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No. 3051.

Govt. of [1869] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SUPERINTENDING [illegible]

4th Division.

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Dated September, 7th.

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G. O., 7th September 1869, No. 2,038

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 136-137

East Coast Canal.—Letter from the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division, regarding the stoppage of the extension of the East Coast Canal, recorded.

11 Sept/69

With Order

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 7th September 1869.

No. 186. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 24th August 1869, No. 2,694 :—

With reference to Government Order, No. 2,735, dated 20th August 1869, No. 95, dated 9th August 1869. passing orders on Mr. Fraser's report submitting an estimate for a portion of the extension of the Coast Canal, I beg to state that as this report was not submitted through me I was unable to offer any remarks on it.

2. The Government express much regret that the works on the Canal were stopped, in consequence of Mr. Fraser's interpretation of G. O., No. 2,059, dated 24th June 1869. In forwarding this order to the Executive-Engineer, I merely circulated it to him, as to all other Range Officers, for information, and I issued no subsidiary instructions, as the work was a local one, and provided with funds. Indeed, as on receipt of the Revenue Board's Proceedings, No. 2,969, dated 3rd May 1869, on Government Order, No. 711, dated 16th March 1869, I had called on Mr. Memorandum No. 1,409, dated 11th June 1869. Fraser to report what sum he could expend in excess of the local Budget allotment on the extension, he was aware funds were available, and as a reminder was sent on the 27th July, he was also aware that I contemplated no stoppage of the works.

3. It was only on the 30th idem that he replied to my inquires stating that he could expend a lac of Rupees, and he then referred to a partial stoppage of his works. I find also from an examination of the Progress Reports that Rupees 10,358 were spent this year up to June, and Rupees 14,442 up to July inclusive, so some work, more or less, must have been going on.

4. It was not until I received a letter from the Collector, dated 4th instant, requesting me to stop further work owing to the funds having run out, and the expenditure being in excess of the receipts, that I sent corresponding orders to the Executive-Engineer.

No. 187. Order thereon, 7th September 1869, No. 2,938.

LOCAL FUNDS, No. 29.
Civil Works.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ex1. E. C. Shunker.

Comm^d to the Revenue Board