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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
7th November 1876.*

No. 95. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th November 1876, No. 2,747 :—

Read the following letter from F. R. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting Collector of Nellore, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 2nd November 1876, No. 3,057 :—

I HAVE the honor to ask that the Board will be good enough to request the Government (in the Public Works Department) to place at the disposal of the District Engineer the money he requires both for the Pennair embankment and for the East Coast Canal.

2. As regards the former work, I have already telegraphed to you this day. Upon it, employment is being given to some 4,000 work-people, and the present allotment will be spent in about ten days; so that if the Government do not grant the District Engineer the money he has asked for, viz., Rupees 15,000, the above large number of persons will be out of employ clamouring for work and in need of food.

3. As regards the East Coast Canal, as the Government have recently withdrawn half a lakh of Rupees out of the allotment made by them in this year for the work, the funds now at the disposal of the District Engineer will be exhausted at the end of this month. As I mentioned in my letter, No. 2,948, of the 24th ultimo, the District Engineer is giving all the work he can upon this important project; some 7,000 people are at present employed on it, and the number is increasing at the rate of 500 per week, so that it is expected the total number of employes may shortly reach 10,000.

4. Some 4,000 people are also employed on Irrigation Works in different parts of the district, the allotments for which will be shortly expended. These works have been giving employment to people throughout the country at or near their own villages.

5. The stopping of the Pennair embankment and East Coast Canal works will not only be a matter for extreme regret as regards the importance of the works in themselves, a subject which I need not press at length upon the notice of the Board, but will cause risk of a most serious calamity in the depriving of some 10,000 to 14,000 people of the means of earning a subsistence in this time of general dearth of employment, apart from Public Works, and not only of high prices, but of difficulty in purchasing grain from the smallness of the supply which is offered for sale. On the East Coast Canal a great deal of work is done by petty contract with well-to-do Reddies, who pay their coolies in kind from their own stocks of grain, or, as in one instance, at any rate, import it from Madras for the purpose of disbursement. Some 400 or 500 of the work-people have come from Cuddapah attracted by the prospect of employment, and large bodies of them are from the Western Taluqs of this district. On the grounds of humanity and of the risk of starvation and riot, I cannot but dread the possibility of these thousands of people suddenly deprived of their livelihood pouring into Nellore clamouring for work and frightening the bazaarmen by their mere presence.

6. Already the Municipality of Nellore is employing some 200 people upon what is practically a relief work, and I have found it necessary to open up other work in the vicinity of the town to give employment to some 800 more, and very many were turned away from the works yesterday. We have therefore no means of ordinary employment for people about Nellore. I subjoin a resolution of the Municipal Commissioners passed at their last Meeting (on the 24th ultimo) on this subject: "Resolved

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that the Local Fund Board and Government be addressed on the subject of opening up some road within the neighbourhood of Nellore Town as a relief to the Nellore coolies and to those attracted to it. They consider it inadvisable to attract crowds of coolies on work in the town itself."

7. Under these circumstances, I doubt not that the Board will see fit to bring to the notice of the Government the necessity for supplying the District Engineer with the funds he has been asking for for the Pennair Embankment and the extension of the East Coast Canal.

SUBMITTED for the favorable consideration and orders of Government in continuation of Board's Proceedings, dated 2nd November 1876, Miscellaneous No. 9,386.

2. It would be much to be regretted were the large works referred to by the Collector to be stopped for want of funds at the present time.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

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

No. 96.

ORDER THEREON, 7th November 1876, No. 1,598.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works
Department in continuation of G.O.,
dated 4th November 1876, No. 1,572.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

Seal of the Revenue Department.

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Dated 4 November 1876

Read the following:-

No. 3054.

In Dy 47:-

From-

J. R. H. Sharp Esqr.

Ag. Collector of Killiney

To-

H. E. Stokes Esqr.

Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue Madras

Sir-

I have the honor to ask that the Board will be good enough to request the Government (under Public Works Dept) to place at the disposal of the District Engineer the money he requires both for the Vennair Embankment and for the East Coast Canal.

2. As regards the former work, I have already telegraphed to you this day. Upon it, employment is being given to some 4,000 work people & the present allotment will be spent in about 10 days, so that if the Government do not grant the District Engineer the money he has asked for viz Rs 15,000, the above large number of persons will be out of employment clamouring for work & in need of food.

3. As regards the East Coast Canal

Govt. of 1876 Madras

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE,

Secy, Secy, Secy.

Dated November, 7th.

Recd.

Sent.

G. O., 7th November 1876, No. 1,593.

NOVEMBER.
Nos. 95-96.

Funds for Pontair Embankment and East Coast Canal.—Communicating to the Public Works Department Proceedings of the Board of Revenue on the subject of placing — at the disposal of the District Engineer.

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4. Some 4000 people are also employed on irrigation works in different parts of the District, the allotments for which will be shortly expended. These works have been giving employment to people throughout the country at or near their own villages.

5. The stopping of the Venkai Embankment & East Coast Canal works will not only be a matter for sincere regret as regard the importance of the works in themselves a subject which I need not press at length upon the notice of the Board, but with cause risk of a most serious calamity in the depriving of some 10,000 to 14,000 people of the means of earning a subsistence in this

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time of general dearth of employment, apart from Public Works, & ^{not} only of high prices, but of difficulty in purchasing grain from the smallness of the supply which is offered for sale. On the East Coast Canal a great deal of work is done by petty Contract with well-to-do peddlers who pay their coolies in kind from their own stocks of grain or, as in one instance, at any rate, import it from Madras for the purpose of disbursement. Some four or five hundred of the work people have come from Cuddapah, attracted by the prospect of employment, & large bodies of them are from the western Taluqs of this District. On the ground of humanity & of the risk of starvation, and riot, I cannot but dread the possibility of these thousands of people suddenly deprived of their livelihood pouring into the towns, clamouring for work & frightening the bazars - men by their mere presence.

6. Already the Municipality of Keltine is employing some 200 people upon what is practically a relief work & I have found it necessary to open up other work in the vicinity of the town to give employment to some 800 more & very many were turned away from the works yesterday. We have therefore, no means of ordinary employment

for people about Vellure. I submit a resolution
of the Municipal Commission passed at
their last meeting on this subject ^{on the 24th ult.}

" Resolved that the Local Fund Board
Government be addressed on the subject
of opening up some roads within the
neighbourhood of Vellure Town, as a relief to
the Vellure Coolies & to those attracted to it. They
consider it inadvisable to attract crowds of
coolies on work in the Town itself."

7. Under these circumstances, I doubt not
that the Board will see fit to bring to the
notice of the Government the necessity for
supplying the District Engineer with the funds
he has been asking for for the Ponnai
Embankment & the extension of the East
Coast Canal.

Vellure Commission } Have to
2nd Nov 1896 } (2) H. Sharp
Ag. Collector.

Submitted for the favourable consideration
& orders of Government in continuation
of Board's Proceedings, 2nd November 1896
Mis: No. 9386. It would be much
to be regretted were the large works referred
to by the Collector to be stopped for want

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of funds at the present time.

(True copy & abstract)

Attest

Ag. Secretary.

To. The Secretary of Government R. & S.

Received 1896 Sept
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President's
 Board of Trustees

dated 4 November
 1896. 4

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 Case 1598

Substantiated in 1896.
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 in 1896.

J. H. Smith
 Secretary

for the financial committee.
 - standing & notes of
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