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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 22nd February 1864.

No. 299. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Issuing certain instructions to the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, for the early completion of the water communication from the Vadaranyem Salt Pans to Negapatam. } (Here enter 9th February 1864, No. 412.)

No. 300. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1864, No. 312.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue for their information.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 412.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th February 1864.

Read the following papers:—

No. 213. Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Financial Railway Department:—

Communicating letter from the Agent Great Southern of India Railway, intimating that the Salt trade over the Railway from Negapatam into the interior has entirely ceased, owing to the inability of the Merchants to obtain a supply of saleable Salt from the Government Depôt. } (Here enter 4th February 1864, No. 67.)

No. 214. From Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Cunni Tope, 1st February 1864, No. 1,703.

SIR,

1. I have had the honor to receive the letter of credit apportioning funds to this Division for the month of February 1864, and dated 22nd ultimo, No. 119, in 2nd paragraph of which you have remarked that it does not appear that the sum of Rupees 10,000 sanctioned in Government Order No. 1,357, dated 28th May 1863, has been added to the allotment for Tanjore-

2. With reference to this remark I would observe that this Order is quoted in the second item after the Budget allotment and has a sum of Rupees 13,000 set opposite to it, Captain Foord having supposed that this Order and that of the 30th November 1863, No. 3,511, conjointly sanctioned a sum of Rupees 13,000 for the Vedarniem canal, this latter sum having been given in supercession of, and not in addition to, the sum of Rupees 10,000 first allotted.

3. The late Superintending Engineer having been under this impression gave no instructions to the Range Officer for the additional outlay, but on carefully reading over the above Orders and that of the 21st November 1863, No. 3,407, I am led to believe that the amount sanctioned in the first allotment* is not cancelled by that in the second,† but that both sums are at our disposal.

*Rupees 10,000

†Rupees 13,000

4. Owing to Captain Foord's misapprehension on the subject, the extra sum of Rupees 10,000 was not entered in the Statements which accompanied my letter‡ as per margin, showing the probable expenditure and unexpended balances on sanctioned Estimates to the close of the official year.

‡No. 1,565, dated 18th ultimo.

5. The whole sum of Rupees 13,000 I trust may be expended on the canal from Vedarniem to Topetoray, in the current year, though I regret to find from personal inspection that the work has not progressed favorably owing to the small outlay incurred previous to the late monsoon. The other sum of Rupees 10,000 for the extension of the line to the Vallyaur River, however, cannot be expended, for I had only an opportunity two days ago of starting the work, nothing having been effected previously towards its progress. By energetic operations, and by procuring the cut-stone casings of the large masonry work by pulling down the old Fort material at Tanjore and transmitting it by Railway train to Negapatam, I hope to get sufficient advancement made for an outlay of 5,000 Rupees.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Expenditure in 1862-63 ..	1,023	7	5
Do. do. to 31st January 1864	4,947	2	7
Total..	5,970	10	0

6. The remaining Rupees 5,000, with the sanction of Government, can be transferred to the Trichinopoly District for the repairs§ of the temporary European Barracks and the renewing‖ of the floors with planking, Estimates for which amounting to Rupees 15,500 were sanctioned in Government Order No. 169 of the 16th January 1864, and asum of Rupees 10,000 allotted as a first instalment by transfer from the Nellore District.

§ Rupees 4,650

‖ Rupees 10,850

No. 215. ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1864, No. 412.

1. In Proceedings No. 163, dated 20th January 1863, the Government sanctioned an Estimate amounting to Rupees 13,000 for a canal from the Vedarniem Salt Pans to the Adipar at Topetoray. A sum of Rupees 1,023 having been expended on the work up to 30th April

1863, a grant of Rupees 10,000 was sanctioned on the 28th May* following, and in the Order marginally noted, the balance of the Estimate, viz., Rupees 1,977, was placed at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, from the current year's Reserve.

* No. 1,357.
No 381, dated 6th February 1864.

2. In Proceedings No. 3,511, dated 30th November last, another Estimate amounting to Rupees 22,565 was sanctioned for completing the canal to Negapatam, and Rupees 13,000 were allotted for expenditure on the work during the current year.

3. It will thus be seen that the allotments for the current year for the two portions of the canal from Vedarniem to Negapatam are as follows:—

	Rs.
From Vedarniem to Topetoray.	11,977
For extension to Negapatam	13,000

4. The Superintending Engineer is therefore in error in supposing that the allotment for the first portion of the canal is Rupees 13,000, and for the second Rupees 10,000.

5. Captain Bean's attention will be requested to the Orders in the Financial Railway Department recorded above, and to those noted in the margin, and he will be informed that the Governor in Council attaches the greatest importance to the early completion of the water communication from the Vedarniem Salt Pans to Negapatam, and to the expenditure *in full* of the sums allotted for the two portions of the canal during the current official year.

No. 2,111, dated 29th July 1863.
„ 2,361, „ 19th August „
„ 3,407, „ 21st November „

6. On the receipt of these orders, Captain Bean will report whether arrangements might not be made advantageously to expend by the 30th April next the entire grant of Rupees 24,977.

7. Rupees 9,565 have been provided in the Budget for 1864-65 on the Estimate for Rupees 22,565 alluded to in paragraph 2.

8. Captain Bean will be reminded that under the Orders of Government No. 1,748, dated 3rd July 1863, the arrangement proposed in paragraph 6 of his letter will require the sanction of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
with G. O. No. 67, dated 4th February 1863, Financial Railway Department.
„ Controller.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Financial Railway Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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William Arden Esq

No. 312. —

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Fort St. George 22d July 1864.

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