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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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Read the following papers:—

No. 549. From Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Dowlaishweram, 12th February 1877, No. 3,220.

Owing to the exceptional nature of the season I was authorized to keep open the canals as much as possible and however much it might interfere with expenditure. The Eastern Delta Range Officer is consequently obliged to surrender Rupees 12,938, and I have the honor to submit, herewith, a statement showing the works on which short expenditure is unavoidable.

No. 549-A. From the same Officer, dated Dowlaishweram, 12th February 1877, No. 3,221.

I HAVE the honor to forward, herewith, for your information, a statement, accompanied by two explanatory letters, Nos. 441 and 442, of 5th instant, from the Range Officer showing the expected short

1 Statement.
2 Letters.

outlay in the Western Delta under Extraordinary Range Officer finds himself obliged to surrender of 91,560 Rupees. The principal causes of compensation for land, works delayed by estimates, and non-sanction of estimates. Lieutenant Dorward explains the special cause of delay that has arisen from the system of accounts as now in force. In former years Executive officers could utilize funds according to the budget if possible, but, such a course lays the Range Officer open to such useless correspondence with the Examiner that he would have little time for object now is to take care that he has not exceeded, and does not exceed, allotments. Some relaxation of the system is indispensable otherwise Government must expect to see large sums surrendered annually under Extraordinary.

From Lieutenant A. R. F. DORWARD, R.E., Assistant Engineer in charge Western Delta Division, Godavery District, to Major J. BEATTY, R.E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, Godavery District, dated Camp, Maddapuram, 5th February 1877, No. 442.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 3,127, of 2nd instant, I have the honor to state that reasons for the short expenditure noticed are given in the statement of probable expenditure in this official year forwarded with my No. 441 of this date. I will here give further explanation of the particular cases noticed in the memorandum of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 3, G.D., of 10th ultimo.

(1.) The Narsapur canal distribution works cannot be put in hand till revised plans and estimates have been sanctioned. Several of these plans and estimates were prepared, and it was found that there would be a considerable excess on the inadequate provision made for these works in the sanctioned estimates. It was, therefore, considered useless to keep them in till a revised estimate for the whole canal had been prepared. All the plans and estimates necessary to give a fair idea of the probable cost of this canal are now ready and will shortly be submitted. There is no chance of that revised estimate being sanctioned in time to admit of any work being done in this official year. If desired, materials (imperishable) can be collected for the sluices that must be built, but to this course the Examiner will object as I will be working on no sanctioned estimate.

(2.) To fully utilize the grant for canal, a plan and estimate for a sluice December 1876. This has not yet been can be utilized.

(3.) Under minor channels and improvements of the Kolaparra channel. On inspecting the channel, however, an entirely new one would have to be chance of the grant being utilized this.

(4.) A revised estimate for the No. 234, of 4th October 1876. Until the drain. If this sanction be not a grant.

(5.) Owing to there being water Had the canal been kept open as proposed fully working up to the grant.

(6.) The grant for sluices on the not be collected till after the wet weather.

(7.) The land for Aked rest-house wet weather no bricks could be made making of bricks at a cost which was not easy. The bricks are now making obtainable within five miles of Aked. It has lately given his consent. I and a full grant for the year will not

From the same Officer, dated

With reference to your memorandum herewith statement showing expenditure. The budget grant is Rupees 91,560, and the amount that will have to be given made up roughly of the following items:

Less expenditure on compensation
Do. owing to non-sanction of estimates and

I have allowed for an expenditure head of Undi canal. This will be "Materials at site," Ellore canal, which In my No. A., of 17th December less than the budget grant. I was then special request, giving roughly such in considered that the loss of expenditure would

In compensation for land
Owing to non-sanction of estimates
Do. to savings on estimates

I now find I under-estimated the loss of

minor masonry works on the Venka and Wyeru required was forwarded with my No. 371, of 2nd April, and it is now improbable that the full grant

and Wyeru canal it was hoped to take up the estimate for which was prepared by Mr. Rundall. I found that that estimate would not do, and that I. This will shortly be forwarded, but there is no

west of Narapur canal was submitted with my estimate. I find that estimate is sanctioned no work can be done on soon, it will not be possible to utilize the whole

canals, Ellore canal improvements cannot go on. We would not have been the slightest difficulty in

I channel will be worked up to. Materials could ring them across country is then impossible. I landed over in the wet weather. Till after the Aked, where there is no timber or brick-soil, the small excess on the estimate for the rest-house is only spot known to me where decent brick-soil is or of this soil for a long time objected to my using has, therefore, been delayed for want of bricks, ed.

Madapuram, 5th February 1877, No. 441.

No. 991, of 23rd ultimo, I have the honor to forward, on Extraordinary works in this official year, the expenditure will be only about Rupees 72,264. I refer, about Rupees 19,900. This amount is

Land	...	...	...	Rs.
of canals	...	...	...	7,600
...	...	...	...	6,000
...	...	...	...	3,500
...	...	...	...	2,200
Total	...	...	...	19,900

of Rupees 1,500 on the extra head sluice at the end of a recovery of Rupees 1,500 on account of been transferred to, and used on, works. I estimated the expenditure at only Rupees 18,000 without any figures before me and at your on as I could with as little delay as possible. I

...	...	...	...	Rs.
...	...	...	...	6,000
...	...	...	...	5,000
...	...	...	...	2,000
Total	...	...	...	13,000

are due to each of these three causes.

The expenditure under 'compensation for think, considering how little money has yet been have been in progress, that I originally made an head. Of course I cannot tell what the expenditure only, judging from what it has been, state what

Rupees 6,000 cannot possibly be spent owing to The saving of Rupees 3,500 on estimates I Locks. Rupees 2,200 will not be spent owing to I would point out that of all the estimates for channels, sluices, &c., that I have sent in this year not one has been sanctioned that in any way would help out this year's expenditure. The cause

In former years it was looked upon as of the first importance to utilize all the funds provided, according to the budget if possible, but if some time.

This course the Examiner considers irregular, we have, and do not exceed, an allotment for every single work. If an allotment be exceeded, or a work be put in hand without an allotment, it becomes an objectionable item at once and correspondence with the Examiner's Office begins the execution of the works is held subordinate to the securing of financial regularity, and practically this predominance of accounts interferes very seriously with our expenditure. To any sanction of Government must be obtained. The time is lost, and work is delayed. It is impossible to obtain without considerable delay. I prepare an accurate budget showing future expenditure at any time, and when it is considered every one of the original plans and estimates of this project has to be revised and that the provisions of the budget have to be made before such revisions have taken place, of supposing it possible to secure financial regularity, if that consists in perfect agreement between expenditure and appropriation, and of laying down hard and fast rules which prevent rapid carrying out of our works, admitted to be desirable, in order to secure an impossibility must be apparent. The submission of revised and re-revised budgets is the natural result of a system, and is the only course open to a Range Officer. The system is practically a new as far as this Presidency is concerned, but it has none of the elasticity which such a system ought to have and possesses all the rigidity of one that has been long tried and found to be per I think that increased power to District Officers are necessary. I need not point out to the effect of the rule which now prevents your sanctioning the revised estimate of any extraordinary work, no matter how small.

No. 549-B. Telegram from the Collector of Godavery, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Cocanada, 14th February 1877.

Bills for Rupees 40,020 sent to Examiner through District Engineer for audit, but not yet returned. That sum will probably be required. Examiner can tell more accurately.

No. 550. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1877, No. 605.

IRRIGATION, No. 58.

Account.

Eastern Delta Works
Land compensation

and I have nothing to do with. I do not paid during the six years the Project works excessive provision in the budget under this re in this and next month may be, but can, consider it is likely to be.

the non-closure of the Ellore and Velpu canals. s occurred chiefly on Palkole and Mamudur non-sanction of estimates and other causes- anels, sluices, &c., that I have sent in this year d help out this year's expenditure. The cause

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of Godavery, to the Chief Engineer for 14th February 1877

Examiner through District Engineer for audit, y be required. Examiner can tell more

RECORDED: It is observed that the amount surrendered by the Superintending Engineer from allotments under extraordinary works in the Godavery Delta Works are as follows:

Eastern Delta Works	...	...	...	Rs.
Land compensation	...	...	...	12,938
...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	12,938

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Proceedings of the Madras G.
22nd Feb.

Western Delta Works ...
Land compensation ...

Out of the Western Delta surrender
absence of details by a lump sum ent
No. 240, dated 25th January 1877,
amounts to Rupees 6,300.

2. The Collector, Godavery, ha
amounting to Rupees 40,020, have been
Engineer has ascertained from the Exa
these bills have been returned unpassed

3. Until it is known what funds
the current year, the funds above
Superintending Engineer should aff
preparation of bills for compensation
being passed for payment.

nt, Public Works Departm
7. No. 605.

... .. 11,76
... .. 7,00
Total ... 19,30

13,000 were taken account
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Collector any help in his pow
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Lient-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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No 1617

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
GODAVERY,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 22nd.

Issued

Recd. 7 March

Encl.

G. O., 22nd February 1877, No. 605.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 549-550.

No 1341.

Comm. to the
Board of Revenue

8 March 77.

Godavery Delta Works.—Report from the
Superintending Engineer of the short outlay
under Extraordinary during the present
fiscal year on the —, recorded with certain
observations.

10. To the B. of Revenue by 14-3-77