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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
23rd August 1875.*

Special Funds.

No. 155. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th August 1875, No. 2167:—

Read the following letter from R. J. MELVILLE, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 11th June 1875, No. 330:—

REFERRING to my letter of the 18th ultimo, No. 267, I have the honor to report that, from a letter just received from the Superintending Engineer, it appears that the provision of 6,000 Rupees in the canal budget for the current year, together with the special grant of Rupees 10,000 being expended by the Salt Deputy Collector, is not at all sufficient for rendering the Sadras Canal efficient.

2. Colonel Moberly states that "the canal was heavily silted by the floods of 1874, which have again utterly changed its bed," and that the cost of removing the silt brought in and of otherwise rendering the canal freely navigable is estimated to be Rupees 28,940, which is nearly equal to the estimate (Rs. 29,823) sanctioned in Government Order, No. 789, dated 8th April 1875, Financial, and if to this be added the two calingulahs (Rupees 1,170) included in the former estimate, the sum required is raised to Rupees 30,110, and I request that the balance (Rupees 13,190) of the old estimate may be cancelled, and the estimate now prepared, which is herein enclosed, may be sanctioned instead. This would involve an additional outlay of Rupees 14,110 over and above the Rupees 16,000 stated in my letter to be available for expenditure this year.

3. While on this subject, I request, with reference to Government Orders communicated with the Board's Miscellaneous Nos. 1,535 and 1,756, dated respectively 25th February and 4th March 1875, that early orders may be obtained for the prosecution of the work by the Public Works Department, or that it may be decided once for all whether the Public Works Department or the Revenue Department should carry out the work to its entirety. As it is, two departments have to work simultaneously against the same estimate in the same field, a mode of procedure which I agree with Colonel Moberly in considering most inconvenient. The Superintending Engineer very properly observes that such a procedure "confuses matters with regard to allotments, &c., and each department is ignorant of what is being done and what is to be done."

Awaiting early orders, I have, &c.

THE estimate, amounting to Rupees 30,110, for deepening the East Coast Canal from Adyar to Sadras, is submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. In their Order, dated 8th April 1875, No. 789, Government sanctioned an estimate, amounting to Rupees 29,823, for the work. Out of this sum, Rs. 16,630 were spent up to the close of 1873-74, leaving a balance of Rupees 13,193 remaining unspent.

3. The present estimate is, in fact, a fresh one, and provides for removing the heavy silt caused by the floods of 1874 and for the construction of two calingulahs transferred from the original estimate.

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4. The Collector calculates upon a sum of Rupees 16,000* being available	
* Special grant in the budget of petty construction and repairs for 1874-75...	Rs. 10,000
For deepening the worst portions of the Southern Canal—Item No. 5 in the Canal Fund Budget of 1875-76.	6,000
Total ...	16,000

for expenditure during the current year. The Board observe that, though the special grant of Rupees 10,000 for 1874-75 was not actually spent on the work, yet the amount was debited to Petty Construction and Repairs in the accounts of March last as already

reported in the Acting Collector's letter submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings, dated 30th June 1875, Miscellaneous No. 5,909. This course was irregular inasmuch as only actual outlay should have been debited.

5. It is observed that the money is being spent by the Deputy Collector.

6. In the current year's budget of Petty Construction and Repairs, which is now before the Board, Rupees 15,000 are provided as a special grant for clearing the Northern and Southern Canals, but a proposal to utilize the amount on the Northern Canal only was submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 19th July 1875, No. 2,020.

7. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Collector's letter, he is referred to the G.O., F.D., dated 19th March 1875, No. 614, under which all salt works which require professional skill should be constructed by the Public Works Department, and their cost adjusted as expenditure appertaining to that department.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

No. 156.

ORDER THEREON, 23rd August 1875, No. 1705.

The revised estimate, amounting to Rupees 30,110, for deepening the East Coast Canal from the Adyar to Sadras, is sanctioned.

2. Orders have, it is believed, been issued on the Board's Proceedings, dated 19th July 1875, No. 2020, in the Revenue Department.

3. The Board are correct in the view taken in paragraph 7 of their Proceedings.

(True Extract)

[Signature]
Officiating Chief Secretary.

To the Board of Revenue, with enclosure.
.. Revenue Department.
.. Public Works do.
.. Accountant-General.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

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