. No. 1481 W. dated the 1st June 1887.

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