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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1866.*

No. 18. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Referring paragraphs 1 and 2 of a letter from
the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
with reference to certain Budget allotments
for 1866-67. (Here enter 21st May 1866, No. 1,612.)

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1866, No. 1,297.
Referred to the Board of Revenue for any observa-
tions they may wish to offer.
(True Extract.)

Miscellaneous.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,612.

Exd. T. O'Connor.

No. 500. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Tanjore, 12th May 1866, No. 65 :—

1. With reference to the Budget allotments for 1866-67, I have the honor to inform you that on the estimate of Rupees 64,000, sanctioned for the Vedaraniem Canal, Rupees 3,042-9-0 have been expended up to 30th April, chiefly in constructing the three under-tunnels provided in the estimate; Rupees 4,688 will be required to complete these tunnels, and as only Rupees 20,000 are allotted in the Budget for the work, only Rupees 15,312 are left for earth-work.

2. The southern section of the canal runs through the Ramanadem and Paupan Voikals and the Kodichuttyaur, and these streams can only be cleared between the beginning of March and the end of May, and if the work is not carried out in one season, its cost will be considerably augmented, while the work will probably not be efficiently executed or the cutting carried to the necessary depth; the cost of clearing these channels will be Rupees 33,255, while the balance available for the work is only Rupees 15,312, so that at present we have not even sufficient funds to carry out the southern section of the canal; and as the northern section can be carried out at almost any period of the year, if an allotment of Rs. 30,000 cannot be made from the Reserve, after the completion of the masonry works, nothing further can be done till February or March 1867, for if we now excavated the Rupees 15,470.

would be no funds available early in 1867 for the southern section, and that work would have to be executed early in 1868 from the allotment provided in the Budget of 1867-68, whereas if we reserve the Rupees 15,312 now available for the excavation of the southern section early in 1867, and Rupees 10,000 only are allotted from the Reserve, we shall be able to complete the northern section in May and June 1867 from the allotment for 1867-68, and to open the canal in July or August 1867, instead of in June or July 1868. Under any circumstances Rupees 10,000 must be allotted from the Reserve for this work, but if Rupees 30,000 can be at once allotted we might push on with the northern section of the canal at once.

3. Under the head of Agricultural Repairs special sums have this year been allotted for special rivers; it will not, I trust, be necessary to adhere to the sums thus allotted, or to obtain special sanction for the transfer of sums from one river to another, as is done as regards the allotments for roads, for the amounts entered opposite the rivers are very rough approximations of what may be required, and one or two large breaches in any of the rivers would render a re-allotment of the amounts necessary. Again, as regards roads, sums can easily be allotted to each Range according to the number of miles of roads in the Range, but as estimates are submitted from time to time for the repairs to rivers, and most of the rivers pass through at least three Ranges, the office work would be much increased by opening up a separate page for every river, and carefully passing sums from each particular allotment as estimates are received from the Ranges, and soliciting sanction from time to time for transfers from one river to another as they became necessary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
21st May 1866.

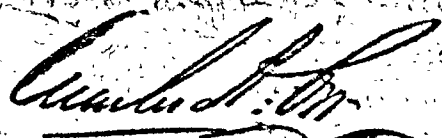
No. 501. ORDER THEREON, 21st May 1866, No. 1,612.

ACCOUNT, No. 57.

1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter will be referred to the Revenue Department.

2. The Superintending Engineer of the 6th Division will be informed, with reference to paragraph 3, that transfers *within the same District* of specific allotments for Agricultural Repairs do not require the sanction of Government.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division,
Revenue Department.

