Revenue Office

No. 2727.

Govt. of [1869] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

3rd Division.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated *August*, 11th.

Read. 14th. Inst.

G. O., 11th August 1869, No. 2,611.

AUGUST.

Nos. 237-239

Sidarampooram Channel.—Estimate of Rupees 3,130 for cutting a new head to the Sidarampooram channel, &c., in the Bellary District, sanctioned with remarks.

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Work Order

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 11th August 1869.

Read the following letters:—

No. 237. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Kurnool, 22nd June 1869, No. 920.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,130, with report, &c., for constructing a head-sluice and excavating a bit of new channel to the Sidarampooram Huggry river-channel in the Raidroog Talook, Bellary District.

2 Plans.
1 Estimate.
1 Specification.

2. The necessity for this work is in consequence of the head of the old channel, which had no head-sluice, having been breached and carried away. If this work is carried out it is expected that there will be an increased revenue of about 22 per cent.

3. As I have no funds available, I trust that Government will make a special grant, or else allow the work to be carried on in anticipation of an allotment later in the year.

No. 238. From the same Officer, dated Bellary, 12th July 1869, No. 1,205.

IN reply to your memorandum, No. 220, of the 6th instant, I have the honour to inform you that the Sidarampooram Huggry river-channel does not supply any tank.

2. I am not aware where you obtained the information mentioned in paragraph 2 of your memorandum, but from my knowledge of this district, I believe that during the year there are constant small freshes in the Huggry river, and I do not remember ever having seen, even in the hot months, a perfectly dry bed of sand. There are a number of channels taken off from the Huggry, and I consider that it would be the greatest mistake to continue to neglect these channels.

3. I would beg to draw your attention to the late Colonel Henderson's Report on the Bellary District for 1852, published in Selections from the Records of the Madras Government.

4. I have the honour to forward the original Revenue Statement which, by an oversight, was forgotten to be sent with my letter, No. 920, of 22nd ultimo, and to inform you that the same was verified in the Collector's Office.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 11th August 1869, No. 2,641.

IRRIGATION, No. 13.

THE Government sanction the estimate of Rupees 3,130, for cutting a new head to the Sidarampooram channel, which is supplied from the river Huggry, in the Raidroog Talook of the Bellary District, and for constructing a head-sluice near the off-take from the river. The top of the sluice wall should be three feet instead of one foot above flood level, and unless a stone, or iron bar, be placed across the vent of the sluice at about two feet above the sill, it will not be practicable to work the shutters. It is observed that the average cultivation under the channel, including Inam lands, is 268 acres, of which 191 acres are Government lands, and that there are 137 acres of the latter

included in the ayacut which have not as yet, or recently, been cultivated, owing to the inefficiency of the old channel head. It is expected that the work included in this estimate will admit of a considerable extension of cultivation and, if the Government nunjah waste alone be cultivated, the return will be about Rupees 548 on the single crop, which is 17½ per cent. on the outlay. The allotment for this work will be made from the Reserve under Agricultural.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
Acting Joint-Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Accountant-General.
,, Revenue Department.

Communicated to the Revenue Board.

17 Aug 1869

In letter to Govt Revenue Board No 2641 Dated 17

Exd. S. T. Augustin.