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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
25th August 1864:

No. 372. Read the following letter from the Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department:—

Soliciting sanction for an additional grant of Rupees 2,07,970 }
to admit of the prosecution of certain works during the } (Here enter 16th August 1864, No. 2,335.)
current official year.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 25th August 1864, No. 1,545.

Miscellaneous.

Forwarded to the Board of Revenue for communication to the
Collectors concerned.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Public Works No. 2,335.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 5th February 1864.

Read the following letter from the Collector of Tanjore, dated 19th January 1864, No. 6 :—

1. With reference to the Board's Proceedings under date the 12th instant, I have the honor to state that it was by no means intended to incur any expenditure from charitable funds without the sanction of the Board; a reference to the Board regarding the project under contemplation was only deferred pending the sanction of Government to the Plan and Estimate for the works proposed, and which had to be submitted through the Department of Public Works. The cost of these works it will be observed, was, according to the arrangement proposed by me, eventually chargeable to Government.

2. With regard to the project in question, I would beg to state, that among the villages belonging to His Highness the late Rajah's Chuttrums at Rajamuttum called "Mohunumbalpurum Chuttrum," there is one called Tambikanulluvencotta situated on the south coast of the District, and containing an estimated area of 2,900 Velies or 13,223 acres thus classified :—

Porumboke, including swamp, jungle, &c...	2,216 Velies.
Under cultivation	414 "
Cultivable waste	270 "

Total... 2,900

3. The cultivable waste above specified contains about 200 Velies, or 1,322 acres of very rich and valuable land, capable of being brought under wet cultivation, if means of irrigation as specified in the Superintending Engineer's letter to Government, were provided at an estimated cost of Rupees 10,780. The project has, as the Board will observe, been declared by professional Officers of the Department Public Works to be perfectly feasible and certain to produce the results anticipated.

4. The net revenue to be derived from the proposed cultivation after deducting the cultivator's hire, can, on the lowest estimate, be calculated at Rupees 5,000 at the rate of Rupees 25 per Veli, this being the rate of rent offered by Mr. Kohlhoff, who proposed to take up the whole land on Durkhast. This, after deducting the water cess payable to Government at the established rate of Rupees 12-8-0 per Veli, leaves a clear and certain profit of Rupees 2,500 per annum to the Chuttrum on a small outlay of about Rupees 3,000 or 4,000 to be incurred in reclaiming the land. Thus, it will be seen, that the proposed outlay of Rupees 10,780 to be incurred by Government on irrigation works is repaid to them in about four years by the water cess, and that of about Rupees 3,000 or 4,000 spent in reclaiming the land will be repaid to the Chuttrum by the net income in less than two years. If the works be at once put in hand, the whole extent of land above specified can be brought under cultivation in Fasli 1275, and whether the same be given on Durkhast to others or cultivated by the tenants of the village on the usual terms subject to the payment of Melvarum to the Chuttrum, the full rent will be realized from that Fasli.

5. The amount required for the execution of the proposed works of irrigation is however, for reasons explained in Captain Foord's letter, not likely to be immediately available from public funds; but a project so highly remunerative, and so full of promises of an immediate return, need not on that account be deferred almost indefinitely, more especially as means are available for its being immediately carried out.

6. It was accordingly proposed by me with the concurrence of the Superintending Engineer, that the cost of the works should be advanced from the Chuttrums funds in the first instance, and that it should be repaid to the Chuttrum without interest when the Government may

be able to provide funds for the expenditure. In sanctioning the project, however, the Government have directed that instead of the cost of the works being refunded, the water cess payable to Government for the lands thus brought under cultivation be remitted until the cost of the works with interest at six per cent shall have been repaid to the Chuttrum.

7. This arrangement appears to me to be indeed more appropriate and at the same time perfectly fair to the Chuttrum, and I beg therefore to solicit the sanction of the Board for the works proposed being accordingly carried out from the Chuttrum funds at the estimated cost of Rupees 10,780, in the manner indicated in Captain Foord's letter to Government.

Faslis.	Income.	Expenditure.
1268	16,688	15,908
1269	15,730	13,529
1270	16,170	17,556
1271	20,682	20,192
1272	19,933	20,765
Average	17,840	17,590

8. As will be seen from the Statement entered in the margin, the Chuttrum in question possesses an average annual income of about Rupees 18,000, derived from the Melvarum of ten Survamaniem and the Shrotriem Jodi of six other villages, and the average annual expenditure attached to the institution is

Rupees 17,600. There is at present a balance of Rupees 2,000 in hand at the credit of this institution, which with portions reserved for the purpose out of the revenue of the current Fasli 1273, as also of the next Fasli 1274, can be made available for the proposed expenditure. Savings to the extent necessary can be effected by restricting the current expenses to such items only as, on a due consideration of the objects of the endowment, are found indispensably necessary.

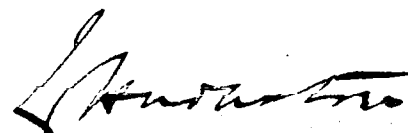
9. Should the funds thus raised be eventually found insufficient (which however I hope will not be the case) the amount required to make up any possible deficiency, can, without any inconvenience, be advanced from the funds of other Chuttrums.

10. I may observe that about Rupees 13,677 have to be paid to the Chuttrum at Needamungalum also belonging to the Estate of His Highness the late Rajah on account of compensation for lands taken up for the Railway, and the payment thereof, which ought to have taken place long since, has been delayed pending the settlement of the amount of compensation which has been referred to the Inam Commissioner. When this payment is made, any advance which may be necessary for the purpose above mentioned, can be made therefrom, and may be afterwards recovered with interest at 6 per cent.

1. The Board approve of the proposed work and that the charge should be borne by the Chuttrum Funds under their management, but they are by no means satisfied that it is either fair or reasonable that the ordinary rate of Tirwajasti, viz., Rupees 12-8-0 *per Veli*, should be paid to Government.

2. The Collector will report further on this point, and will at the same time explain the nature of the tenure of the land, whether Surva Inam or otherwise, and the character of the stream which it is proposed to utilize, and whether other cultivation is dependent on it, or is likely to be affected by the proposed works.

(A true Copy and Extract.)


Secretary.

To W. M. Cadell, Esq., Collector of Tanjore.
Copy to J. D. Sim, Esq., Secretary to Government, R. D.

Exd. J. Wright.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
16th August 1864.

No. 308.

No. 2,335.

From

MAJOR J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, P.W.D.,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department.

SIR,

1. I am directed by the Governor in Council to solicit the sanction of the Government of India for an additional grant of Rupees 2,07,970 to admit of the prosecution of the under-mentioned works during the current official year:—

DISTRICT.	Work.	Amount of Estimate.	Expended up to 30th April 1864.	Allotment (if any) for 1864-65.	Grant now applied for.	Remarks.
		RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.	
1. Godavery ...	Iron lattice bridge at Cocanada. ...	75,000	23,994	6,000	* 35,006	* In addition to the Budget allotment and to the sum of Rupees 10,000 referred to in letter to Government of India No. 2,229, dated 4th August 1864.
2. Ganjam ...	Road from Aska via Soorada to Darangabadi.	...	3,130	6,420	15,000	
3. Do. ...	Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry at do.	...	...	...	...	
4. Coimbatore.	New trace of Coonoor Ghât. ...	...	8,549	...	40,000	
5. Cuddapah	Road from Cuddapah to Bellary frontier...	1,00,491	88,554	23,770	24,127	
6. Bellary ...	Road from Bellary to Cuddapah, do. ...	1,02,200	83,778	10,000	8,422	
7. Kurnool ...	Tâluq Cutcherry at Koilkoonla. ...	7,700	...	...	7,700	
8. Ganjam ...	Do. at Russelconda.	5,750	...	...	5,750	
9. Cuddapah	Do. at Kalkada. ...	7,300	...	...	7,300	
10. Do. ...	Do. at Pullampett.	7,300	...	...	7,300	
11. Godavery	Improving communications in Rampah country. ...	15,400	1,500	3,900	7,000	
12. Madura ...	Enlarging Salt Platforms, &c., in the Madura District ...	3,825	...	...	3,825	
13. Tanjore ...	Repairing damages to works of irrigation and communication...	...	...	...	20,000	
14. Trichinopoly	Do.	...	...	...	20,000	
15. Do.	New Privy for the Artillery at Trichinopoly and alterations to Artillery Barracks to form a sleeping room. ...	6,540	...	...	6,540	

2. The first of these works was sanctioned on the 28th November 1862, and would, ere this, have been completed, but for failures on the part of Mr. Knight of Calcutta, who had contracted for the execution of the work. The bridge is to span the Yalairoo river, which separates the populous and rising towns of Cocanada and Juggernaickpooram. The want of such a structure is at present very much felt by passengers.

3. The second and third works were commenced during 1863-64, and Rupees 3,130 were expended up to 30th April last. A sum of Rupees 6,420 has been allotted from the current year's Reserve to admit of the prosecution of the works, but the Superintending Engineer states that, of this amount, Rupees 4,600 have been laid out during the past three months, and that the

works must be stopped unless a further sum of Rupees 15,000 is at once placed at his disposal. As these works are highly important to the occupation by the British Government of the Khond country, the Superintending Engineer has been instructed to continue operations, in anticipation of further funds being assigned by the Government of India, and to submit the requisite Plans and Estimates at an early date.

4. With reference to the fourth work, I am to state that in November 1862, the late Colonel Ouchterlony submitted for the consideration of Government a project for constructing a tramway from the Coimbatore Railway station to Ootacamund. That Officer, however, died very shortly afterwards, and the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, considering it essential that the existing difficulties of transit, whether a tramway be eventually made or not, should be immediately removed, proposed the formation of a 20 feet cart road up the Coonoor Ghát, with convenient gradients. He accordingly requested sanction for a grant of Rupees 8,547 from the Reserve of 1863-64, with a view to opening up to a width of one yard, a practicable bridle-path, 20 miles in length, and for an assignment of Rupees 40,000 in the Budget for 1864-65, for increasing the width by two yards, in anticipation of the submission of a regular Estimate for 1865-66, within which year he expected to complete the work at a further cost of about Rupees 5,000 per mile. Looking to the growing importance of the Neilgherry Hills as a Sanitarium, and as a field for the rapid extension of valuable and productive European Settlements, and to the necessity for speedily providing the greatest possible facilities of access thereto, the Government, in October last, sanctioned the grant applied for from the Reserve of 1863-64, and the work has, since that date, been in active progress. The Superintending Engineer has reported that he can advantageously spend during the current year a larger sum than that* for which sanction is now solicited.

* Rupees 40,000.

5. The roads entered as items 5 and 6 are those for which an additional grant of Rupees 89,000 was sanctioned in Colonel Beadle's letter No. 4,610, dated 29th October 1863. The sums allotted for expenditure during the current year amount to Rupees 33,770, as shown below:—

Item No. 119 of Imperial Budget	...	...	...	Rupees 20,000
Do. „ 15 of Income Tax Budget	...	...	...	„ 10,000
From unexpended balances of Income Tax grants for previous years	„			3,770

6. The Superintending Engineer states that these roads are, without exception, the most important in the whole Division; that as many as 1,500 carts have been counted on the line in one day; and that as the North West Railway approaches Cuddapah, the traffic on it will greatly increase. Colonel Hemery further states that the small sums which have been allotted for the current year will soon be expended, and that unless a further grant be sanctioned, the Coolies, who have been collected with great trouble and expense, will have to be dismissed. The Superintending Engineer is confident that, if the unallotted balances of the Estimates, viz., Rupees 32,549, be placed at his disposal, the several gaps which now exist will be completed within the current official year.

7. The 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th works are most urgently required. The local Officers represent that the establishments attached to the Cutcherries are at present very ill-accommodated, and that, in some cases, the records are not safe in the buildings now occupied.

8. The 11th work was approved for execution on the 26th May 1863, but owing to the difficult nature of the country through which the roads are to pass, and the scarcity of labour only Rupees 1,500 were expended during the past official year. The object of the proposed lines of road is to open out the country, and to make it accessible in case of future disturbances.

9. The works entered as item No. 12 are essentially necessary for revenue purposes, and their non-execution during the current year is likely to entail loss of revenue.

10. As regards Items 13 and 14, I am to state that, towards the end of last month, an extraordinary flood came down the Cauvery river, and caused great damage to works of irrigation and communication in the Tanjore and Trichinopoly Districts. The Superintending Engineer reports that the current year's repair allotments for his Division are altogether insufficient.

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