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Buildings and Roads
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Read the following paper:—

No. 262. From Captain L. CONWAY-GORDON, R.E., Examiner of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Fort St. George, 28th May 1877, No. 14 B.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of G.O., No. 1,425, dated 25th April 1877, and in reply to point out that my former letter had reference only to that portion of the expenditure on the East Coast Canal which is being charged to Famine Relief Funds.

2. Expenditure on the East Coast Canal is being incurred in three divisions of the Nellore District, viz. —

The East Coast Canal division.
The Eskapalli do.
And the Kotapatam do.

In the first of these divisions there are two sections of the canal, one described as "extension of the East Coast Canal from Dugorajapatam to Kistnapatam," and the other as the "extension of the East Coast Canal from Kistnapatam to Penniar." The former of these sections has a sanctioned estimate of Rupees 2,87,000, and the latter one amounting to Rupees 2,74,000.

3. The expenditure in the East Coast Canal division had from the first been charged to Provincial Funds and is still so charged, and the whole expenditure during the year 1876-77 in this division on these two sections of the canal, which has been thus charged to Provincial, is Rupees 1,72,540 against a grant of Rupees 1,50,000, or Rupees 22,540 in excess of the grant.

4. The expenditure in the Eskapalli and Kotapatam divisions on the other hand has under the authority of G.O., No. 3,103, dated 20th November 1876, been charged to Famine Relief Funds, and in these divisions the expenditure from Imperial Funds during the year 1876-77 has been Rupees 1,47,189.

5. So far therefore from there being any Provincial Funds available to meet the expenditure from Famine Funds on the East Coast Canal, the fact is that as shown above the appropriation from Provincial Funds during the year 1876-77 have not sufficed to cover the expenditure which has necessarily been charged directly to Provincial during that year.

6. The grant from Provincial Funds for the East Coast Canal during the current year is Rupees 1,50,000, and assuming that of the Rupees 1,47,189 spent last year from Famine Relief Funds, 75 per cent is represented by actual work done, or in other words, that about Rupees 36,797 is to be finally debited to Imperial and Rupees 1,10,392 to Provincial, there will be left only Rupees 39,608 to cover the expenditure on the East Coast Canal for the whole year 1877-78.

7. The average monthly expenditure in the East Coast Canal division is Rupees 14,378 debitable to Provincial, and that in the other two divisions Rupees 29,438, of which about Rupees 22,079 are on the same assumption as before debitable to Provincial Funds. The total average monthly expenditure on the East Coast Canal chargeable to Provincial is thus Rupees 36,457.

8. From this it follows that the appropriation for expenditure on the East Coast Canal during the year 1877-78 is practically already exceeded. I must earnestly ask the Government to consider attentively the facts I have here advanced, and either to stop expenditure on the works, or to reappropriate funds to meet all the expenditure on the construction of this canal that may reasonably be anticipated to fall on Provincial Funds during the current year.

No. 263.

ORDER THEREON, 27th June 1877, No. 313 W.

In this letter the Examiner has drawn attention to the fact that the expenditure on the East Coast Canal is already in excess of amount set aside for the purpose in Budgets of 1876-77 and 1877-78.

2. The intention of Government before the famine was to apply $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs annually to this important work; but it is now taken up under G.O. No. 3,060, dated 15th November 1876 as a Famine Relief Work, and being so carried on from Famine Funds it cannot be stopped simply because the Budget appropriation under Provincial has been exceeded. His Grace the Governor in Council is of opinion that the work must be carried on from Famine Funds, and that the proportion of the charge to be eventually debited to Provincial must remain a matter for settlement in conference with the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

CA Ford Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" District Engineer, Nellore.
" Revenue Department, (Famine). ✓

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10 July 1877

East Coast Canal, Nellore District, ordered
to be carried out from F.M.S. funds and
the outlay adjusted hereafter.

To the Board of Admin. G.O. 10 July 1877

N. J. H.