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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 9th September 1862.

No. 133. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department, dated 2nd September 1862, No. 2,092:—

With reference to Government Orders dated 12th July 1862, No. 1,520, communicating for information papers regarding the project of the Vadaraniem Salt Canal in Tanjore. (Vide Public Works Proceedings, 2nd September 1862, Nos. 40, 41.)

No. 134. ORDER THEREON, 9th September 1862, No. 1,918.

Communicated to the Revenue Board for information, with reference to the Order in the Revenue Department noted above.

(Signed) P. P. HUTCHINS,
Acting Deputy Secretary to Government.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Madras, 15th August 1862, No. 53:—

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, in the Department of Public Works, under date the 28th July 1862, No. 35.

Read the following Order of Government:—

(Here enter No. 1,730, dated 18th July 1862.)

1. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, proposes to recommend to Government the undertaking of the scheme of a Canal from Vadaraniem Salt Pans as far as Taputorey, as an instalment of the main and complete project for carrying the communication by tide-water as far as Negapatam; but before submitting the estimate for the minor work (the amount of which he proposes to increase to Rupees 15,000 to cover contingencies of unfavorable strata to be encountered in cutting the Canal) he deems it expedient to request the Acting District Engineer of Tanjore to favor him with his professional opinion upon it as regards its physical and engineering character.

2. Captain Foord, in his letter 15th May 1862, No. 19, seems to imply a distrust of the Canal, if cut, resisting the effects of (it is concluded he means) drift, by strong winds tending to fill it with surface sand. Yet it is observed that Captain Oakes speaks of the Upper stratum through which it would have to be cut as composed of "firm clay and sand;" from which it seems reasonable to conclude that Captain Foord's apprehension may not be well founded.

3. Captain Mullins is requested to confer with Mr. Fraser upon this subject, as his experience of the Tanjore coast is considerable: also Achoota Naidoo who has been a long time in charge of the Range in which the projected Canal would be situated. Coopoosawmy Rajoo has also considerable acquaintance with the locality. An early report however brief will be acceptable.

P. S.—The estimate for the Canal from Vadaraniem to Taputorey is herewith transmitted in the hope that the Acting District Engineer may be able to append to it sections of the projected Canal, however general, as also a sketch survey, to admit of the calculations being checked. Government would scarcely be induced to pass the project upon the vague data which, in its present state, it exhibits.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

From Captain J. MULLINS, Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Tanjore, 4th August 1862, No. 120.

SIR,

1. In acknowledging the receipt of Extract from your Proceedings, No. 35, of the 28th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I am obliged immediately to go to inspect a work in the Combaconum Táluq on which large Revenue interests are dependent, and after that to the lower Anicut works, or I would at once have proceeded to make a personal examination of the Vadarniem Canal project and to collect the information you required. I have however sent the papers to Mr. Fraser, who is well acquainted with the locality, and who is now,* I believe, in that locality for the purpose of going over the ground with the Acting Collector, and I have no doubt I shall shortly obtain from him full particulars of the proposed work.

* Or will be in a few days.

2. I met Mr. Fraser a few days ago, and he showed me on the map the whole project for the Canal to Negapatam. The project certainly appeared to me to be an admirable one, and the existing rivers and backwaters, at present afford water communication for so great a portion of the distance, that I believe the southern part of the Canal for which sanction is proposed to be, in the first instance, given, is the only section of which the cost per mile will be considerable, and that the outlay required to make the rest of the route to Negapatam, easily and permanently navigable, is so small, that sanction for this part also will be readily accorded, so soon as the papers connected with it can be prepared.

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1 Original letter No. 120, dated 4th August 1862.
1 Copy of letter No. 35.

1. Letter No. 35, dated 28th July 1862, from Lieutenant-Colonel Ouchterlony, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer Southern Circle to Captain Mullins, R. E., Acting District Engineer, Tanjore; and reply to the same, No. 120, dated 4th August 1862, are submitted for the information of Government, with reference to G. O. No. 1,730, dated 18th July 1862, and in explanation of the delay which the Deputy Chief Engineer of the Southern Circle has considered preferable to bringing the project of the Vadaraniem Salt Canal in Tanjore before Government in a crude and incomplete state.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1862, No. 2,092.

Communicated to the Revenue Department for information, with reference to the Orders in that Department dated 12th July 1862, No. 1,520.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
„ Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Dep.t

Dated 2nd Oct.r 1862.
Rec.d 10th

No. 2092.
With reference to Orders of 12th July 1862 No. 1520 Communicating for information papers regarding the project of the Vadamaviar Salt Canal in Tanjore.—

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Accepts & Sanctions

William Taylor Esq.

No. 1918.

Communicated to the Revr. Board for information with reference to the orders in the Revr. Separate noted above.

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Govt. of Fort St. George No. 352 dated 2nd Oct. 1862

Mr. Taylor's Letter Bd. of Revr. with Revr. No. 2092 dated 10th Oct. 1862