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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
26th February 1875.*

No. 361. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 8th February 1875, No. 288:—

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2. Further, there is an excess expenditure of Rupees 4,631-8-7 on account of the work done on the southern canal, as reported in my No. 500, dated 18th September 1874; and if this is added to the above deficit of Rupees 7,053-9-6 the total amount to be made good is Rupees 11,685-2-1. For meeting this, the only sources I can point out are the provisions of Rupees 4,140 in the current year's Canal Fund Budget for clearing and extending the branch channel to Tiruporur, Item No. 1, and of Rupees 10,000 for deepening the northern canal from the 47th to 61st mile-stone. No expenditure whatever has been incurred on the former work, and as regards the latter, though I am unable to say how much of the provision has been utilized, as I get no progress reports from the engineer, I do not think that much of it could have been spent.

3. In these circumstances I would suggest that early instructions be issued to the Nellore District Engineer, prohibiting any further outlay on the work. As the contractors have been already long kept out of their due and must be paid, I request that I may be authorized to make the disbursement from the sources pointed out.

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From the same officer, dated Saidapet, 3rd December 1874, No. 685.

ADVERTING to paragraphs 2 and 3 of my No. 638, dated 16th ultimo, I have the honor to report, for the information of the Board, that the District Engineer of Nellore informs me that nothing has been expended up to date in deepening the northern canal between the 47th and 61st mile-stones, and that he does not intend commencing operations there until April next.

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From the same officer, dated Saidapet, 6th January 1875, No. 1.

In reply to the Board's Miscellaneous No. 8,123, dated 20th November 1874, I have the honor to report that the Range Officer had no authority for incurring the expenditure alluded to on the southern canal. All the explanation he can give in justification of it is contained in the accompanying extract of his letter, from which it will be seen that, with the large number of coolies he had at work on the canal, it was impossible for him "to have kept exactly to the amount of work" which he had money to pay for.

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ENCLOSURE No. 1

From R. J. LOWRY, Esq., Executive Engineer, to R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, dated 27th May 1874, No. 544.

You will perceive from Statement No. 2 that there is still a sum of Rupees 4,431-8-7 due to the contractors who were engaged on that work up to the end of the official year. It would not have been an easy matter to have kept exactly to the amount of work which I had money to pay for, had I an active man as Canal Maistry; but with a force of 3,000 coolies engaged on the canal in the month of March, and the Maistry an old imbecile, you will easily understand how impossible it was to do so. But as I measured every cubic yard of the work done myself, I can assure you that there is full value for both the money paid and the amount still due.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. W. BARLOW,
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In the first of the foregoing letters, the Collector reports that the transactions of the Sadr and Sadras Canal Fund in 1873-74 closed with a deficit of Rupees 7,053-9-6, that in consequence there are no funds available this year for the construction of the two spoil boats ordered in G. O., * Public Works Department, dated 22nd August 1874, No. 2,389, and that due provision for the boats will be made in the budget of 1875-76.

Communicated with G. O., Revenue Department, dated 1st September 1874, No. 1.

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Allotments.
RS.

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| 2. Deepening the Northern Canal from the 47th to the 61st milestone | 10,000 |

3. The Board approve the Collector's proposal mentioned in the preceding paragraph.

4. The Board note that due provision for the two spoil boats is made in the Canal Fund Budget for 1875-76, which will be shortly laid before Government.

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5. The explanation by the Range Officer of the excess expenditure on the southern canal is, that there were 3,000 coolies employed under an imbecile Maistry; and that by the District Engineer of the outlay of Rupees 12,000, without sanctioned estimate, is that the work was carried out on an estimate approved by the Inspecting Engineer for Ports and Communications. The Board cannot but think these explanations for expenditure without competent sanction to be extremely unsatisfactory, and resolve to bring the matter to the notice of Government.

(True Copies and Extract.)

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

No. 362.

ORDER THEREON, 26th February 1875, No. 325.

Miscellaneous.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department in which paragraph 5 of the Board's Proceedings will receive notice.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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G. O. of 1875

REVENUE.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT,

Dated February 1875.

G. O. of 26th February 1875, No. 325.

FEBRUARY.

No. 361-362.

Southern Canal in Chingleput District. Refer-
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Chingleput, Board of Revenue, forwarding expla-
nations of the Engineer Officers in regard to the
unauthorized expenditure on the

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H. E. L.

Acting Secretary

To the Collector of Chingleput.

„ the District Engineer of Chingleput.

„ the District Engineer of Nellore.

„ the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

„ the Accountant-General.

„ the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with copy of Board's Proceedings, dated 20th November 1874, Miscellaneous No. 8,123.

for 1874/75 and 1875/76.

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Revenue 1875. No. 288

BOARD OF REVENUE,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 8TH FEBRUARY 1875, No. 288.

Order 18 Feb 75

Received 18 Feb 75. He also

FEBRUARY.
No. 288.

Southern Canal—in Chingleput District.—
Collector's proposal to transfer Rs. 11,685-3-1
from funds allotted for certain works to meet
the expenditure of Rupees 4,631-8-7 incurred
in excess of annual grant for maintenance of—in
1873-74, and the deficit of Rupees 7,053-9-6
under Cochrane's and Sadras Canal Fund in the
same year, approved. Explanations of Range
Officer and District Engineer with regard to the
expenditure incurred in excess without compe-
tent sanction considered unsatisfactory, and
the matter submitted to the notice of Govern-
ment.

282604-26 February 1875

W. M. Anderson

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Referred to the P. M. Secy.

in which para 5 of the 1820's Prov.
will receive notice -

26 February 1875

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