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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th June 1875.*

No. 436. Read the following Proceedings of the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Civil Works—Communications,) dated Simla, 19th May 1875, No. 153 C:—

COPY of the following forwarded to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, for information, in continuation of Public Works Department Resolution, Nos. 424-5 C.W.C., of the 12th September 1874.

(By order.)

(Signed) G. T. SKIPWITH, Captain, R.E.,
Asst. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

From C. B. SAUNDERS, Esq., c.B., Resident at Hyderabad, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, dated 26th February 1875, No. 122.

TRANSLATIONS herewith submitted, for the information of His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General, of a correspondence opened by me with His Highness the Nizam's Government on receipt of your Office endorsement, No. 2,012, dated 25th September last, and papers therewith sent down will serve to explain to His Excellency in Council the views entertained by His Highness' Minister touching any share which His Highness' Government might be found willing to take in pushing on the navigation works now partially constructed on the River Godavery.

2. Sir Salar Jung's reply to my recent reference on the above topic is, as will be seen, far from enthusiastic in its tone, nevertheless His Excellency will be glad to notice that, in the event of any definite scheme or schemes being brought forward in this matter, then the Hyderabad Government will be prepared to consider each in its own bearing on the interests of the Nizam's territory, with the view of determining whether to take part in its promotion or not.

Translation.

From the same Officer, to His Highness the Nizam's Minister, dated 2nd November 1874, No. 2,625.

I HAVE the honor to forward, for your perusal, the accompanying papers received under endorsement, No. 2,012, dated 25th September, from the Foreign Department of the Government of India, relative to the Upper Godavery Navigation Works.

You are aware that these works were undertaken by the Government of India some years ago with the object of facilitating communication with the sea, and opening out the country for purposes of trade and commerce. The works had accordingly progressed towards completion as far as the second barrier at Enchampilly at a considerable outlay of capital, when, on financial and other grounds, it was determined towards the close of the year 1871 to put a stop to them, and to transfer the control and management of the completed portion from the Central Provinces' Administration to the Madras Government with the territory around that portion, comprising the Taluqs of Rakapilly and Badrachalam—an arrangement which has since been fully brought into operation.

About the middle of last year, however, Colonel F. H. Rundall, Inspector-General of Irrigation Works, visited the whole of the Godavery Works, and submitted a memorandum of certain suggestions for their improvement and further extension so as to secure speedy remunerative returns on the capital expended. The Government of India having referred these suggestions to the Madras Government for consideration, the latter Government expressed its readiness to carry them out. But as these works are calculated to benefit the territories and people on both sides of the river, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India has, as you will perceive, called for a report

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showing in what light the whole undertaking is regarded by His Highness the Nizam's Government.

For my part, I have no doubt as to the great and substantial benefits which the opening of the Godavery River has already conferred and will yet more confer on His Highness' territories on its right bank. As you will perceive from Colonel Rundall's memorandum above referred to, and its appended statements, it has been the means of considerably increasing the trade, and extending the cultivation on both banks of the river, and its importance is heightened when viewed with reference to the recent discovery of coal in several localities in His Highness' territory, conveniently situated as regards access to the river.

I shall, however, be glad to be favored with an expression of your views on this whole subject, and be informed, whether, in consideration of the great advantages they are calculated to afford His Highness' territories in the development of their coal fields and of the other mineral and agricultural resources and commerce of the country, your Government will be prepared to participate to any extent in the work of rendering the Godavery improvement works, as already constructed and nearly brought to completion, more directly useful and remunerative by admitting, at a comparatively small outlay, of the navigation of the river being kept open for eight months in lieu of five months in the year, in order to enable me to submit the required report to the Government of India at an early date.

Translation.

From His Highness the Nizam's Minister, to the Resident at Hyderabad, dated 15th February 1875, No. 440.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 2,625, dated 2nd November last, and its several reminders, forwarding a communication with enclosures from the Government of India on the subject of the improved navigation of the Godavery river, and inviting an expression of my opinion thereon; also enquiring whether His Highness' Government would be prepared to co-operate to any extent in the above undertaking.

2. In reply, I beg to state that I have given full consideration to the points adverted to in your letter under acknowledgment as well as in the papers to which it gave cover. From a reference made to His Highness' Public Works Department on the subject, it appears that the transport of coal by means of the Godavery would indeed have been beneficial to his Highness' Government were the coal fields of His Highness' country situated in the direction of the first barrier; but as this is not the case, and as it has been possible from the first to have the coal from the mines at Singarem and Sivavaram conveyed up to the foot of the mountains constituting the said barrier, and thence *via* Kokatada to the port of Pondigal, there appears to be no special advantage in extending the Godavery works for the transport to, and delivery of coal on, the eastern coast.

3. As to your remarks in regard to the development of the commercial and agricultural resources of His Highness' territory which the works under reference are calculated to produce, having regard to the considerations above adverted to, no immediate and certain prospect of such advantages being realized is apparent to His Highness' Government. Nevertheless, if the proposed measure be put in a definite form with special reference to the above objects, as well as to the easy transit of coal, His Highness' Government will certainly give it due consideration and support to the best of their power, thus endeavouring to acquiesce and co-operate in projects put forward by the Government of India.

No. 538-G., dated 24th March 1875.

Endorsed by the Foreign Department.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department, with reference to the memorandum from that Department, Nos. 424-25 C., dated the 12th September 1874.

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RECORDED, and communicated to the District Engineer, Godavery, and to the Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

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Major, R.E.,

Under Secy
Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

„ Revenue Department.

„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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