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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT**

G.O. No. 1367 Press Mis.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 17th May 1869.

No. 382. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1869, No. 2,121:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated on Circuit, Poodoovoil, 12th March 1869, No. 67.

Board's Proceedings, No. 6,003, dated 20th August 1868, paragraphs 7 and 10.
Do. do., No. 8,479, dated 2nd December 1868, paragraph 2.

With reference to the Board's Proceedings, as per margin, I have now the honor to forward certain statements, showing the state of the District Road and the Canal Funds for the year about to close.

2. It will be observed from statement No. 1 that the expenditure for the year exceeds by Rupees 11,383, the available assets. This is owing, as the Superintending Engineer explains in the accompanying extract from his letter, dated 3rd March 1869, No. 5,782, to his department having incorrectly expended Rupees 10,486, of the unexpended balance of 1867-68, this year on the works as per statement No. 2 under the idea that authority was given for so doing by Government in their Order, No. 74, dated 9th January 1868, Public Works Department. As this expenditure was, however, thus improperly incurred, and as there are no funds to meet it, without bringing the District Road Fund into debt, I beg to suggest that it be met from the items marked A. and B. in the statement No. 1, as A. can easily be adjusted from the Local Road Fund during the ensuing year, and B. is a reserve; I therefore request that you will be good enough to obtain the sanction of the Board for such an adjustment.

3. As regards the Canal Fund the Board will perceive from statement No. 3 that only Rupees 33,220 were realised this year, leaving a balance of Rupees 10,780 to complete the estimated receipts of Rupees 44,000; this falling off is attributable to the dryness of the season, and the consequent deficiency of water in the canal. I beg, therefore, to suggest that Rupees 80,000, sanctioned in Proceedings, No. 277, dated 16th January 1869, to be laid out during the current year on the extension of the Northern Canal to Kistnapatam, should be reduced to Rupees 65,000, and the sum (Rupees 15,000) so gained, be transferred to the work of deepening the canal from Madras to Dugarauzpatam, which the Superintending Engineer now for the first time requests in his letter* (copy of which is herewith sent) may be provided in addition to the Rupees 7,000 allotted in the current year's budget for that work.

*No. 5,834, dated 6th March 1869.

4. I request also that the Board will sanction the expenditure of Rupees 620 for repairing the timber bridges over the Sadras Canal near Papan's Choultry; it was sanctioned by me, in anticipation of the Board's sanction, as the work was reported to be urgent.

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Enclosure No. 1.

From the Acting Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Collector of Madras, dated 3rd March 1869, No. 5,782.

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Paragraph 3. In asking for the appropriation of certain unexpended balances in last year's Budget, which have been worked out by Range Officers, I beg to state that under the authority of

Government Order, No. 74, dated 9th January 1868, Public Works Department, it was assumed that these balances did not lapse, and the subsequent Order of Government, No. 153, dated 20th January 1868, Revenue Department, which contains a somewhat different ruling, was not communicated to my department.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

From the same Officer, dated Camp at Singlecoopum, 6th March 1869, No. 5,834.

I HAVE the honor to forward an estimate, amounting to Rupees 15,380, for deepening the canal from Madras to Dugarauzpatam, together with copy of all the No. 199, dated 19th February 1869, from Mr. Fraser, Executive Engineer, and statement of correspondence (to be returned) and to request that you will sanction the same before the close of the official year.

1 Copy of letter
1 Original estimate.
1 Do. Memorandum of Correspondence.

2. I have ascertained that Mr. Fraser has spent this amount emergently, in addition to the maintenance allowance of 7,000 Rupees.

3. On referring to my letter, as per margin, No. 5,375, you will find that of the 8th February 1869, we required only Rupees 80,620 for new works this year out of the available balance of Rupees 1,23,654, so there is still now unexpended allotment for this year. There is also a balance of Rupees 6,240, in the sum of Rupees 9,000, allotted in the Local Fund Budget.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 3 to 5.—Statements.

THE Board regret to find that the expenditure of the Road Fund has again been in excess of the income. In 1867-68 the excess was Rupees 9,894, and in the current year it has been Rupees 4,942. The Board must request that the Collector will take effectual means to prevent a recurrence of this irregularity.

2. The estimated income of 1868-69 is Rupees 79,291, the estimated expenditure Rupees 84,233. As the official year will have closed without the charge for Public Works supervision being brought finally to account, the Board authorise the Collector to meet the excess of expenditure which has been actually incurred out of the sum of Rupees 5,264 for Public Works supervision, the sum being made good and adjusted in the accounts of 1869-70. The Budget of the latter year will thus open with a debt of Rupees 4,942.

3. With reference to paragraphs 3 and 4 of the foregoing letter, the Board sanction the sum of Rupees 16,000, of which Rupees 6,240 is available from the allotment in the current year's Canal Fund Budget for the construction of canals, and the remainder, namely Rupees 9,760, from the allotment* of Rupees 80,000, for the extension of the Northern Canal from Dugarauzpatam to Kistnapatam.

	Rs.
For deepening the canal	15,380
For repairing timber bridges over the Sadras Canal...	620
	16,000

16,000
6,240
9,760

4. The Board observe that Mr. Fraser ought not to have expended the large sum of Rupees 15,380 in deepening the canal from Madras to Dugarauzpatam, in addition to the annual grant of Rupees 7,000, without obtaining their previous sanction.

* Board's Proceedings, dated 16th January 1869, No. 277.

No. 383. ORDER THEREON, 17th May 1869, No. 1,367.

Local Funds, No. 11.
Accounts.

THESE Proceedings of the Board of Revenue require no specific orders from Government; but they cannot pass unnoticed the irregularities existing in the Madras District in the administration of the Local Funds. The Government trust that the instructions issued by the Board to prevent the expenditure exceeding the receipts, as also to check the disbursement of large sums without the requisite sanction, will have the desired effect.

2. Mr. Fraser altogether exceeded his powers in spending a sum of Rupees 15,380, in deepening the northern canal without obtaining previous sanction.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Public Works Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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Proceedings, 31st March 1869, No. 2,121.

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No. 2,121.

Canal—from Madras to Dugarazupatam.—Expenditure of Rupees 16,000 for deepening —, and for repairing timber-bridges over Sadras Canal near Papan's Choultry, sanctioned. Collector authorised to meet expenditure incurred from Road Fund during 1868-69 in excess of its income out of Rupees 5,264 for Public Works supervision and adjust amount in accounts of 1869-70.

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REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated May, 17th.

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 14th May 1869, No. 1,367.

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Nos. 382-383.

Canal between Madras and Dugarazupatam—Passing orders on the subject of the expenditure incurred in deepening it, without obtaining previous sanction.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 1st May 1869

Read the following

Pro: of the Board of Revenue

Sanctioning expenditure of Rs. 16,000 for deepening the Canal from Madras to Durgaraznpatam & for repairing the timber bridges over the Madras Canal; &c. — (R. dt. 31st March 1869 No. 2,121)

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What-have we to show that-was to be suspended?- Has the work been? in the usual course by Col: Bodeau, or is the fact of the work having been executed, to be credited to Mr Fraser's statement?

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