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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
8th July 1865.

No. 129. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Sanctioning certain proposals of the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, for a re-distribution of funds allotted in the current year's Budget for Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Godavery Districts to provide allotments for the Ellore Canal and for certain new works. } (Here enter 1st July 1865, No. 1,844.)

No. 130. ORDER THEREON, 8th July 1865, No. 1,563.

Miscellaneous.

Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,

Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,844.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Read the following letters :—

No. 21. From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 25th May 1865, No. 115.

SIR,

1. In accordance with the 6th paragraph of G. O. No. 1,318, under date 15th instant (received on the 22nd instant), I have the honor to submit a Statement of reductions which, under the existing pressure on the Department, may be taken from grants for Repairs in this Division, with a view to provide partially for the prosecution of some of the new works, the grants for which were struck out under orders from the Government of India.

2. Statement No. 1 shows the transfers which it is proposed to make including those already sanctioned in G. O. No. 1,254 of the 9th instant.

Statement No. 2 shows how the grants for new works are affected by these transfers.

Statement No. 3 gives the same information for Repair grants : in this latter Statement I have a column for expenditure of last year.

3. The only transfer item which needs special notice is "Communications, Godavery" Rupees 15,202, this is made up of the grants specified in the margin.*

	Rs.
District roads...	1,740
Discretionary allowance	1,500
Bridges...	237
Boats and ferries...	725
Trunk Road No. 6	11,000
	15,202

The Trunk Road No. VI. will not suffer much by being left alone for a year ; anything urgent should be provided for by the Local Funds of the District, in the same way the services chargeable to the other grants specified in the margin, should be charged to Local Funds.

4. More than half, very nearly three-quarters of the Local Funds of the District are obtained from the Government canals (which are to be deprived of 20,000 Rs. of their repair grant), by boat licenses, avenue proceeds, grazing rents, &c., I am of opinion, therefore, that when Government is so pressed for funds that it is compelled either to give up the prosecution of new works of improvement or apply to that purpose the maintenance grants of the canals (which have been giving away their income to the Local Funds), it would be proper and advisable that so much of the Local Funds assets of the past year as were Public Works (canal) income should be applied to the

Canal Public Works Income remitted to Local Fund last year was—	Rs.
Boat licenses...	26,389
Grazing rents, &c.....	11,609
Local Funds receipts from P. W. (Canals) Income...	37,998
Local Funds Income from other sources	14,211
Total... ...	52,209

maintenance and improvement of those canals, as well as to relieve Government temporarily of charges for such local roads as those specified in the previous paragraph. Boat bridges and ferries should of course be a charge on Local Funds, since the Order of Government, No. 571, dated 2nd March 1865.

No. 22. From Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 8th June 1865, No. 175.

SIR,

1. With reference to G. O. No. 1,254, dated 9th ultimo, I do myself the honor of submitting copy of a letter from the Godavery Collector, containing his opinion on the transfers recommended in the latter part of paragraph 6 of my letter, dated 12th April last.

2. The Collector may, *à fortiori*, be assumed to be adverse to the revision of the Budget proposed in my letter, dated 25th ultimo, No. 115.

3. As regards the transfer of the Budget grant for the Ramachendrapur Cutcherry, which the Collector is opposed to, it may naturally be expected that a Head of a Department will claim precedence for its requirements; but though no doubt it is desirable that this Cutcherry should be built as soon as possible, I submit that (the question being, which of the works* entered in the original Public Works Budget for the current year are to be postponed in consequence of the reduction of the assignment to this Presidency) the Ramachendrapur Cutcherry should be the first of the new works items to be struck out. The items which I have retained are certainly works of superior importance, moreover they are all in full progress, and well advanced towards completion; whereas the Cutcherry for which the Collector demands precedence has not been commenced.

* In the Godavery District.

4. If the works on the Ellore canal (to which Mr. Fraser points as the item which the Cutcherry should take precedence of) be not executed without delay, the trade of Cocanada will be seriously deranged with no doubt considerable loss to those concerned. The value of goods moved in one season on this canal is about thirty five lacs.

Abstract of return taken at Nundamoor aqueduct, June 1864 and April 1865.

	No.	Value of cargo. Rs.
Laden boats ...	2,376	31,20,000
Unladen do. ...	1,487	.....
Passenger do. ...	3,156	.....

N. B.—Boats carry 15 to 18 tons.

5. As regards the Great Northern Trunk Road in the Godavery limits, I am entirely at issue with the Collector. The importance ascribed to this road is, I believe, due to its very pretentious name; and Mr. Fraser must, I think, be thus misled when he objects to the transfer of this road's maintenance grant to the Ellore canal.

† Dated 12th April 1865.

6. As already stated in my No. 1,464,† this road or rather track is essentially a line of local intercommunication without through-traffic, but used by travellers (a large proportion of whom are pilgrims to and from the dhonies of Southern India) who have an aversion to the sea, or cannot afford to pay for a passage by Steamer.

Even as a local road it should not be ranked high, the cross lines in the Delta, and still more the lines into the interior, such as from Samulcottah viâ Yellaisweram or Juddunghee, and from Ellore viâ Chintalapudi should take precedence of it.

7. I therefore do not admit the justice of the statement that this road has been "*shamefully neglected*" by the Public Works Department: and I believe that a little more consideration would have induced the Collector to modify that statement, or perhaps to have omitted it altogether.

8. It is to be regretted that an annual maintenance allowance should have been granted for maintaining a thing which did not exist. The money has necessarily been frittered away in attempts at forming little patches of new road here and there, and in the construction of small road tunnels over the minor drainages, and the cuts which Ryots make at will across the track for their irrigation: considering how limited the means at the disposal of Government for Public Works have always been, the money could probably have been more advantageously employed.

9. For easy reference I append a list of the works which Government has been recommended by me to carry out in the current year, and after careful re-consideration, I am of opinion that none of them should be struck out with a view to providing funds for work on the Trunk Road or for taking in hand the Ramachendrapur Cutcherry.

10. If, however, Government deem it essential that the Cutcherry should be built or that a portion of the grant for the trunk road should be retained for that work, I beg to suggest that funds for the prosecution of the Cocanada girder bridge and Ellore canal works may properly be provided from the License Fees collected on the canals, the proceeds of which are now annually granted in aid to the Local Funds of the District. This could not be objected to, for the parties who will benefit by the bridge and the canal (viz., the Cocanada Merchants and the Canal Boatowners and traders) pay the fees. But I do not recommend the adoption of this course if the Cocanada bridge and Ellore canal works can be adequately provided for without postponing the execution of works, which it is deemed essential to carry out in the current year.

No. 23. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1865, No. 1,844.

ACCOUNT, No. 5.

1. In the foregoing letters the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, submits certain proposals for a re-distribution of the funds allotted in the current year's Budget for the Ganjam, Vizagapatam, and Godavery Districts, the object being to provide allotments for the Ellore Canal and for certain new works in those Districts, which have been struck out of the Budget in order to effect the reduction of Rupees 7,33,967, ordered by the Government of India.

2. Captain Ryves also submits a letter from the Collector of the Godavery, wherein that Officer takes exception to the transfer of the funds allotted for the Ramachendrapurum Táluq Cutcherry, and to the diversion of a moiety of the maintenance grant for Trunk Road No. 6.

3. The works which have been struck out of the Budget are incomplete, and, if permitted to remain in an unfinished state, are likely to receive considerable damage, and in the end to necessitate a heavier outlay than is at present necessary for their completion. Apart from this, the Superintending Engineer clearly shows that these works are of far greater importance than those alluded to in the preceding paragraph, and as the Government are not in a position to allot funds for the former from the Reserve or from any other source, and as the postponement of the Ramachendrapurum Cutcherry, and the reduction of the maintenance grant for Trunk Road No. 6 are likely to cause comparatively little inconvenience, the Government are of opinion that the Superintending Engineer's proposals are, under all the circumstances of the case, judicious.

No. 1,254, dated 9th May 1865.

4. Sanction has been already granted, in the Orders marginally noted, to the undermentioned transfers of funds:—

	Rs.
To item No. 86 of the Budget	20,000
To item No. 58 of do.	10,000
To Ellore Canal do.	12,000

5. The following transfers of funds are now authorized, in anticipation of the sanction of the Government of India :—

District.	Item.	Amount.	District.	Item.	Amount.
	From	RS.		*To*	RS.
Godavery ...	Item No. 21, of Budget.	7,080			
Do. ...	Repairs under "Civil Buildings."	1,000	Vizagapatam.	Item No. 87 of Budget.	10,000
Do. ...	Do. under "Agricultural."	1,920			
Do. ...	Do. do. ...	8,508			
Do. ...	Do. under "Communications"	1,492	Ganjam ...	To Item No. 85 of Budget.	10,000
Do. ...	Do. do. ...	8,210			
Do. ...	Do. under "Miscellaneous Public Improvement."	4,000			
Ganjam ...	Do. under "Civil Buildings."	790	Godavery ...	To Item No. 117 of do.	15,000
Vizagapatam.	Do. do. ...	500			
Do. ...	Do. under "Agricultural."	1,500			

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Accountant General.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

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vide allotments for the
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new works.

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With Order.