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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th July 1877, No. 195 I.

Irrigation.

Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 130. Endorsement of the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, dated 16th July 1877.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th July 1877, No. 3,163.

From R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Collector of the Chingleput District, to H. E. STOKES, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 28th June 1877, No. 479 A.

ADVERTING to G.O , Public Works Department, dated the 28th ultimo, No. 47 I, I have the honor to request that the Superintending Engineer may be directed to forward at once, as ordered therein a month since, the list of Irrigation repairs which he proposes to take up for execution from the Budget allotments of the current year, as under paragraph 2 of the said Government Order no work can be executed from Famine Relief Funds if it can be carried out from ordinary allotments.

2. The Superintending Engineer is further directed, at paragraph 1 of the Government Order, to "furnish the Collector from time to time with particulars of all sanctioned works, for the execution of which the funds or establishment at his disposal will not suffice;" but up to date I have received none though I have invariably asked when returning estimates countersigned whether any of them were fit for famine relief, and which he could not execute from the current year's ordinary allotment.

3. In a recent letter No. 674 of the 28th ultimo, Colonel Moberly states, "lists have however been sent to you from time to time of the tanks, from which it was necessary to have prickly-pear removed before we could take measurements for our estimates. I enclose one just received from No. 3 range; but I have not yet had time to see how far my Budget allotments will cover the cost of the repairs of so many works, of which no information even approximate is sent." It will be observed however that I only require information as regards works, estimates for which *have* been already prepared and sanctioned.

4. The result is that I have no single repair work in progress under regular estimate prepared by the Department Public Works, and even works selected by the Superintending Engineer and myself for famine relief are now being executed as ordinary repairs.

5. In a subsequent letter* the Superintending Engineer states, in reply to my usual query when countersigning estimates, that he has Rupees 74,800 still unallotted; while I note that the total grant for the year for Irrigation repairs is only Rupees 89,000. If, however, the Superintending Engineer can really work out

* No. 914, dated 16th June 1877.

all estimates still unexecuted—regarding which I have not complete information—from current allotments, he might the more easily say so, forwarding a list of them; though I must then observe that if with the Irrigation works of this district in the state of disrepair they are, the Superintending Engineer finds difficulty in distributing funds three months after the commencement of the year, this shows more conclusively than any previous argument of mine, that the Collector should have a voice in the selection of repairs for execution and in the allotment of funds.

6. Further, if estimates are really not available, Colonel Moberly is all the more bound to send a list of other works in need of repair in each taluq, suitable for execution by the Revenue Department. Since February last I have been asking him for this but unsuccessfully. It is not so much a question of estimates as of assistance or no assistance.

7. I bring this subject very prominently to notice, because I have been recently taken to account for working without consulting the Superintending Engineer, yet I cannot help continuing to do so. In spite of the rain, the numbers are increasing in all camps both here and in Madras, and more work is required even now, and much more will be shortly, when the numbers (24,000) now on the Chingleput-Conjeveram section have to be reduced. The great difficulty in keeping the camps in and around Madras clear of able-bodied convalescents is that the padial class prefer them, with the present scale of diet, if they can obtain admission to working at a distance from their villages. I now intend to arrange to commence repairs in the north, where distress is heaviest and distance from railway works considerable; so that each cooly can do his work and return, if he desires it, to his house at night. This will do more than anything to bring back the laborers to their usual habits. There is agricultural work, but not enough, in the villages; with relief repairs near, the padial can reside at home and yet earn his wage, taking an off-day or two in each week for the limited agricultural operations necessary.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

2. The Board request that Colonel Moberly may be desired to comply without delay with the instructions conveyed to him in G.O., 28th May 1877, No. 47 I. The completion of the earthwork on the railway will very soon throw out numbers out of employ, and it is more than ever necessary that the Collector should receive the assistance and active co-operation of the Superintending Engineer, which it appears to the Board is still systematically withheld. The distress in the Chingleput District is very intense, and variance amongst the District Officers cannot but still further intensify it.

(True Copy and Extract.)

(Signed) C. A. GALTON,
Ag. Secretary.

To the Additional Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department (Irrigation Branch), in view to Colonel Moberly being once more ordered to send to the Collector the particulars alluded to in paragraph 1 of G.O., of 28th May 1877, No. 47 I, Public Works Department, the necessity of having work available for the Revenue Department to employ famine laborers on, being now extremely urgent.

(By Order.)

(Signed) J. H. GARSTIN,
Addl. Secy. to Govt.

No. 107 I.

No. 130-A. *Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.*

SINCE this office note No. 26 I of the 17th May last was written, the following estimates for Chingleput have been sanctioned by Government:—

Taluq.	Name of Tank.	G.O. No. and Date.	Amount. Original Works.	Amount. Repairs.
			Rs.	Rs.
	From 1st January to G.O. No. 16 I of 8th May 1877.	.....	12,652	24,475
Conjeveram ...	Cortiliar river, Keseveram anicut	27 I of 15th May 1877.	1,780	...
Madranticum ...	Nelvoy tank	34 I of 22nd do. ...	...	250
Do. ...	Poondy do.	Do. do. ...	160	214
Conjeveram ...	Mannoor large tank ...	40 I of 28th do. ...	470	1,265
Chingleput ...	Appur Anjanthangle ...	Do. do. ...	...	109
Do. ...	Minnakaraithangle	Do. do. ...	...	120
Madranticum ...	Surai large tank	Do. do. ...	...	622
Sydapett ...	Palaventangle	43 I of 28th do. ...	...	359
Do. ...	Ayappakkam tank	Do. do. ...	230	805
Madranticum ...	Amalgamating Veerajeecoo-num large tank with Poothary tank	58 I of 4th June 1877.	500	2,945
Sydapett ...	Porur Hissa tank	85 I of 15th do. ...	...	1,915
Conjeveram ...	Govindavady large tank ...	96 I of 22nd do. ...	...	833
Do. ...	Vellatur large tank ...	140 I of 7th July 1877.	1,565	1,050
Do. ...	Parandoor large tank ...	143 I of do. ...	4,140	546
Chingleput ...	Kolathuvangery tank ...	174 I of 17th do. ...	185	270
Conjeveram ...	Madambakkam tank ...	175 I of do. ...	690	860
		Total ...	22,372	36,638

and the abstract by taluqs has become—

Taluqs.	Amount of Estimates. New Works.	Repairs.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Madranticum	1,577	15,658	17,235
Poonnery	9,260	...	9,260
Trivalore	520	1,423	1,943
Chingleput	1,050	2,207	3,257
Conjeveram	9,735	14,271	24,006
Sydapett	230	3,079	3,309
Total ...	22,372	36,638	59,010

FORT ST. GEORGE,
19th July 1877.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Joint Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation Branch.

No. 131. ORDER THEREON, 25th July 1877, No. 195 I.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, for immediate attention.

2. Colonel Moberly will report immediately in abstract by taluqs in the form given at the end of the Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation what sanctions have been accorded locally up to date and are now current.

(True Extract.)

~~Colonel, R.E.~~,
~~Joint~~ Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.,
Irrigation Branch.

N 4393

7 August 1877

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.
„ Collector of Chingleput.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Revenue Department.
„ Board of Revenue.

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To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
CHINGLEPUT,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 25th.

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Mr G.O. 7 August 1877 N 4393.

Irrigation Works requiring repairs in the Chingleput District.—Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation submitting list of —— sanctioned since May last, communicated to the Superintending Engineer with instructions.

B.R.