

(1) Number of pages 4
(2) Date of repair _____
(3) Initials of the Referencer _____

TAMIL NADU ARCHIVES

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

Rosanne

DEPARTMENT

G.O. No.	2861	Press.
B.P. No.		Mis.
Dated	21.5.1877	197 .

Not to be folded or roughly handled

286
T

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th April 1877. No. 1,437.*

No. 637. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 17th April 1877, No. 193 W:—

From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna District, to Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Masulipatam, 6th April 1877, No. 7.

WITH reference to G.O., No. 398, dated 29th March 1877, I have the honor to report that in paragraph 10 of my letter No. 103, dated 24th November 1876, printed with G.O., No. 3,345, dated 9th December 1876, I pointed out the usefulness of the work then started on the Bank Canal, Eastern Delta, as a relief work.

2. The work has not progressed as rapidly as I anticipated, partly because the harvests in the Delta have given employment to many laborers, and partly because owing to outbreaks of cholera, among the work-people, the coolies who came down from other districts were afraid to remain. A good deal however has been done, and the work having been till the receipt of late orders paid for at task-work, according to the estimated rate, the ultimate charge to Famine Funds will be very small, being only the cost of some additional supervision, hutting, hospital, &c.

3. Two miles from Royoor to Walloorpolem have been completed, and the upper 8 miles are in different stages of progress, in consequence of workpeople having deserted, and it having been necessary on two or three occasions to move the camps when infected by cholera. The allotment for the work this year from Extraordinary Funds will, I think, enable me now to construct a very substantial embankment completely from the head to some miles below Walloorpolem, which I hope will prevent damage to irrigation works, by river floods, in future.

4. As reported by telegraph, the numbers now employed on the work are very small, as the coolies refused the famine rates of pay ordered, and there is no other earthwork in progress in the delta which they prefer; but the necessity for a relief work here still exists, as there are numbers of stragglers from other districts constantly arriving at Bezoarah, for whom it is desirable to have work available at hand, and who, if they do come to work, will require immediate attention and daily pay.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to G.O., No. 398, of the 29th March 1877.

2. The Government of India in the Madras Irrigation Budget Orders 1877-78, dated 31st March 1877, paragraph II, have allowed provisionally the grants entered against items of the completion estimates, Kistna Delta, which have not yet received the sanction of the Government of India. Their sanction has been asked for in the following Proceedings and letters, and it will be necessary to wait for further instructions before spending any portion of the allotments.

Western Delta.

Main Canal	}	Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3,572, dated 19th December 1874. Docket No. 3,573, dated 19th December 1874.
Bank		
Nizampatam		

Eastern Delta.

Bank Canal	}	Proceedings of Madras Government, No. 3,528, dated 22nd December 1876. Letter No. 6 I, dated 1st May 1877.
Ellore		
Masulipatam		
Polrazkodu Drains		

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
26th April 1877. No. 1,437.*

No work against Budget allotment can therefore be done on the Bank Canal, Eastern Delta, for the present. If employment for the distressed be necessary it will be requisite to provide for it from Famine Relief Funds.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt.-Col., R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 638. ORDER THEREON, 26th April 1877, No. 1,437.

IRRIGATION, No. 64.

COMMUNICATED to the Revenue Department with reference to the Order No. 1,133-A, dated 19th March 1877, in that department.

2. The Superintending Engineer will be careful not to commence any work from Budget allotments under Extraordinary, which have not been finally made available. The allotments shown in the preliminary issue against estimates which have been sanctioned by the Government of India have been passed and will appear in the final issue of the Budget.

(True Extract.)

John Mullins

Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
Joint Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

To the Revenue Department.

- „ Superintending Engineer, Kistna.
- „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- „ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

99 Spare Copies

G. O. 19 March 1877 No 586 & 586a

Rev. 1877 Seph
No 3481

Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

✓

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

&c. &c. &c.

Dated April 26th.

Issued

Recd.

12/5/77

Encl.

G. O., 26th April 1877, No. 1,437.

APRIL

Nos. 637-639.

10/5/77
16/5/77
No 2861

Commenced to the Revenue

21 May/77

Bank Canal, Eastern Delta, Rangoon District.—Report on the progress of — as a relief work, communicated to the Revenue Department.

To Mr. The Secretary Revenue 8/22 May/77