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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

29th June 1877, No. 326 W.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

Read the following :—

No. 288. NOTE

In paragraphs 11 and 12 of their order on the Madras Imperial Public Works Budget Estimate for 1877-78, the Government of India requested to be furnished with information as to the reasons which [illegible] the provision for construction and maintenance of the Vedarniem Canal and [illegible]e up-keep of the East Coast Canal being made from the Ordinary grant for Imp[illegible]al Civil Works. And in paragraph 6 of G.O., No. 86 W, dated 16th May 1877, a [illegible]eparate note was promised to be drawn up explaining the circumstances.

2. As regards the Vedarniem Canal the [illegible]ollector of the Tanjore District reported in June 1873 that, owing to the canal bein[illegible] in parts shallow, the traffic in salt to Negapatam was attended with obstruction a[illegible]lay, more especially in the dry season. He was of opinion that, in order to throw [illegible]nto the market at a reasonable cost, it was necessary that this water communicat[illegible] should be perfected so as to render it available for the passage of boats of ordina[illegible]ze at all seasons of the year.

3. The whole cost of the canal in [illegible]3, including the amount spent on its maintenance, was Rupees 1,68,362, of which about two-fifths had been already recovered by the saving in the cost of transporting the Vedarniem salt to Negapatam. The total quantity of salt conveyed to Negapatam by the canal between its first opening in 1867 and the year 1873 was 824,620 Indian maunds or 6,872 garces; and, taking the difference between the cost of carriage by sea and that by the canal to be Rupees 10 a garce, the saving was estimated by the Collector at Rupees 68,780 in favor of the canal route. Considering, moreover, that the salt trade was capable of further expansion the Collector was of opinion that another lakh of rupees or so spent on the improvement of the canal would be most usefully laid out and prove a decidedly remunerative outlay.

4. On these representations the Government decided on the improvements to the canal being undertaken and called for the necessary plans and estimates.

5. The work being solely in the interests of the salt traffic, it was considered a legitimate charge against Salt Imperial; and as the project has been entrusted to the Public Works Department for execution, it was budgetted for in the Imperial Public Works Budget Estimate under salt works.

6. The maintenance of the canal is considered to be a proper charge against salt which benefits so largely by its construction; and following the course recently adopted of bringing forward in the Public Works Budget all appropriations for salt works which are to be spent by Public Works Officers, the grant has this year been shown in the Budget of this department.

7. In respect to the East Coast Canal the provision of Rupees 7,000, which appears under Part II in the Budget, is the Imperial share of maintenance of a particular

section which is the main line of carr[iage for salt from the pans to the depôt a]
Madras, and is based on the average ex[penditure of the previous five years. Grants]
for the cost of maintenance have hithe[to been made under Petty Construction and]
Repairs, and have been disbursed by [Civil Officers. This arrangement was found]
inconvenient and ineffective. It was [thought best therefore to entrust the work to]
Public Works Officers and allow t[ntenance grant to appear in the Imperial]
Public Works Budget.

8. Previous to this being don[brought to the notice of Government that]
the canal was so shallow that boats [stranded at low tide. The salt which was]
conveyed from the pans to the platf[ms in boats was thus detained, and a large]
quantity wasted through exposure to th[e rains.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 238-A. ORDER TH[h June 1877, No. 326 W.

ORDERED that this Note be fo[for the information of the Government of]
India in continuation of the pape[mitted with docket No. 87 W, dated 16th]
May 1877.

([xtract.)

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

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1877 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated June 29th

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G. O., 29th June 1877, No. 326 W.

JUNE.

Nos. 288-288-A.

Rec'd 1877

Vedarniem and East Coast Canals.—Ordered that the Note by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, affording explanation as to the provision of funds from the Ordinary grant for Imperial Civil Works for the —, be forwarded to the Government of India.

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GOVERNMENT MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS PARTMENT.

13th Novembe 77, No. 1,644 W.

Buildings Roads.

Civil

Read the following paper :—

No. 145. Proceedings of the Madra ment in the Revenue Department, dated 1st Novem 7, No. 6,244.

Read the following Proceedings o Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1877, No. 14,889, on G.O., Revenue De t, dated 4th October 1877, No. 6,033, referring to Board, for remarks, Proceedi ic Works Department, on the subject of the provision of funds for Vedarniem Coast Canals.

THE Board observe that the current Special Local Fund Budget contains a provision of Rupees 8,000 out of the Cana Ferry Fund of the Tanjore District, to be utilized for the purposes detailed in graph 27 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 25th January 1877, No. 301, which a here repeated for easy reference :—

	Rs.
1. Maintenance of the Vedarniem Ca including the portion extended in 1875	6,750
2. Minor repairs to Ferry Boats	600
3. Establishment	80
4. Miscellaneous	570
	8,000

2. It is the first of these items that is allud to in the extract from the Tanjore District Engineer's letter furnished with the Government Order. This allotment is for the ordinary maintenance of the whole canal. The provision made in the Imperial Budget appears from G.O., Public Works Department, 3rd July 1876, No. 1,670, to have been intended for deepening a particu section of it, and not for general maintenance. Both allotments are probably ecessary. The ordinary maintenance of the canal has been met from Canal and Ferr Funds since 1874-75.

COMMUNICATED to the Public Works Department, with reference to Government Order in that Department, 10th September 18, No. 2,650.

(True Extt.)

ned) C. G. MASTER,
Secretary to Government.

No. 146. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1877, No. 1,644 W.

THE Board have overlooked the provision of Rupees 5,000 in the current year's Imperial Budget for maintenance of the Adarniem Canal. This provision was made on the grounds explained to the Government of India in the Chief Engineer's Note, recorded with G.O., No. 327 W, dated 29th June 1877. The sum being available for expenditure, the appropriation made from the Canal and Ferry Fund may probably be otherwise utilized with advantage.

(True extract.)

Colonel, [redacted],
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the Revenue Department,
" Board of Revenue,
" District Engineer, Tanjore,
} with W, dated 29th June 1877.

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CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of {1877} Madr

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE REVENUE DEPARTMENT,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 13th.

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G. O., 13th November 1877, No. 1,644 W.

NOVEMBER.

Nos. 145-146.

Vedarniem Canal, Tanjore District.—Informs that the current year's Imperial Budget provides Rupees 5,000 for maintenance of the — and that the appropriation made from the Canal and Ferry Fund may therefore probably be otherwise utilized with advantage.

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