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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
17th January 1873.

No. 321. Read the following endorsement of the Financial Department, dated 13th November 1872 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th November 1872, No. 2,162.

Read the following letter from the President of the Local Fund Boards, Godavery District, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 17th July 1872, No. 76.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for sanction, an estimate,* etc., amounting to Rupees 27,000, for cutting a navigable canal in the island of Nagaram, Nursapur Taluq.

* 1 Survey Plan.
2 Sketch Maps.
1 Estimate.

2. The Local Fund Board of the Cocanada Circle have at a meeting held on the 15th instant passed the estimate on the understanding that the cost of the "Syphon sluice" and "Embanking drain," provided for in the estimate, namely, Rupees 10,000, should be met from Imperial Funds.

3. The Superintending Engineer's letter received with the estimate has this day been submitted to the Board of Revenue with Collector's letter No. 220.

4. I request therefore that the cost of cutting the canal, namely, Rupees 17,000, may be placed at the Superintending Engineer's disposal from the balance of the Road Fund.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Survey Plan.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 2 and 3.—Sketch Maps.

ENCLOSURE No. 4—Estimate.

THE survey map, and estimate amounting to Rupees 27,000, for cutting a navigable canal in the island of Nagaram (length four miles) in the Cocanada Circle of the Godavery District, are submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. The component parts of the estimate are as follow :—

	Rs.
1. Cutting	17,000
2. Embanking drain	6,000
3. Syphon sluice, etc.	4,000
Total...	27,000

3. The necessity for the work has been fully set forth in Colonel Fischer's letter to the President of the Local Fund Board, dated 3rd July 1872, No. 1,279, a copy of which is herewith forwarded.

4. The President states that the Local Board have passed the estimate on the understanding that the cost of the syphon sluice and embanking drain therein provided, namely, Rupees 10,000, which properly appertains to Irrigation, will be met from Imperial Funds, as suggested by the Superintending Engineer, and requests that the remainder of the estimate, Rupees 17,000, may be allotted from the unappropriated balance of the Road Fund.

5. The Board request that Government will be pleased to authorize a grant of Rupees 10,000 from Imperial Fund.

6. On the receipt of sanction to the estimate, the Board will make the required allotment from the Road Fund of the circle.

REFERRED to the Department Public Works for remark.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

No. 322. ORDER THEREON, 17th January 1873, No. 160.

IRRIGATION, No. 26.

ON the 20th May last Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer brought his scheme, for connecting the Vasista and Vanitiyaur branches of the Godavery by a navigable canal across the Nagaram Island under the consideration of the then Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and in G. O., 29th July 1872, No. 1,803, the idea was approved and the Superintending Engineer was instructed to provide for this work in the revised estimates for the Central Delta project.

2. Colonel Fischer a short time after sending his letter to the Chief Engineer, addressed the President of the Local Fund Board, Cocanada Circle, strongly urging the carrying out of this scheme from Local Funds, and the Board now propose to contribute Rupees 17,000 to the cost of the work, if the Government will provide the balance, Rupees 10,000, of Colonel Fischer's estimate, out of Imperial Funds.

3. The project has not yet assumed a shape in which it can be sanctioned by the Government. The estimate of Rupees 27,000 is but an approximation; the proposal to pass irrigation water under the canal by a single syphon is one which may be feasible, but it has yet to be properly and fully explained by surveys and levels. All therefore that can be said at present is that the Government on the *prima facie* evidence which has been adduced, have generally approved the scheme, and that when it is properly matured it will receive full consideration. As providing a local communication, the project is one which has a claim on Local Funds, while, as connected with the improvement of the delta system, it is probable that the Supreme Government will not be indisposed to sanction part of the cost from Loan Funds.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Financial Department.
,, Revenue ,,

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Revenue Dept.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER GODAVERY.

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Dated Januray 17th.

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Canal.—Passing orders on Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting an estimate for a navigable canal across the Nagaram Island in the Godavery District.

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