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Buildings and Roads.

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Read the following paper:—

No. 149. From Captain R. R. E. BROCKMAN, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Buildings and Roads, dated Tanjore, 28th August 1877, No. 1,471.

3 Sections.
1 Estimate.

With reference to paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 1,670, dated 3rd July 1876, I have the honor to forward, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying estimate, amounting to Rupees 10,000, for clearing the shallow portion of the Vedarniem canal between the Cadoomaur and Velangany, together with the longitudinal and cross sections of the same. The work was set in hand in April last as directed in the above Government Order, the canal being closed for the purpose from the said date; but, owing to a large quantity of spring water being found in the canal, which it is impossible to keep under entirely by baling, and also to the difficulty of obtaining the requisite number of coolies, the work could not be proceeded with as rapidly as it could be wished. It will be observed from G.O., No. 3,329, dated the 15th October 1869, that a great difficulty was experienced in obtaining coolies when the canal was cleared in that year, and that the work was chiefly carried out through the aid of the Tahsildar. I therefore applied to the Collector to direct the Tahsildar of Negapatam to supply to the work the labor required, and that officer has issued orders to divert to the work the gangs of distressed people now wandering from place to place in the district in search of employment. Every effort is thus being made to push on with the work, but it is doubtful to me if the work can be fully completed before the rains set in, and such portion of the work as cannot be done during this year will have to be taken up and completed early in next year.

The delay in submitting the estimate was due to the rate for the work having had to be deduced from actual experiment. An estimate amounting to Rupees 4,110 was originally submitted by the Range Officer for the clearing, allowing the ordinary rate of 1 Anna per cubic yard, but owing to the troublesome nature of the work, and to the difficulty of procuring labor, no contractor could be got to undertake the work at the above rate. A portion of the clearing was carried out departmentally to arrive at an idea of the actual rate that might be allowed for the work, and it was found that the work cannot be carried out under 3 Annas per cubic yard. It appears that the said rate was allowed when the canal was cleared in 1869, and provision has been made accordingly in the enclosed revised estimate which consequently amounts to Rupees 10,000. A sum of Rupees 7,000 has been allotted to the work in the Imperial Budget of 1877-78, but as it is not likely that the expenditure on the work during this year will exceed this sum I request that the difference, Rupees 3,000, may be allotted to the work early in 1878-79.

No. 150. Order thereon, 20th September 1877, No. 755 W.

The estimate of Rupees 10,000 for clearing the Vedarniem canal from the Cadoomaur bridge to the Velangany reach is sanctioned. It is observed that

Rupees 7,000 have already been appropriated for the work in the Imperial Budget for 1877-78.

2. The District Engineer will report when the balance of Rupees 3,000 will be required, and if work representing the amount can be undertaken as famine relief.

3. The sanction accorded in these Proceedings has been registered as Imperial No. 64 B of 1877-78.

(True Extract.)

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

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Dated September 20th.

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