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GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

READ—the following papers :—

From G. T. WALCH, Esq., Superintending Engineer, I Circle, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Dowlaishweram, 25th June 1887, No. 245 G.N.

With reference to your No. 1-17 G.N., dated 30th May 1887, I have the honor to say that, considering the nature of the country where the Rushikulya works have to be carried out and the sparseness of the population of it and the neighbouring country, there can be no doubt that the forecast of expenditure was much too sanguine. I will do my best to try and improve matters, as regards progress of work, in the ways suggested by you, but at this season and with the division just passed temporarily into new hands, I do not anticipate any immediate success.

2. The late reduction of establishment had undoubtedly a most detrimental effect on the progress of the works, but with the recent postings making up the establishment of the Ganjam division to its full* sanctioned strength, I consider that it will be adequate to deal with the labor obtainable; no strength of establishment would now, I believe, enable the full grant as originally given for this year (Rs. 2,30,000) to be utilised, and therefore in my telegram of 17th instant, I reiterated the request for relinquishment of Rs. 60,000.

3. As regards the grants proposed for the works noticed in, paragraph 3 of your letter, they are based on the revised estimates shortly going in, which are in excess of the original ones.

4. The revised estimates, &c., have in part reached me the day before yesterday; doubtless, the remainder will follow in a day or two, and I hope to get the examination completed and to send them off in about from 15 to 20 days.

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* Exclusive of Chicacole sub-division—

Upper subordinates, permanent	...	6
" " temporary	...	2
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No. 92 I.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Additional funds are urgently required to enable some of the important divisions on the Buckingham canal to be completed as early as possible.

2. The grants for this year are as follow :—

	Imperial 36. Protective.	Provincial 43. Minor Works and Navigation.
	RS.	RS.
Works	75,000	1,57,500
Establishment	...	53,475
Tools and Plant	...	9,775
Total ...	75,000	2,20,750

3. Owing to financial consideration, only Rs. 75,000 were assigned as grant-in-aid from Imperial funds for expenditure on the Buckingham canal during the current year. This sum is less than half the grant provided from Provincial funds for expenditure on works.

4. The Government of India, in their letter, No. 267 I., dated 24th July 1883, printed with G.O., No. 649 I., dated 16th August 1883, recognised the necessity for the early completion of the canal, and held out hope of a grant-in-aid equal to the Provincial grant being given from Imperial funds. In this letter it was stipulated by the Government of India that establishment charges, &c., should be met from Provincial funds.

5. It is not thought likely that additional funds can be provided from Provincial funds; therefore, if the Imperial grant is increased to the same amount as given from Provincial funds for works, this last amount must be slightly decreased to allow for the additional amount required for establishment. If an increased grant of Rs. 69,500 is given from Imperial, the grants will be as follows:—

	Imperial 35. Protective.	Provincial 43. Minor Works' and Navigation.
	RS.	RS.
Works	1,44,500	1,44,500
Establishment	...	66,470
Tools and Plant	...	9,780
Total ...	1,44,500	2,20,750

6. It is believed to be useless to ask the Government of India to give this additional grant, but a transfer might be sanctioned.

7. The Superintending Engineer of the I Circle has reported that, owing to the reduction of temporary establishment and the scarcity of labor, the grant of Rs. 2,30,000 for works of the Rushikulya project in Ganjam cannot be fully utilized, and requests that Rs. 60,000 for works may be surrendered; this with establishment charges is Rs. 73,800. It is suggested that application to the Government of India should be made to sanction this transfer.

8. For this additional grant to the Buckingham canal to be fully utilized, it is necessary that early sanction should be given.

OOTACAMUND,
28th July 1887.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 1st August 1887.

Funds urgently required for Buckingham canal. Grant-in-aid from Protective only Rs. 75,000, while Provincial grant exceeds 1½ lakhs. Please wire sanction for transfer not exceeding 70,000 from other protective works. *Vide* your letter, 24th July 1883, No. 267 I.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, Simla, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated 12th August 1887.

Your telegram 1st instant. Transfer funds Buckingham canal from Rushikulya sanctioned if quite impossible spend money latter work, and on condition that Madras liable to recoup Rushikulya hereafter from Provincial. Letter follows.

From Colonel R. C. B. PEMBERTON, R.E., Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department (Account—Irrigation), to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, dated Simla, 19th August 1887, No. 71 A.I.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the 1st instant suggesting a transfer of Rs. 70,000 from the grant for the Rushikulya project to that for the Buckingham canal under "35, Construction of Protective Irrigation works."

2. As a reason for increasing the Protective allotment for the current year to the Buckingham canal, it is stated that the Provincial grant exceeds Rs. 1,50,000, and a reference is made to Public Works Department letter, No. 267 I., dated 24th July 1883, in which it was promised that, if the Government of Madras could engage to spend yearly Rs. 1,50,000 from Provincial funds on the Buckingham canal, the Government of India would give, if possible, an equal sum from Protective funds for outlay on original works. But I am to point out that the promise of an annual grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,50,000 from Imperial Protective funds was conditional, not only on the allotment of a similar amount from Provincial sources, but also on the contingency that funds would be available.

3. Since that letter was written, it has been decided, under the authority of the Secretary of State, that the interest charges on the Indian Midland and Nagpur Bengal Railways should be met by a corresponding reduction from the 25 lakhs which at that time were devoted annually towards the construction of protective irrigation works; and the total grant available in the current year for the whole of India stands now at only Rs. 9,25,000. Under these circumstances, the Government of India is unwilling to reduce the current grant to the Rushikulya project unless it is really in excess of the actual requirements of the year, and I am directed to inform you that the Government of India can, in any case, only assent to the re-appropriation on the understanding that the Government of Madras will undertake to refund the sum hereafter from Provincial resources.

Telegram from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, dated 28th August 1887.

Your letter, 71-A.I., 19th instant. Full allotment cannot be spent Rushikulya. Money urgently required Buckingham canal. Cannot consent to refund from Provincial. Please reconsider matter and sanction transfer.

ORDER—dated 2nd September 1887, No. 2356 W., Public Works.

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(Here enter No. 2357 W., dated 2nd September 1887.)

(True Extract.)

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

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with copy of
letter to Government of India.

Exd. A. Raitt.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of |1887| Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 2nd.

Recd.

G.O., 2nd Sept. 1887, No. 2356 W

SEPTEMBER.

Funds

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed on the subject of their letter in regard to the transfer of certain — on account of the Buckingham Canal.

2nd September 1887, No. 2357 W., Public Works.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

General.
Account.

Letter—from

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

To

The SECRETARY to the GOVERNMENT of INDIA,
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, No. 71-A.I., dated 19th August 1887.

2. The Government of Madras are aware that the promise of an annual grant-in-aid of Rs. 1,50,000 from Imperial Protective funds, made in your letter, No. 267 I., dated 24th July 1883, was conditional; but I am to observe that, in discussion with the Finance Committee* on the subject of the new Provincial contract, nothing was brought forward to lead the Government to suppose that the promised grant-in-aid would be immediately reduced, and the Provincial assignments for the works were accepted with the understanding on the part of this Government that no change was intended in regard to Imperial obligations, but that a grant of Rs. 1,50,000 from Protective funds would be made as usual for the Buckingham canal.

3. The importance of completing this line of communication has already been pressed on the Government of India; and as there is now a prospect of early communication by rail being established between the Singareni coal fields and Bezváda in the Kistna District, whence there will be direct canal communication through the Kistna and Buckingham canals to Madras, the necessity for completing a satisfactory line of navigation is more prominently brought to notice. The Chamber of Commerce, Madras, has on more than one occasion urged on the Government the necessity for making larger grants for the work, and the public generally are evincing great interest in the subject.

4. No reference was made in my telegram of the 1st August to the Rushikulya project as the source from which the transfer could be made, but in your letter under reply, the transfer from the Rushikulya grant has been suggested on the understanding that the Government of Madras will undertake to refund the sum hereafter from Provincial resources. It has been ascertained that the transfer can safely be made from the Rushikulya project, as the difficulty in procuring labor still continues there, and the progress of the works is not so great as anticipated; but, as my telegram of the 28th August 1887 will have apprised you, the Government are unable to refund the money transferred, from Provincial funds.

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* See paragraphs 244—249 of their report.

5. I am to point out that this Government requires no stimulus to push on the completion of the Buckingham canal, and would gladly devote a larger sum from Provincial than the Rs. 1,50,000 which it engaged to devote to the purpose, if, with due regard to other pressing demands, it could reasonably do so ; but, having so lately entered on fresh engagements, it cannot with safety undertake the refund of a sum which, when those engagements were entered into, it was understood they might reasonably expect would be continued annually to them from funds at the disposal of the Government of India. I am also to observe that the transfer from the Rushikulya project entails no fresh concession by the Government of India, and therefore, in the opinion of this Government, affords no ground for pressing a demand on Provincial funds which the Government feel themselves unable to comply with.

6. I am further to say—though it is believed the Government of India are well aware of the facts of the case—that the completion of an effective line of navigation between the Northern deltas in Madras is so important as a Famine protective work, that this Government consider the claim of the work on funds raised especially for the purpose of ensuring against famine is not surpassed by that of any other work in India. The Madras Government trusts that this claim will be recognised by the Government of India, and that larger grants will be made in future.

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

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

OOTACAMUND,
2nd September 1887.

Exd. A. Raitt.
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GENERAL.
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1887) Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated September, 2nd.

Recd. *Encl.*

2nd Sept. 1887, No. 2357 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Funds

Affording further information in regard to the proposed transfer of certain — on account of the Buckingham Canal.

2d Septr/87, No 2357 W
3 Encl.
Forwd.

NO. 245 G. No 14

FROM
THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO
THE CHIEF ENGINEER 235/3
FOR IRRIGATION.

DOWLAISHWARAM, 25th June 1887.

Despd. 2nd July 1887

SIR,

(1) With reference to your No. 1/174n dated 30th May 1887. I have the honor to say that considering the nature of the country where the Rushikulya works have to be carried out and the sparseness of the population of it & the neighbouring country there can be no doubt that the forecast of expenditure was much too sanguine — I will do my best to try and improve matters, as regards progress of work in the ways suggested by you, but at this season and with the Division

just passed temporarily into new hands I do not anticipate any immediate success.

(2) The late reduction of Establishment had undoubtedly a most detrimental effect on the progress of the works but with the recent postings making up the Establishment of the Ganjam Division to its full sanctioned strength, I consider that it will be adequate to deal with the labour obtainable ; no strength of Establishment would now I believe enable the full grant as originally given for this year (Rs 2,30,000) to be utilized and therefore in my telegram of 17th Instant I reiterated the request for relinquishment of Rs. 60000.

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(3) As regards the grants proposed for the works noticed in para 3

of your letter they are based on the revised estimates shortly going in which are in excess of the original ones.

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(4) The revised Estimates so have in part reached me, the day before yesterday - doubtless the remainder will follow in a day or two and I hope to get the examination completed and to send them off in about from 15 to 20 days.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obdt Servt
C. Pewles
Supg. Engineer Circle

CHIEF ENGINEER
No. 35 G.N
8-JUL.87
FOR IRRIGATION.

FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE.

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER
FOR IRRIGATION.

DATED 25th June
DESPATCHED 2nd July 1887
RECEIVED

No. 245 G.N.

ENCLOSURES. nil

SUBJECT.

Relinquishment of Rs 60,000 from the Current year's grant for Rushi-kulya Project.

Explains the causes for the ——

Letter from the Supg. Engr. 1st Circle No. 245. G. N.
dated 25 June 1887

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrig.

No. 92 I. –"–

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Establishment	"	53,475
Tools & Plant.	"	9,775
Total Rs	75,000	2,20,750

3. Owing to financial Consideration only Rs 75,000 were assigned as Grant-in-aid from Imperial funds for expenditure on the Buckingham Canal during the current year. This sum is less than half the grant provided from Provincial funds for expenditure on works.

4. The Government of India in their letter No. 267. I. dated 24 July/86

printed with G. O. No. 649. I. dated 16th August 1883 recognised the necessity for the early completion of the Canal and held out hope of a grant-in-aid equal to the Provincial Grant being given from Imperial funds. In this letter it was stipulated by the Government of India that Establishment charges &c should be met from Provincial funds.

6. It is not thought likely that additional funds can be provided from Provincial funds, therefore if the Imperial grant is increased to the same amount as given from Provincial funds for works, this last amount must be slightly decreased to allow for the additional amount required for Establishment. If an increased grant of Rs 69,500 is given from Imperial, the grants will be as follows:—

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Tools & Plant	"	9,780
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6. It is believed to be useless to ask the Government of India to give this additional grant but a transfer might be sanctioned.

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8. For this additional grant to the Buckingham Canal to be fully utilized, it is necessary that early sanction should be given.

Ootacamund }
28th July 1887. }

Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrign.

To
The Jt Secy to Govt. P.W.Dt.
Irrign Branch

P.W.C. No. 59

G.O. 377 I d/ 5.5.83
" 669 I d/ 16-8-83

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the

835/I

READ the following

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation — } (Ar. No I. of 28 July 83)

The reappropriation to the Buckingham Canal of Rs 6950 0 0 of the amount surrendered from the grant for the Rushikulya Project is approved.

2. The following deferred telegram will be sent to the Government of India

"Funds urgently required for Buckingham Canal - Grant-in-aid from Protective only Rs 75,000, while Provincial grant exceeds 1½ lakhs. Please wire sanction for transfer not exceeding 70,000 from other Protective works. Vide your letter 24 July 1883, no 267 I."

3. Ordered that a Copy of these Proceedings be forwarded to

(The proceedings in full as noted despatched before answer comes to telegram) 30 July

to the Government
of India.

28/7/87

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Your telegram first instant transfer funds buckingham canal from rushikuliya sanctioned if quite impossible spend money latter work and on condition that madras liable to recoup rushikuliya hereafter from provincial letter follows

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Telegraph Master.

MADRAS 12-8-87

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No. 71 A.I.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOUNT.
Irrigation

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All communications
should be addressed
to the Secretary.

To
The Secretary to the
Government of Madras,
Public Works Department.

Simla, 19 August, 1887.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of the first instant suggesting a transfer of Rs 70,000 from the grant for the Rushikulya project to that for the Buckingham Canal under "35 Construction of Protective Irrigation works."

2. As a reason for increasing the Protective allotment for the current year to the Buckingham canal it is stated that the Provincial grant exceeds Rs 150,000 and a reference is made to Public Works Department letter No. 2679 dated 24th July 1883 in which it was promised that, if the Government of Madras could engage to spend yearly Rs 150,000 from Provincial funds on the Buckingham canal, the Government of India would give, if possible, an equal sum from Protective funds for outlay on original works. But I am to point out that the promise of an annual grant-in-aid of Rs 150,000 from Imperial

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P.W.C. No 6577

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3. Since that letter was written, it has been decided under the authority of the Secretary of State, that the interest charges on the Indian Midland and Nagpur Bengal Railways should be met by a corresponding reduction from the 25 lakhs which at that time were devoted annually towards the construction of protective irrigation works; and the total grant available in the current year for the whole of India stands now at only Rs 9,25,000.

Under these circumstances the Government of India is unwilling to reduce the current grant to the Rushikulya project unless it is really in excess of the actual requirements of the year and I am directed to inform you that the Government of India can, in any case, only assent to the reappropriation on the understanding that the Government of Madras will undertake to refund the sum hereafter from Provincial resources.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedt. Servant.
R H Pemberton Coll, R.E.
Secretary to Govt of India

G.O. No. 3 d/ 9.12.86
" 649 d/ 16.8.83
" 650 d/ 16.8.83

The Hon. P. P. Hutchins

2338/13

The G of I letter on the subject of proposed transfer from Protective to Buckingham Canal has not been received. I have discussed it with Col. Stokes who strongly objects to our making the transfer from Rushikulya & leaving ourselves in the hands of the G of I, especially as we are thinking that an attempt will be made to throw the whole burden of the B. Canal on Provincial Fund.

I propose to reply to the letter making out a strong case for the Canal, and showing that we have been led into difficulties by the G of I sending the grant they had led us to expect, and meanwhile send the following telegram, of which Col. Stokes approves.

(10) "Your letter 71 P.I. conditions that full allotment cannot be spent Rushikulya. Money urgently required Buckingham Canal. Cannot consent to refund from Provincial. Please reconsider matter and sanction transfer?"

12/8/87

Read the following

Telegram d/ 12-8-87

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Order thereon

The following transfers of funds are sanctioned.

Imperial

35. Protective works - Irrign.

From		To	
Rushikulya Project		Buckingham Canal	
Works	Rs 56,504	Works	69,500
Estt.	12,996		
	69,500		69,500

Provincial

43. Minor works & Navign.
Buckingham Canal
Capl: acct

From		To	
Works	13,000	Estabt.	12,995
		Tools & Plant	5
	13,000		13,000

The Supg: Engr. I circle will report the work of the Rushikulya project on which he proposes to utilize the difference of Rs 3,496 between the amount

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Go. No. 3 d/ 9.12.86
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Your most

R W Pemberton

Secretary

Read the following

From the Govt. of India Telegram d/ 12-8-87 - 2338/14

Order thereon

The following transfers of funds are sanctioned.

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35. Protective works - Irrign.

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Buckingham Canal
Capl: Acct.

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	13,000		13,000

2. The Supg: Engr. I circle will report the work of the Rushikulya project on which he proposes to utilize the difference of Rs 3,496 between the

amount surrendered from the grant for the project in his letter No 131G.W d/ 5-5-87 and the sum now transferred to the Buckingham Canal.

3. The Supg: Engr II circle will submit at an early date a revised schedule showing the distribution by component works of the existing grant of Rs 289000 for expenditure on Capital account of the Buckingham Canal in lieu of the one received with his letter No 116 B.C d/ 22.7.87. He will expedite ~~that~~ the submission of revised estimates for all works for which funds are proposed to be provided this year in anticipation of sanction to the estimates

4. The following deferred telegram will be sent to the Supg: Engr, II circle,

"Your letter 116 B.C 22nd ultimo. Grant for works Buckingham Canal Capl: acct increased by Rs 56,500"

5. The G of I will, on receipt of the letter referred to in their telegram, be addressed on the desirability of increasing the grant in aid from Imperial funds for the Canal

B.H. 13-8-87

17/8/87

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 23rd/8

READ the following

Telegram from the Govt of India (H E No — dated 12 August 1887)

The following transfers of funds are sanctioned.

Imperial

35 Protective works - Irrigation

From		To	
Rushikulya Project		Buckingham Canal	
Works	Rs 56,504	Works	69,500
Establishment	12,996		
	69,500		69,500

Provincial

43 Minor works and Navigation

Buckingham Canal

Capital Account

From		To	
Works	13,000	Establishment	12995
		Tools & Plant	5
	13000		13000

2 The Supg Engineer, First Circle will report the work of the Rushikulya project on which he proposes to utilise the difference of Rs 3,496

between the amount surrendered from the grant for the project in his letter No 131 G.A dated 5th May/1887 and the sum now transferred to the Buckingham Canal

3 The Supdg Engineer, Second Circle will submit, at an early date, a revised schedule showing the distribution by component works of the existing grant of Rs 2,89,000 for expenditure on Capital account of the Buckingham Canal in lieu of the one received with his letter No 116 B.C dated 22nd July 1887 He will expedite the submission of revised estimates for all works for which funds are proposed to be provided this year in anticipation of sanction to the estimates.

4 The following deferred telegram will be sent to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.

"Your letter 116 B.C 22nd ultimo Grant for works Buckingham Canal Capital account increased by Rs 56,500"

5 The Government of India will, on receipt of the letter, referred to in their telegram, be addressed on the desirability of increasing the grant-in-aid from Imperial funds for the Canal

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

dated 12 August 1887.

accompanying telegram

of India sanction

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INDIAN TELEGRAPH.

Local No. 88

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To (Person) Chief Assistt Public Works Secretariat

From (Person) Second Assist P.W. Secretariat

Numbers 2356 and 2357W of this date.

John Rodrigues

Recd. from L. N. At Hrs. Mts. By

Sent to L. N. At Hrs. Mts. By

Telegraph Master.

Date

OOTACAMUND 2-9-87

P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following :—

From the Government of India Telegram dated 12 August 1887.

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FOR ORDERS.

In the accompanying telegram the Government of India sanction the transfer of funds proposed in P. M. G. No. dated from the Rushikulya project to the Buckingham Canal under Imperial-Protective works, but stipulate that an equal amount should hereafter be provided from Provincial funds for expenditure on the Rushikulya project. This stipulation throws upon Provincial funds an additional liability not included in the terms of the Provincial Contract lately concluded with the Government of India and will delay the Completion of the canal as it is improbable that a larger grant than what has already been fixed by the Finance Committee can be provided from Provincial funds

2 In submitting for the sanction of the Government of India the Completion estimates for the canal with P.W.G. No 841 W dated 4th March 1883, it was recommended that, in order to provide in a fair and equitable manner for the incidence of the charges, two out of three lakhs of rupees proposed to be spent annually on original works should be met from Imperial-Protective and the remainder from Provincial which also bears the full maintenance charges.

In letter No 267 I dated 24 July 1883 printed with G. O No 649 I dated 16 August 1883 the Government of India sanctioned, from Imperial-Protective, a grant-in-aid of Rs 133,000 for 1883-84 and held out the hope of a grant-in-aid from Imperial equal to the Provincial grant for expenditure on Original works for subsequent years, should this Government engage to spend yearly Rs 150,000 on the canal from Provincial funds in addition to all establishment & tools and plant charges. This condition was accepted in letter No 150 I dated 16 August 1883. The Provincial grant for expenditure on original works for 1883-84 having been reduced to meet the demand for repairing the damages caused to the canal by floods, the Government of India remarked in para 6 of their letter No 22 A.I. dated 1st February 1884 printed with G.O No 172 I dated 12 February 1884 that should this Government be unable to provide the full grants for expenditure on Capital account of this Canal from Provincial funds according to the arrangements agreed upon no material aid from Imperial funds could be expected. The grant-in-aid for 1884-85 which was fixed at only Rs 101,000 with reference to the grant originally provided from Provincial funds was subsequently increased to Rs 150,000, the Provincial grant having also been increased on a special representation the early completion of the Canal being considered highly desirable. In para 8 of their No 40 A. I dated 22d February 1884 printed with G.O. No 283 I dated 12th March 188 the Government of India stated that the grant-in-aid was increased on a distinct understanding that every effort would be made to make good the short comings in respect to the expenditure on original works on the Canal in 1883-84 from Provincial funds as compared with the grant-in-aid of Rs 133,000 for that year, that lapses if any should benefit the grant in aid from Imperial funds and that the grant assigned annually from Provincial funds for expenditure on Capital Account of the Canal

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should be considered as not available for transfer to any other project or object. For 1885-86 the grant-in-aid which was originally fixed at Rs 1,50,000 was subsequently increased to Rs 1,60,000, the increase being met from the amount surrendered from the grant for the Rushikulya project the Provincial grant for the canal under works being increased by a corresponding amount. The Government of India sanctioned this transfer under Imperial Protective unconditionally. For 1886-87 the grant-in-aid which was originally fixed at Rs 1,50,000 remained unaltered.

3 The following statement compares with the grants the expenditure incurred on Capital account of the Canal from 1883-84 to 1886-87

	1883-84		1884-85		1885-86		1886-87		Total	
	Grant	Expendre	Grant	Expendre	Grant	Expendre	Grant	Expendre	Grant	Expenditure
Impl Protective works	133,000	133,000	150,000	101,318	160,000	160,000	150,000	142479	593000	536,797
Provincial works	78,766	65,367	150,406	150,406	156,700	166,326	162912	162912	548,784	545,011
Establishment	48,707	44,860	69,094	59,926	72841	74,204	71,970	64,639	262,612	240,629
Tools & Plant	13,500	9970	16,453	15099	11,500	10391	10356	6154	51,809	41,614
Total Provincial	140,973	120,197	235,953	22431	241,041	250,921	245,238	233,705	863,205	827,254
Grand Total	273,973	253,197	385,953	323,749	401,041	410,921	395,238	376,184	14,56,205	13,64,051

It will be seen from this statement that during the last four years the total expenditure incurred on original works and Charged to Provincial funds is Rs 8214 more than that Charged to Imperial funds

4 In para 245 of their note on the Provincial contract for this Presidency the Finance Committee recommended that the Capital outlay on the canal during the five years commencing with the current year should continue at the present rate of Rs 224,000 as it admits of no reduction considering the value of the canal as a line of communication and its importance after the Completion of the railway between Bezwada and the Singareni Coal field. This rate of expenditure which was accepted by this Government and by the Govt of India provides only Rs 150 000 for Expenditure on works, the balance being required for establishment and tools and plant charges. This

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This amount was fixed on the understanding that the Government of India will continue to give from Imperial funds a grant-in-aid of Rs 150,000 as promised in their letter No 267 I dated 24th July 1883.

5. In the Proceedings of the Government of India No 862 I. dated 9th December 1886. the grant-in-aid for the current year was owing to financial considerations reduced to Rs 75,000 and it was thought there would be no objection to increase the grant-in-aid when funds would become available, but it now seems that the Government of India wish to reduce the promised grant-in-aid to one half. If it is intended to make similar reduction in the grant-in-aid for future years, the canal cannot be Completed till 1897-98 or four years later than anticipated in the forecast in which the Canal expenditure was

provided at 3 lakhs a year whereas it is considered advisable to raise the annual expenditure to even five lakhs if possible so as to complete the canal earlier.

6 It is desirable that the Govt. of India should be addressed with a view of continuing the grant-in-aid of Rs 1,50,000 from Imperial for expenditure on the canal as promised in their letter No 267 I dated 24th July 1883 and this should be done as soon as possible as it is necessary that the Executive Engineer in charge of the Canal should be informed if the total annual grant is likely to be reduced so as to enable him to judge of the works to be taken up.

It is however proposed to wait until the letter referred in the telegram from the Government of India is received and in the meantime the accompanying draft may issue.

It has to be noted that

that the full grant for the Rushikulya cannot be spent this official year and that the increased grant to the Buckingham Canal is urgently required.

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Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 71 I. dated 19th August 187, ~~[illegible]~~

2. The Govt. of Madras are quite aware that the promise of an annual grant in aid of Rs 150,000 from Imperial Productive funds made in your letter No 267 I. dated 24th July 183 was conditional, but I am to observe, that, in discussion with the Finance Committee on the subject of the new Provincial contract nothing was brought forward ~~[illegible]~~ lead this Govt. to suppose that it was probable the promised grant-in-aid would be immediately reduced, and the Provincial contract was settled with the assumption that a grant of Rs 150,000 from Productive funds would be made at least for the Buckingham canal.

3. The importance of completing this line of communication has strongly been pressed on the G of I, and as there is now an immediate prospect of communication by rail being established between the

Singareni Coal field & Bezwada
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The Chamber of Commerce, Madras
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larger grants for the work and the
public generally are evincing great
interest in the object.

4. I am sorry that in forwarding my
letter [illegible] dated ~~[illegible]~~
no reference was made to the Rushikulya
Project as the source from which the
transfer could be made, as it was
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difficulty in providing so small
a sum as 75000 Rs from Provincial
funds, and the certainty that the
Budget grant ~~allotment~~ for the Rushikulya
Project could not be expended had not been established.
In your letter under reply the
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understanding that the Govt. of
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the sum available from Provincial resources. It has been ascertained that the transfer can safely be made from the Rushikulya Project, as the difficulty in procuring labour still continues there, and the progress of the works is not so great as anticipated, but, as my telegram of the inst. will have apprised you, this Govt. are unable to undertake to expend the money transferred from Provincial Funds.

5. I am to point out that this Govt. desires to stimulate to push on the completion of the B. Canal & would gladly devote a larger sum from Provincial than the 1,50,000 Rs which it engaged to devote to the purpose, if having regard to other pressing demands, it could necessarily, but being so heavily indebted on fresh engagements, it cannot now safely undertake the expenditure of a sum which when these engagements were entered into, it was understood they might eventually expect would be continued annually to them from funds at the disposal of the G of I. I am also to observe that the transfer from the Rushikulya estimates will

fresh ~~[illegible]~~ accession by the Govt of India & therefore in the opinion of this Govt. affords no ground for pressing a demand on Provincial funds which the Govt. feel themselves unable to comply with.

6. I am further to say, though it is believed the G of I are well aware of the facts of the case, that the completion of an effective line of navigation between the northern Deltas & Madras is so important as a Famine Protective work, that this Govt. consider the claim of the work on funds raised especially for the purpose of insuring against Famine is not surpassed by that of any other work in India, and that the Madras Govt. trusts that this claim will be recognized by the G of I, and that larger grants will be made in future.

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On receipt send government of India letter regarding transfer from Rashkhulya referred to in telegram twelfth to me urgently required

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS,

Public Works Department,
Ootacamund,
20/8 1887.

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My dear Hutchins.

I send you enclosed note & draft order by Mead, at his request. He & I have discussed the matter with Stokes & we think it is advisable to await India's letter, referred to in the telegram, which must be here very shortly.

Mead's note does not I think put the matter very clearly. Paras 244 & 249 of note by Finance Committee show the proposals made by the Committee, which we accepted. See Statement in G.O 1198 Fin: 19th Novr 186. You will observe that nothing is here said of the grant [illegible] made from 'Protection' for the Buckingham. We had faith in what Mead considers the 'promise' conveyed in G of I letter printed with G.O 649 I. 16th Sept 183

To S.A.W.
Please send me the letters reqd and if nec as soon as it is recd.

B.R.
22.8.87.

To D.E.S.
Herewith the letter required

B.R. 25.8.87

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but you will observe that the provision as entered [illegible] in the Budget under 862.863 [illegible] 9th Dec 188[illegible] expects that financial considerations [illegible] restriction of the grant to 75,000 Rs.

It seems probable that [illegible] [illegible] obtained the [illegible] for the Buckingham Canal as Provincial Funds. The Fund Committee did not deal with grants from Production [illegible] Production & we must make the best case we can for a grant, but I think we had better get the letter before making any more.

Yrs truly

Meredith

[illegible] 25-8-87

E. I. Form No. 28.

No 2356 W dated 2nd Sept 1887

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

READ the following :—

Letter from S.E. I Circle (A.E. No 245 G.N dd June 25. 1887)

Note by the C.E. for Irrign. (" " dd July 28. ")

Telegram to Govt. of India (" " dd August 1 ")

" from — do — (" " dd August 12, ")

Letter from — do — (" 71 A.G. dd " 19, ")

Telegram to — do — (" " dd " 28th ")

Ordered that the Government of India be addressed.

(A.E. No 2357 W dd 2 Sept 1887)

To, The Secretary to the Govt. of India P. W. Dept

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter

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To the Ch. E. for Irrn with copy of letter to Govt. of India

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+ See paras 244–249 of the Report.

Note.
It would perhaps be more correct to word the passage thus:
"~~The provincial~~ grants → assignments for the work were accepted with the understanding on the part of this Govt that no change was intended in regard to imperial obligations; but ~~[illegible] the Canal~~

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~~the assumption~~ that a grant of Rs 1,50,000 from Protective funds would be made as [illegible] for the Buckingham Canal.

3. The importance of completing this line of communication has already been pressed on the Govt. of India, and as there is now an ~~immediate~~ early prospect of communication by rail being established between the Singareni coal fields and Bezvada in the Kistna District, whence there will be direct canal communication through the Kistna and Buckingham Canals to Madras, the necessity for completing a satisfactory line of navigation is more

prominently brought to notice. The Chamber of Commerce, Madras has on more than one occasion urged on the Government the necessity for making larger grants for the work and the public generally are evincing great interest in the subject.

4. I am to say that in forwarding my telegram dated 1st August 1887 No reference in my telegram of the 1st August was made to the Rushikulya Project as the source from which the transfer could be made, as it was supposed that there would be no difficulty in providing so small a sum as 75,000 Rs from Protective funds, and the certainty that the full Budget

This is not correct. The very order wh. directed the telegram to go shows that the money was intended to be taken from the R. project

grant for the Rushikulya Project could not be expended had not been established.

but In your letter under reply the transfer from the Rushikulya grant has been suggested in the understanding that the Government of Madras will undertake to refund the sum hereafter from Provincial resources. It has been ascertained that the transfer can safely be made from the Rushikulya Project, as the difficulty in procuring labour still continues there, and the progress of the works is not so great as anticipated, but, as my telegram of the 28th August 1887 will have apprised you, the Govt are

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Northern Deltas in Madras is so important as a Famine Protective work, that this Government consider the claim of the work on funds raised especially for the purpose of ensuring against Famine is not surpassed by that of any other work in India; and that the Madras Govt trusts that this claim will be recognised by the Govt of India, and that larger grants will be made in future.

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G.O. 2/9/ 1887, No. 2356/2357 W

Funds

Ordered that the Govt of India be addressed on the subject of their letter in regard to the transfer of certain — on account of the Buckingham Canal

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Funds

Affording further instructions information in regard to the proposed transfer of certain ~~prisons~~ — on account of the Buckingham Canal