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8th February 1876.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, to Lieutenant Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishwaram, 9th December 1875, No. 2,751 :—

I HAVE the honor to report that I have considered it expedient to authorize the officer in charge of Western Delta range to take in hand this season the earthworks of the main canal of that range, a work which was not contemplated when submitting the revised Budget of the year, but this now seems indispensable under the explanation given in the accompanying copy of a letter* from Lieutenant Dorward.

* To be returned.

From Lieutenant A. R. F. DORWARD, R.E., Assistant Engineer in charge of No. 3 Range, Godavery District, to Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, dated Ellore Canal, 28th November 1875, No. 374.

As I find that owing to unwillingness of ryots to give up land along the Velpur canal unless compensation be first paid to them, it will not probably be possible to spend the money provided in this year's Budget for that work; I think it will be well to do some work on the main canal earthwork when canals are closed.

2. I have done all I can do to please the ryots along the Velpur canal in the matter of slightly moving the selected line so as not to occupy any land they were unwilling to give up, and in Vendra limits I have at considerable trouble and labor laid out three different lines; when last at Vendra the ryots assured me they were satisfied with the third line, and would give up their land. The Village Munsif has however just written to me saying the ryots now refuse to give up their land unless compensation be paid to them beforehand. This is the most serious case resulting from non-payment of compensation by the Revenue Department that has yet turned up. The Velpur canal works were begun two years ago and no compensation has yet been paid. The land statements and tracings of land required are ready, and will be sent to the Revenue Department immediately; but there is no hope of their handing over the land in sufficient time to admit of much work being done this year.

3. I consider the ryots have treated me badly, as they have put me off with professions of willingness to give up land if I would only alter the line so as to avoid some particular fields, and so have delayed my submission of statements and tracings of lands required; still they have good reason for their doubts as to compensation ever being paid them, knowing, as they do, that lands taken up three years ago on several canals (such as the Attili and Undi) have not yet been paid for. In the Tanukee taluq only has an improvement taken place in the matter of handing over land since the subject was brought to the notice of the Government. I have the honor to request therefore you will sanction the main canal earthwork being taken up when the canals close.

No. 112.

ORDER THEREON, 8th February 1876, No. 338.

IRRIGATION, No. 8-B.

In supersession in part of the arrangements approved in G.O., No. 3,506, dated 11th December 1875, the prosecution of the earthworks, Godavery Western Delta Main Canal, to such extent as may be necessary to compensate for unexpected delay on the Velpur canal is approved.

2. These Proceedings will be communicated to the Revenue Department in order that measures for expediting the transfer of land required for the Velpur canal may be

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taken, and for early and full explanation of the delay that has taken place, especially in the case of the Chettypett Range Office. The opinion of that department is also desired how to obviate the recurrence of unreasonable delay in acquiring lands, and awarding and distributing compensation.

3. The Acting Superintending Engineer will take care that land plans and schedules of all land required are forwarded to the Revenue Officers at least three months* before the date from which it is desired to obtain possession.

* Vide Proceedings Madras Govt., No. 1,778, dated 9th December 1875, Revenue Department.

(True Extract.)

Curran Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
GODAVERY,
&c., &c., &c.

Communicated
to the Board of Revenue
with reference to G.O.
9 December 1875 No 1778.
2 Adverting to para
2 of the Prg above
recorded, the Bd will
be requested to issue
early orders for expediting
the transfer of land
required for the Velpur
Canal, and they will
also be desired to submit
their explanation and
opinion on the points
adverted to in the Prg
above quoted.

Dated February 8th.

Issued

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To the Board of Rev
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Velpur Canal, Godavery District. — Passing
orders on letter from the District Engineer
intimating his inability to spend the money
allotted in the current year's Budget for
the —

With Order