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Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
4th May 1869.*

No. 98. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on the letter from Mr. Fraser,
explaining the cause of delay in the submission
of plans and estimates for the Junction Canal ; (Here enter 29th April 1869, No. 1,403.)
and requesting permission for the entertain-
ment of Apprentices to be trained in Surveying

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1869, No. 1,235.

Local Funds, No. 3.

Civil Works.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Board.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) H. WELLESLEY,
Acting Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 1,403.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th April 1869.*

No. 716. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Mount Road, 19th April 1869, No. 14:—

1. Referring to the Proceedings of the Madras Government, No. 1,279, dated the 17th instant, I have the honour to state that the delay in sending up plans and estimates for the Junction Canal has arisen from the impossibility of procuring even one Surveyor competent to prepare either an accurate map or section, although I advertised in the Fort St. George and District Gazettes, and made enquiry otherwise where I thought there was a chance of success.

2. Under these circumstances, I was obliged to train my Draughtsman to survey, and he has completed the survey and map of the ground from the Adyar to Kistnampet; and Captain Edgcome kindly undertook to have the remainder, to the Cooum, surveyed by his most advanced pupils. For the map of this latter portion I have been waiting some time, but a few days ago Captain Edgcome said he would send it to me to-day.

So soon as I get the map I can mark out the whole line, and get the levelling and other work done. I expect to be able to send up the plans and estimates complete by the end of next month.

3. I have a great deal of surveying and levelling to get done in connection with the Canal, its extensions, and the Salt Channels. There are no Surveyors of any value to be had for temporary employment, and I am consequently often much delayed.

I see no way of meeting the difficulty, except by obtaining permission to entertain three or four Apprentices, and teach them myself. I believe I could get partially trained lads at the Gun Carriage Factory, who could be made tolerably good Surveyors and Levellers in a short time; and I would respectfully ask the Government to sanction this arrangement.

No. 717. ORDER THEREON, 29th April 1869, No. 1,403.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 103.

The East Coast Canals being Local Fund Works, Mr. Fraser will be referred to the Orders of Government in the

Revenue Department communicated in G. O. No. 3,177 of the 14th October 1867, wherein authority is granted for such expenses as may be unavoidably necessary for the preparation of plans and estimates for Local Fund Works being incurred on bills to be submitted quarterly.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.;

Secretary to Government.

To W. Fraser, Esq., Executive Engineer.
To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

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Comm to the
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*Junction Canal.—Order on Mr. Fraser's
objection regarding the delay in the submission
of plans and estimates, communicated to Revenue
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