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Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 24th December 1862.

No. 355. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th December 1862, No. 135 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O.* Nos. 1,730 and 2,092 dated 18th July and 2nd September 1862, I have the honor to submit herewith an estimate amounting to Rupees 13,000 for cutting a Canal from the Vedarniem Salt Pans in Tanjore to the "Adipar" at Topetoray, accompanied by Plans, Sections, illustrative sketch Map and Specification.

* Revenue Department, No. 1,834, dated 16th September 1862.
1 Proceedings of Board of Revenue, No. 7,740, dated 25th November 1862.
1 Plan.
1 Abstract Estimate.
1 Report by Mr. Fraser, dated 5th March 1862.

2. It will be observed by the accompanying Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue No. 7,740, dated 25th November 1862, that that body warmly support the scheme, and concur with me in opinion that it is one fraught with promise of such abundant profit to the State and advantage to the District, that it ought to be at once commenced upon if Government are in a position to allot the amount out of the Reserve Fund. If not the expenditure could go on for the present out of the General Funds at the disposal of the District Engineer.

3. I beg leave to bring to the special notice of Government the creditable manner in which this project has been got up in all its details; and I cannot help expressing my regret that we shall shortly be debarred the advantage of Mr. Fraser's services in carrying out a scheme the details of which he is so thoroughly master of.

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

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

11*th December* 1862.

No. 356. ORDER THEREON, 24th December 1862, No. 2,683.

1. The Government approve of the projected Canal from Vedarniem to Topetoray.

2. The completion of the line of water communication to Negapatam and the drainage of the swamp, referred to in paragraph 14 of Captain Mullin's letter, will receive attention in the Department Public Works.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

No. 2683.

The Govt approve of the projected canal from Vedarniem to Lopetoray.—

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I would proceed in the Canal from

24th Decemr 1862.

When I was at Negapatam in May 1862 the project was brought under my notice and I was then stated to me by the Collector that the people would not purchase the salt which appeared to be pure and on large crystals. If a demand exists for the salt which is procurable in large quantities it would be worth while to make the Canal, but we ought to hurry the cost of conveyance to Negapatam including interest upon the Canal outlay in order to ascertain whether the salt can be delivered there cheaper than that from the adjoining salt Pans

Vedaniyam to Topetoray above
It seems to me a very important
work - I do not doubt that the
good and pure salt of the Vedan-
-iyam pans will be in demand
will market in spite of local
prejudices. The opening of the
G S of India Railway must
have created a great demand
for salt all along the line and
especially at such large towns
as Tanjore & Trichinopoly -
The salt manufactured
at Negapatam is I believe
of very inferior quality -

16 Dec

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" 12 July 1862 No. 186-187
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Referred to the Revenue Department for consideration with reference to the orders in that Department dated 12th July 1862 No. 1520.

[signature] Colln R.E.
Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

11th December 1862.
No. 87

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No. 3710

From
Lt. Coll. J. Cuchterlony R.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer S.C.

To
Coll. W. J. Berdwood R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

No. 135

Dated 6
Recd. 12 December 1862
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No. 1263 in Pro.

Submits, for sanction, an Estimate of Rupees 13,000 for cutting a canal from the Vedaraniem salt pans in Tanjore to Adipar at Toputorey.

No. 2683 - 24 Dec
[signature]