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Famine Relief.

No. 203C. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 31st March 1877, No. 1449:—

Read the following letter from W. R. ROBERTSON, Esq., M.R.A.C., Superintendent of Government Farms, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th March 1877, No. 296:—

IN reply to the Proceedings of the Board, No. 616, of the 13th of February 1877, I have the honor to observe that the trench to be made from the Chembrumbakum channel to the Sydapet Farm is intended only to water about 20 acres of the portion of the farm situated to the north of the nullah; whereas the channel from the river is intended to water about 30 acres of land situated on the southern side of the nullah.

2. On the accompanying map I have indicated the place where the Chembrumbakum trench is intended to discharge its water. I have also shown on the same map the river channel which we are making; the portion marked A, B has been completed.

3. It will be observed that the two projects do not interfere with each other.

4. When we do get water from the Chembrumbakum trench it will be delivered on the land by gravitation, whereas the water from the river channel must be lifted about 12 feet; however, this disadvantage is more than compensated by the certainty of the irrigation supply from the river at the season when most wanted.

5. Had the river channel been available, we might have been using water from it from the beginning of the present draught until now, and probably we would have had sufficient left to carry on cultivation for some months further in the year. As regards the water-supply of the other project, it will be observed that Colonel Moberly in his letter, No. 4,082 (copy of which I enclose), remarks "the utter want of any supply to Chembrumbakum since November 1875 has prevented our carrying out the proposals."

6. If I had to make a choice of one of the two projects I would select the river channel, as it is much better to have at command an abundant supply of water during a drought, even though the water has to be lifted 12 feet, than to have an abundant supply of water during the monsoon months delivered by gravitation.

7. I enclose a copy of Colonel Moberly's estimate of the cost for making the Chembrumbakum trench. It will be observed (*vide* paragraph 1 of his letter, a copy of which is also enclosed) that the trench is in great measure completed. The trench will be exceedingly costly to keep open, while the irrigation supply by it is uncertain; however, the project, if attended with success, would confer a great benefit on a portion of the farm now altogether without water.

8. The Collector's estimate of the compensation to be paid for the land the channel will occupy has not yet come to hand, and unfortunately I cannot delay this letter longer, as, unless I am favored with sanction to carry on the river channel and carry out certain other works to be alluded to further on, I must discharge at the end of next week the large gang of coolies I have now employed on estate improvements, as by that time the grant for carrying on the works will have been expended.

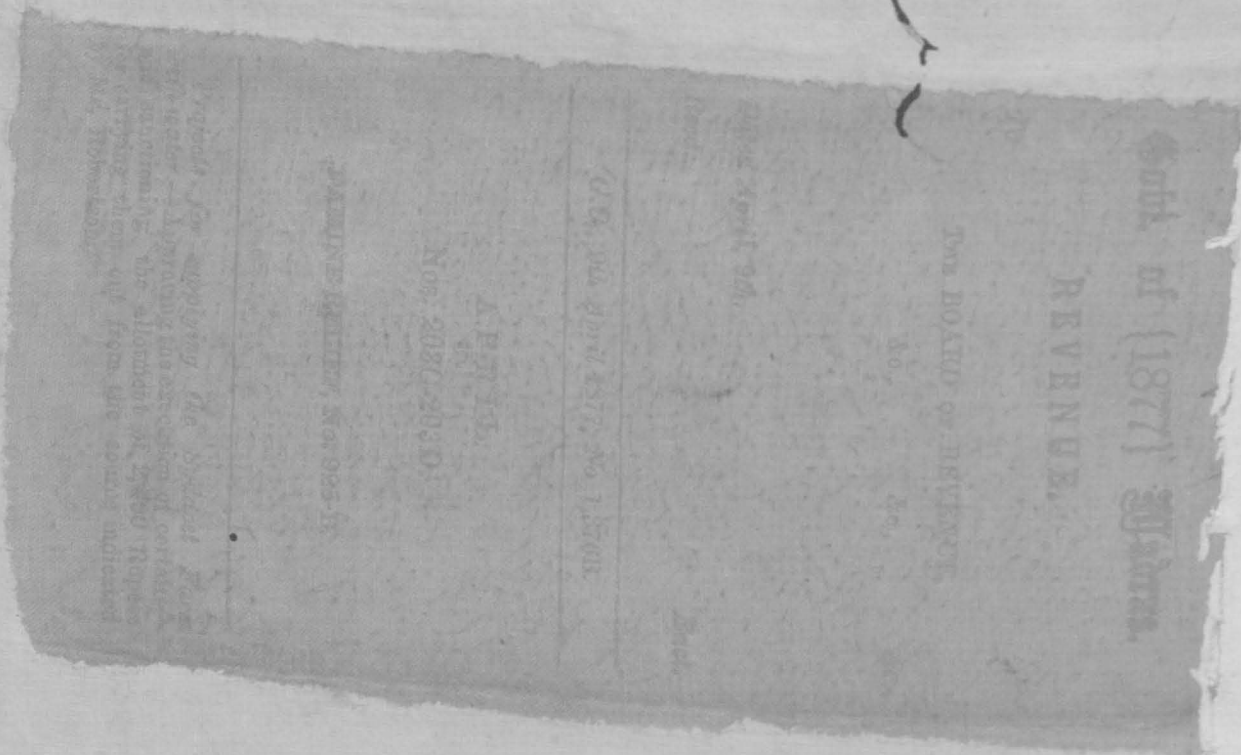
9. The completion of the river channel as shown on the map from B to D will cost, I believe, about Rupees 1,800, including the levelling of the land to be watered. I am also anxious to sink two wells in the places indicated on the map, and for this purpose a further grant of Rupees 300 would be necessary. A grant of Rupees 300

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

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3. It will be observed that the 2 projects do not interfere with each other.

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been available, we might have been using water from it, from ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{beginning} of the present drought until now, and probably we would have had sufficient left to carry on cultivation for some months further in the year. As regards the water supply of the other project, it will be observed that Colonel Moberly in his letter N^o 4082 (copy of which I enclose) remarks, "the utter want of any supply to Chumbum batura since November 1875 has prevented our carrying out the proposals"

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me to complete the new drive. A total grant amounting to Rs 2400 is thus needed and this would afford wages for the coolies 158 employed on Estate Improvements (originally classed as Relief Works) for a further period of between 3 and 4 months. I have the honor therefore to request that I may be favoured with sanction for the expenditure of Rs 2400 as below:-

Extension and completion of river channel	1800
Sinking wells	300
Completion of drive	300
	<u>Rs 2400</u>

Funds are available from the interest Rs 3000 on Farm Funds deposited in the Bank of Madras due on the 1st of April.

10. The conversion of the Experimental Farm into an Educational

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Educational Farm has necessitated many alterations in the arrangements of the Farm. I am very anxious to complete these now, while all Farm work is at a stand still. Several of the fields are to be put under different "crop experimental rotations" varying in length from 3 to 5 years and, unless we finish our improvements before beginning these experiments, we must, in some of the fields, either abandon the experiments when partially completed or wait for 3 or 5 years, as the case may be. A supply of irrigation water over the whole area of the Educational Farm is of great importance, in order that the practical training of our students may be continued throughout the year; the proposals now submitted

submitted, if carried out, would enable me to secure this desirable result.

The Board are of opinion that both projects for supplying the Lydebett Farms with water should be carried out and they sanction the allotments required viz Rs 2400 from the source indicated, in anticipation of the approval of Government.

2. It appears that the channel from the Chumburum to the Tank is estimated to cost Rs 1200 exclusive of compensation

penetration for the land required.

(True Copy & Extract)

1 signed H. C. Stokes

for
Sub. Secretary

Order thereon 9th April 1877 No. 1376B

The Government approve the execution of the projects detailed in para 9 of Mr. Robertson's letter and sanction the allotment of Rs 2400 for carrying them out from the source indicated by him.

(True Extract)

1 signed J. H. Garton

Asst Secy to Govt.

To The Secy of Revenue
- or - Financial Dept.
- or - Accountant General
- or - P. W. Department

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Revenue Department

Proceedings of the Board of
Revenue

Dated 3rd March 1877

Read the following n^o: 296¹⁴⁴⁹

From

W. R. Robertson Esquire M. R. A. C.
Sup^t of Gov^t Farms.

To

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Secretary to the
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Order - official
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Resolves

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Sub Secretary

To

Secretary to Govt. P. D.

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subscribing for the
approval of Gov. Wells
from the Septth 1804 funds
regarding the Swanton
of \$25000 for completing
the river channel & of
other works.

John C. W. W.

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The first of June the President
 the project of building a bridge
 at his residence like do under the
 administration of Mr. [unclear]
 as far as come in direct from
 J. H.
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