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Read the following papers :—

No. 12. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E, District Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Guindy, 26th November 1873, No. 2345 :—

I have the honour to request that I may be informed whether I may pursue the following course to carry out the wishes of Government expressed in Order, No. 1581, of 30th October 1873, Financial Department, regarding the clearing of the East-Coast Canal. The Collector has approved of the proposal which I made to him on his forwarding the above order.

2. It is that the Range Officer shall prepare the agreement as between the Contractor and the Collector instead of me; that he shall supervise the work as usual, and shall submit his bills by the Contractor to the Collector for payment instead of issuing cheques. All accounts, vouchers, &c., to be sent to the Collector, and no entries to be made in the Range monthly or other accounts.

3. I beg an early reply that I may issue instructions accordingly to the Range Officers.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report as to whether there is any objection to the arrangement proposed.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
1st December 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 12-A. From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort St. George, 3rd December 1873, No. 5741.

I have the honour to return the letter* from the District Engineer, Chingleput, received with your endorsement of the 1st instant, and to state that, as His Excellency the Governor in Council desires that some arrangement should be made to get over the technical objection and difficulty connected with the work of clearing the East-Coast Canal by the Public Works Department without a transfer of funds from the salt grant, probably no better arrangement than that proposed by the District Engineer could be made. But as the rules of the department require that Public Works Officers shall be in account only with the Controller of Public Works Accounts, the arrangement will have to be reported for the confirmation of the Government of India.

* No. 2345, of 26th November 1873.

2. The work of clearing the canal will probably have to be done every year, and if so, it would perhaps be best to ask the Government of India to increase the Provincial head of service to the extent of the probable yearly outlay, by a corresponding reduction of the yearly salt grant under Imperial.

3. I need hardly remark that, under the arrangement proposed by the District Engineer, this department would receive no credit for the work done in the sense that the outlay would not be included in the sum which would regulate the percentage charged for Public Works Establishment.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
2nd March 1874.

Referred to the Financial Department for consideration of the suggestion made in paragraph 2 of the Officiating Controller's letter.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
11th December 1873.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 2nd March 1874, No. 336.

Under all the circumstances of the case, the Governor in Council resolves that the Collector of Chingleput be instructed to carry out the clearing and deepening of Cochrane's Canal by Agency other than the Public Works Department.

2. So much of G.O., dated the 13th August 1873, No. 1139, placing the sum of Rupees 20,000 required for the work referred to, during the current year, at the disposal of the District Engineer, will be considered as cancelled, and the Accountant-General authorized to place the amount at the disposal of the Collector of Chingleput from the source indicated in the Government Order in question.

(True Extract.)

Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue.
" Revenue Department.
" Collector of Chingleput.
" Public Works Department.
" Accountant-General.

Exd. J. Wright.

Revenue Department

Govt. of {1874} Madras.

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To

No 766

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated March, 2nd.

Recd. 7/ *Encl.*

G.O., 2nd March 1874, *No.* 336.

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Cochrane's Canal.—The clearing and deepening of this canal by Agency other than the Public Works Department ordered, and so much of the order placing the current year's allotment of Rupees 20,000 at the District Engineer's disposal cancelled, that sum being placed at the disposal of the Collector of Chingleput instead.

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10. March 1874