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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Financial Department,
31st December 1875.

East Coast Canal.

Read the following papers:—

No. 585.

No. 183. Memorandum in the Public Works Department, on Proceedings in the Revenue Department, dated 1st September 1875, No. 1850, dated Ootacamund, 24th September 1875.

Proceedings of Government in the Revenue Department.

Read Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1875, No. 7683 (Miscellaneous).

Read Proceedings of Government, Revenue Department, dated 22nd July 1875, No. 1533, referring to the Board of Revenue for report as to whether the further grant applied for the East Coast Canal extension in Nellore can be made.

No additional grant can be made from Canal Funds. The Canal extension, however, is being carried out from Provincial Funds over which the Board have no control.

(True Extract.)

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

Order, 1st September 1875, No. 1850.

Communicated to the Financial and Public Works Departments.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) LORNE A. CAMPBELL,
Under Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

Referred to the Financial Department, with notes of Members of Council, with a view to provision of funds, if possible, for the prosecution of this urgent work; and for report as to the position of the Canal Funds.

OOTACAMUND, (Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
29th September 1875. Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 2127.

These papers will be referred to the Board of Revenue for their opinion whether the Canals Act may not be applied to the East Coast Canal, and the extension and improvement of the Canal carried out from the "Canal Ferry Fund."

(True Extract.)

FORT ST. GEORGE,
30th October 1875.

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Officiating Chief Secretary.

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No. 183-A. Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th November 1875, No. 3158.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 30th October 1875, No. 2127, Financial Department:—

ABSTRACT.—Referring to Board certain papers relating to the East Coast Canal extension, and requesting their opinion whether the Canals Act may not be applied to the East Coast Canal, and the extension and improvement carried out from the Canal Ferry Funds.

The funds raised from the traffic on the Cochrane's and Sadras Canal are already fully utilized in the maintenance of the canals and cannot provide any surplus from which the extension works can be carried out.

2. It would not, the Board believe, be possible to raise, by extending the Canals and Ferries Act to the Cochrane's Canal, a larger revenue from the traffic than is now obtained; and the sole object of the suggestion made by Government apparently is, that they may be enabled to provide for the extension of the canal northwards from the surplus funds which have accrued under the Act in the districts in which it has already been brought into force.

3. Though the Act expressly provides that Government shall be at liberty to expend the surplus of the fund elsewhere than in the districts in which it has accrued, the Board are most strongly of opinion that the principle is unjust, and shown that they cannot possibly be utilized within it.

4. This is not the case at present. The existing surplus belongs chiefly to the districts of Godavery and Tanjore, and suggestions have been made by the Collectors of both districts for utilizing the money within them on projects of great public benefit. The proposal of the Collector of Godavery for the construction of a canal from the Kovur Lock to Pennaguduru has been submitted to Government in Board's Proceedings, dated 28th October 1875, No. 2983. They have also approved of a suggestion of the Collector of Tanjore that the surplus of that district should be spent in straightening a tortuous portion of the Vedarni Canal, whereby the navigation and drainage will be much improved; and an estimate has been called for, for submission to Government.

5. The surplus of the Canal and Ferry Fund would not go far towards the completion of a work of such magnitude as the East Coast Canal extension; and some other method of providing for it must still be sought; and, believing that the proposed application of the money would be unjust, the Board beg to protest against it.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,

Acting Secretary.

No. 184.

ORDER THEREON, 31st December 1875, No. 2534.

Communicated to the Public Works Department.

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2. The Governor in Council concurs in the Revenue Board's opinion as to the inexpediency of extending the Canals Act to the East Coast Canal, and the state of the Provincial finances does not allow of any special grant of funds at present for the extension of the communication.

(True Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

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

Exd. J. Wright.

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East Coast Canal.—Proceedings of the Board of Directors, submitting to Government Board's views with reference to question whether the Canal Act may not be applied to the East Coast Canal, and the extension and improvement of the canal carried out from the "Canal and Ferry Fund," communicated to Public Works Department.

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