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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

4th Division,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated September, 1st.

Read " 2nd "

G. O. 1st September 1869, No. 2,852.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 11-12

East Coast Canal—Letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division regarding the execution of certain works connected with the East Coast Canal in anticipation of lands being received from the Collector, recommending

With Order

No. 11. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th August 1869, No. 2,620 :—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that on receipt of the enclosed letter from the Collector of Madras stating that there were no collections from the Eastern Coast Canal

One Original letter, No. 281, dated 4th August 1869.

traffic, and that the fund was in debt 12,000 Rupees, I directed Mr. Fraser to stop his operations in the work of extending this water communication northwards.

2. The estimate of Rupees 37,610 was submitted by me to Mr. Fane for the sanction of the Board and Government, for deepening the present canal northwards as far as the Pulicat lake; but Mr. Fraser reports that another estimate will be required, and is in preparation for extending the clearance of shoals.

3. Though Mr. Fane considers that the extra supply of water received into the canal the last month will materially assist the traffic, yet, after the cessation of the rains, I am afraid difficulties in the navigation will occur again; and Mr. Thornhill, the Acting Collector, has written strongly to the Board of Revenue recommending the sanction of these estimates, in anticipation of the toll receipts from the traffic which he now expects.

From E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, dated Sydapet, 4th August 1869, No. 281.

I PERCEIVE from an examination of the East Coast Canal accounts that the balance in hand is nothing, while the debt amounts to 12,000 Rupees and odd. Such being the case, I have the honour to request that you will advise Mr. Fraser of the circumstance, and ask him to put a stop to any further work on the canal till funds are procured, either from special grant or from the tolls, which may now, as the water in the Canal increases, be expected to realize something like an equal sum to the collections of former years.

2. The tolls since the beginning of the Fusly appear to have amounted to less than a thousand Rupees, whereas our proposed expenditure was based on an expected income from that source of 43,000 for the year.

3. The estimates for deepening of the canal land all the way to Pulicat, and amounting to 37,610 Rupees, were duly received from your office on the 31st ultimo, I have, however, although approving much of the scheme, been unable to recommend it to the Board, as no funds are available, and as the late rains must have altered altogether the circumstances of the case and rendered the necessity for deepening the canal less urgent, and the probable cost of doing so greater than what it would have been had the canal remained dry.

No. 2,469.

COPY forwarded to Mr. Fraser, Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal, who is requested to stop all work on the East Coast Canal.

(Signed) J. BEAN, Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

9th August 1869.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
1st September 1869.

No. 12. ORDERED THEREON, 1st September 1869, No. 2,852.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

RECORDED with reference to G. O., No. 2,735, dated 20th August 1869.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.
„ Revenue Department.

No 25

Comm.d to the Revenue Board.

7 Sept/69

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Ex.d. E. C. Shunker.