

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
20th March 1871.*

No. 256. Read the following Endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 16th March 1871 :—

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Keelayur, 9th March 1871, No. 1,055.

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the channels proposed to be cut on the west of the canal, between Negapatam and Vedarnium, in connection with the diversion of the Coopien and Chuckliyen channels, were not excavated last season,

Letter, No. 750, of 21st October 1868.

In G. O., No. 3,703, of 26th November 1868,

and letter, No. 738, of 25th September 1869.

In G. O., No. 3,329, of 15th October 1869.

owing apparently to the fact that no contractor could be got to undertake the work, and that no member of the Department Public Works was available to

superintend its execution by daily labour; and hence the two syphon-sluiques, provided for the discharge of the drainage of the western lands, have acted only partially during the last monsoon, and it was found necessary to form an opening in the western bank of the canal near the Coopien Voikal, and to open the north bank of the Paupan Voikal just above its junction with the canal to admit of the low lands to the west of the canal being drained.

2. It is very desirable that these channels should be excavated during the present working season; but, owing to the late frequent and heavy falls of rain, the land through which they are to be cut is a complete swamp, and it will be impossible to resume work for three weeks or a month, and only about Rs. 461 will be expended in 1870-71 from the allotment of Rs. 3,211 for the completion of the work. No provision is made in the Budget of 1871-72 for the work, and if work is not resumed the moment the land becomes sufficiently dry to admit of the channels being excavated, another season will be lost, for in June or July the land will again be under water. Under these circumstances, I have the honour to suggest that, if funds cannot at once be made available from Imperial grants, the Rs. 2,750, which will be required to complete the work, may be borrowed from Local Funds, as has been done on a previous occasion, and it is probable that funds may be allotted for the work later in the year 1871-72, or that provision may be made for it in the Budget of 1872-73, and the sum of Rs. 2,750 be repaid in April 1873.

3. As the work cannot be given on contract, or any arrangements made for its execution unless funds can be provided for it early in 1871-72, I beg that I may be informed by telegram, or at an early date, whether the work may be put in hand in anticipation of an allotment being made for it early in 1871-72. I have just been over the ground, and am engaged in making a careful examination of the canal, on which I will report shortly when my examination is completed.

REFERRED to the Revenue Department, with a view to the sum of Rs. 2,750 applied for being, if possible, made available to admit of the work being carried out before the close of the present working season, the debit of the outlay either to Local or to Provincial Funds being hereafter determined.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

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No. 257. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1871, No. 484.

Miscellaneous.

THE Board of Revenue will report whether the necessary sum can be provided from the Salt Budget Estimate under Petty Construction and Repairs, or, failing that, from the surplus Pound Funds of the Tanjore District.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

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

Ed. E. C. Shanks.

Revenue Department.

No. 484.

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March 1871.

The Superintendent
of the 6th Division

letter from the
Engineers 6th

To the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 9th March 1871
Recd 17th

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Order 484, 20 March

Suggests that Rs 2750
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funds to complete the
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Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.
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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 20th March 1871.

Read the following letter from the

Superintending Engineer's
Division.

Suggesting that Rs. 2750
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Funds to complete the work of
cutting channels ^{bank} on the
west of the Canal between
Hogmattam and Vedaramiem.

(H.E. 9th March 1871/2/105)

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