

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 1381

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
24th July 1863.*

No. 463. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th July 1863:—
Read the following letter from J. I. MINCHIN, Esq., Collector of Kurnool, to W. HUDLE-
STON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Fort Saint George, dated Kurnool,
17th June 1863, No. 89.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to return the correspondence forwarded with the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th instant, regarding the rules necessary for the distribution of water from the Company's Canal.

2. Colonel Ludlow has already requested my opinion on the amount of water to be given per Acre, the Chief Engineer, Colonel Cotton, having stated that one cubic yard per hour is sufficient for the full irrigation of that extent of land.

3. I entirely concur in the opinion recorded by the Board, that at present no rule on the subject can be safely laid down. Immediately, however, on the receipt of Colonel Ludlow's letter, I directed the Tahsildars, wherever wet cultivation is now carried on, to procure the fullest information on the subject from the cultivators; and I trust ere long to be able to supply the opinion of practical Natives on the subject.

4. I must remark, however, that the amount of water necessary to mature a full crop must vary greatly according to the season, and that if any rule be laid down as to the requisite supply, the amount must be fixed to meet the exigencies of a possible drought.

5. If the dealings of the Company in this respect are not liberal, the result will be that the Ryots will refuse to take the water and accept the risks of a precarious cultivation. The interests of Government are too deeply involved in the success of the Company for them to permit such a suicidal policy.

6. During the six months from June to November, when, without reservoirs, the canal will alone be open, the freshes in the Toombadra will prevent any possible scarcity of water for the cultivation of the first crop, and it would only be in exceptional seasons that very careful measurement of the water could be called for.

7. It must be remembered that even at such times any surplus water allowed for irrigation above would not be wasted, but would again flow into the Canal, and be available at a lower level.

Ordered to be submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Order dated 15th May 1863, No. 840, Revenue Department.

No. 464.

ORDER THEREON, 24th July 1863, No. 1,381.

Ordered to lie over.

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

N/1347

J. J. Agnew Esq
Agent

Madras Irrigation 1863
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 27 February 1863

Madras

Dear Sir,

As the Government has now sanctioned an arrangement under which it may be expected that Irrigation from the Company's Channels will commence this season, I shall be obliged by your obtaining sanction for the employment of a Superintendent of Irrigation on a salary of Rupees 80 and field allowance Rs 30. The immediate appointment of such an Officer is urgent. He will exhibit to Landholders the land which can be watered and will give all information and encouragement tending to induce the immediate preparation of the lands.

I am &c.

Sign of J. H. Cotton
Chief Engineer

Madras

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Madras Irrigation & C.
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 18 March 1863.

J. J. Agnew Esquire
Agent
Madras.

Dear Sir, In reply to your letter of 12
Instant I beg to say that so long as the work is in progress, and the present
Divisional Staff is maintained, I see
no necessity for the appointment of a
Superintendent of Irrigation as a separate
Department, but for the very commencement
of the Irrigation the Executive Engineer
of the Madras Division will require
the Establishment I applied for.

2. Until some arrangement has
been entered into with the Government
respecting the distribution of the water
and collection of the rates, it is impossible
to say what Establishment will be
required when the present Divisional
Staff

Staff is broken up. 3
I am Sir,
Yours faithfully
J. J. Agnew Esquire
Chief Engineer

Madras Irrigation & C.
Chief Engineer's Office
Madras 13 March 1863

J. J. Agnew Esquire
Agent
Madras.

N/1347

Dear Sir, In my letter of 27 February I
requested you to obtain sanction for the
employment of a Superintendent of
Irrigation. I omitted to mention the further
requirement of an Establishment.

The Superintendent will require
Messengers and the distribution will re-
quire careful hands for working sluices
and watching the embankments.

For every 10 Miles of channel, an
overseer and 2 Lascars will be required,
and the Superintendent will require two
Lascars under his immediate direction
for Messengers &c.

I propose therefore for the first
20 miles of Main Channel, the following
Establishment: Vrf.

2 Channel Owners at Rs 12 — ^{Rs. Rs. P.} 24-0-0
4 sluice doors at Rs 6 — 24-0-0
2 Superintendents' Salaries @ — do — 12-0-0

Total Papes — 60-0-0

The Superintendent and the
Establishment will of course be charged
to the account of Irrigation proposed (Revenue &c)

There is no intimation of the
Government having approved of the
arrangement with respect to distribution
and collection; that the Company's Establish-
ment shall deliver water to each village
according to the area proposed to be irrigated,
leaving to the Village Authorities to carry
out the distribution amongst the lands
of the Village, and that the Collectors
Department will collect the water rate

I am &c.
Signed J. H. Cotton
Chief Engineer
(True Copies)

J. M. W. Mudd
Chief Accountant for the Agency

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Madras Irrigation Canal Co.
Madras 12 March 1863
No 1390
To Colonel J. H. Cotton
Chief Engineer
Munnool

Dear Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt
of your letter No 1347 of 27 February 1863 requesting
the sanction of Government to the appointment
of a Superintendent of Irrigation.
2. Before applying for sanction for an ap-
pointment of this description will you kindly
give me some further information. It has always
appeared to me that until the area of land
under irrigation is sufficient to warrant the em-
ployment of a Superintendent on a suitable
salary of say Papes 500 per month, the work
might be done by the Divisional Engineer's as-
sisted by ordinary overmen on salaries of say
Rs 40 to 70. Possibly this is your own idea but
before commencing the organization of a new de-
partment it would be satisfactory to me and
probably to the Board of Directors & Government
that you express your wishes more fully and
with special reference to the prospective re-
quirements of the Company. —

I am &c.
Signed

Signed / J. Agnew
 Agent
 (The Engineer)
 M. W. Brad
 Chief Assistant for the Agent

MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY,
 Madras, 14 April 1862

No 1675
 From, J. Agnew required
 Agent M. J. V. L.
 To, Mr. Col. J. O. E. S. P. L. R.
 Mr. Cons. Eng. M. J. V. L.

For I have the honor to forward copy of
 a letter from the Chief Engineer, requesting the
 sanction of Government to the appointment
 of a Subordinate of Irrigation in a salary
 of Rs. 50 and field allowance Rs. 30 per month.

2. In view of submitting the Chief
 Engineer's application for an appointment of
 this description, I requested that Officer
 to furnish me with further information, and
 at the same time suggested that until
 the area of land under irrigation is sufficient
 to warrant the employment of a Superintendent

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on a suitable salary, the work might be done by the Municipal Engineers, assisted by ordinary engineers. The Chief Engineer's reply to this reference is herewith enclosed. N° 1424 of 18 March 18.

3. In another communication dated the 13 instant / copy herewith / the Chief Engineer N° 1398 makes a further request for an establishment of engineers &c. on the same account amounting in all to Papes 170.0.0 per month for which please obtain the sanction of Government.

4. You will also be good enough to request the sanction of Government in respect to the arrangement proposed by the Chief Engineer for the distribution of water, and the collection of the water rate.

I have the honor to be,
Yours most Obedt servant

W. L. D. D. D.
Chief Accountant for the Agent

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To Secretary of State
Washington 20 May 1863

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From Mr. Andrew A. Rees
to Mr. Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary
Please find

Enclosed

Concerning the

of the year 1863
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the official and by
a reference to the
migration.

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In Case 15-11 May

No 15 May 03. No 174-175

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Geo. J. J. J. J. J.
Proceedings of the House
of Commons.

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E. J. J. J. J. J.

Submitting for information
a letter from the British of the
most important his views on the
subject of the water supply
for the distribution of water
from the Grand Canal.

No 63 4464.

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