

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	429.	Press Mis.
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Dated	19 th February	1969.

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No. 28

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

dated 9th February 1869.

Read the following

No. 28

From

E. G. R. Janu Esq^r,

Collector of Madras

To

A. Mac Gregor Esq^r,Ag. Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras.

Sir,

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of
the 11th December last I have the honor to forward

* to be returned.

a letter from Mr Fraser on the subject of the re-
-allotment of Funds for Petty construction and
repairs together with a Statement showing the number
and nature of works which both Mr Smith and
Mr Fraser considered absolutely necessary to be
executed within the current Official Year. The
Board will observe the Statement contains works
the estimate for which amounts to Rs 101,824 or
Rs 34,771 in excess of the sum sanctioned by
Government in their Order of October 1868.

2. From Mr Fraser's letter, however, this
excess appears to be absolutely necessary for the
proper

East Coast Canal Office,
Mount Road.

20th January 1869.

N^o 182

From,

The Executive Engineer.

East Coast Canal

To, The Collector of Madras.

Sir,

On the 19th of last month I had the honor to ask whether, pending the sanction of Government, for the works estimated for at Vichur, Vallur and Vayalur, and partially executed; I might proceed to complete them, as the working season was rapidly passing away, and the

amount of the original Estimate having been expended, the Coolies were being dismissed.

As you declined to sanction the further execution of the works until the Government had first sanctioned them, I waited until last week, when I requested Mr Smith the Salt Deputy Collector to meet me to discuss what works should be executed during the current year, whether such works were or were not entered in the Budget. We met for this purpose on Saturday last, and again today. We have gone carefully through the Budget to see what items could be postponed until next year; and in consultation with the several Superintendents

proper production of salt this season and will therefore I trust be sanctioned by Government without delay.

3. It may be said perhaps that as last year the sum asked for to aid the production of salt was 83,000 Rupees only the 10,200 Rs now asked for is very extravagant. But it is to be remarked that of this latter sum two large items viz the 15,925 for Police huts and 2,916 for a bridge to connect the two Madras Plat forms are quite exceptional charges.

4. Although the cost of deepening the various Channels is the Chief item in the budget now forwarded it is so necessary to begin the work at once and thereby to facilitate the speedy manufacture of salt that I have in anticipation of, at any rate, that part of the budget being sanctioned by the Government, authorized Mr Fraser to commence upon the channels at once.

I have &c

(Signed) E. G. R. Fane.

Collector

From

Madras Salt Office,
Dated, Madras 27th January 1869

Superintendents, we have ascertained what works not included in the Budget, should be immediately executed on emergency for the purpose of enabling them to have manufactured the required quantity of Salt. - All the works asked for by the Superintendents are not entered in the following Memo, but only such as Mr Smith considered absolutely necessary -

2. I The estimated cost of the works entered in the Budget is 67,053 Rupees.

II This amount can be reduced by postponing two items Viz:

The Superintendent's Cutcherries -	2500
7 Wooden Bridges at Covelony -	413
Saving on two items of 1000 Rs each for clearing the Stattur Channels	603
	<u>3516</u>

Bal: Rs 63,537

III. To this must be added the difference between the present and former estimates for the works at Vichur Vallur and Kayalur - See the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue N^o 8703 dated 11th December 1868 i.e. $24,922 - 13,448 = 11,474$

The following works, not included in the Budget, are considered absolutely emergent -

IV. Clearing out all the Boat Channels North & South, about 40 miles, and widening & deepening the Main Channel to Stattur Pans

20000

V. Extending 3 Channels in Attipet -
Proposed to make them only water Channels this year, and to complete them as Boat Channels next year

1000

VI Two similar Channels in Ennore

500

VII. Clearing the water Channels around the Pans at Stattur. It has been proposed to convert this into a Boat Channel at a cost of 31,430 Rupees, but this may be postponed. The clearing of the present water channel is however necessary, and the work may be so laid out that it shall form a part of the proposed Boat Channel

2000

VIII A new Guard room at the entrance to the Madras Forts - The old one was thrown down by the Railway people

365

IX Works decided as absolutely necessary principally for the protection of the Madras Forts by the Collector, the Superintendent of Police &c

2500

X. Deepening the Salt Channel & the River adyar at Homes garden

448

26,813

Total required for the Madras District

1,01,824

3. As regards item N^o 4 I have to remark that a

a sum of 2,000 Rupees was included for it in the original Salt Budget proposed by the Deputy Collector but it was struck out by some one -

The clearing of these channels cannot be estimated for until the water has gone down after the monsoon rain. The other items with the exception of Nos. ~~IX~~ ~~IX~~ I knew nothing of until Saturday last.

4. I would earnestly urge the immediate consideration of these works. The season is now far advanced. The manufacture of salt will soon be commenced. If the channels are not opened so as to provide water in time for the irrigation of the Pans Manufacturers will have nothing to do with them, and the result must be a diminished quantity of salt.

I may add that I am authorized to say that this is also the opinion of the Deputy Collector, who is equally anxious to have these works commenced without delay -

From the failure of the monsoon rains I expect that this year will be as unfavorable as last year was with regard to the navigation. Pulikat Lake is again very low; again there is a rapid current into it from the Canal both North and South, and the result must be the lowering of the water both in the Main Canal and Salt Channels; and of course the development of

of shoals in both; so that I am of opinion that the whole sum named above will be required to keep the Boat Channels open for navigation and supplying water to the Pans.

In conclusion I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain as speedily as possible sanction for all the works entered in the Budget except the two which can be postponed; - the works sanctioned by the Board of Revenue in their proceedings No. 8703 dated 11th December/68 mainly those in Vichoor, Vallur and Nayalur; and also for those named above Nos. IV to X inclusive -

I believe that no further revised distribution of the funds will be necessary so far as this District is concerned -

I have &c.
(Signed) W. Fraser, C.E.
Executive Engineer -

The Collector submits a list of salt works which the Engineer and the Deputy Collector believe it is emergently necessary to add to the works sanctioned in the list for Petty construction and repair and which are estimated to cost altogether Rs 26,813.

Flattur boat channels, Rs -	2000
Atipet water channels -	1000
Ennaw water channels -	500
Flattur water channel -	2000
Guard room, Madras Cotours -	365
Other works, Madras Cotours -	2500
Homes Gardens Channel &c -	448
	26,813

Expenditure

2. Expenditure already sanctioned for the Madras District may be postponed to the extent of Rs 3510, but presuming that the estimates submitted to Government with Board's Proceedings 11th December 1868 No 8703 are approved, there will still remain a sum of Rs 34,771 to be met from the reserve and savings in other districts -

The Board have reason to believe that this amount will be available, and as they are convinced of the necessity of the works above referred to, they resolve to request Government to sanction the outlay pending the submission of regular estimates -

These should be forwarded as soon as possible, but the Board hope that Government will permit the cleansing of the Channels, which they consider an operation of vital importance, to be commenced forthwith -

(True Copies & Extracts)

Yours

Sub Secretary

To
The As Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department
with an Enclosure

C. P. Rameswamy Iyer

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1869.*

No. 342. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th February 1869.—
Read the following letter from E. G. R. FANE, Esq., Collector of Madras, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 27th January 1869, No. 28.—

With reference to the Board's Proceedings of the 11th December last, I have the honor to forward a letter* from Mr. Fraser on the subject of the re-allotment of funds for Petty Construction and Repairs, together with a statement showing the number and nature of works, which both Mr. Smith and Mr. Fraser consider absolutely necessary to be executed within the current official year. The Board will observe that the statement contains works, the estimate for which amounts to Rupees 1,01,824, or Rupees 34,771 in excess of the sum sanctioned by Government in their Order of October 1868.

2. From Mr. Fraser's letter, however, this excess appears to be absolutely necessary for the proper production of salt this season, and will, therefore, I trust, be sanctioned by Government without delay.

3. It may be said perhaps that, as last year, the sum asked for to aid the production of salt was 83,000 Rupees only: the 1,02,000 Rupees now asked for is very extravagant; but it is to be remarked, that of this latter sum two large items—namely, the 15,925 for Police huts and 2,916 for a bridge to connect the two Madras Platforms,—are quite exceptional charges.

4. Although the cost of deepening the various channels is the chief item in the Budget now forwarded, it is so necessary to begin the work at once, and thereby to facilitate the speedy manufacture of salt, that I have, in anticipation of, at any rate, that part of the Budget being sanctioned by the Government, authorised Mr. Fraser to commence upon the channels at once.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From W. FRASER, Esq., C. E., Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal, to the Collector of Madras, dated Mount Road, 20th January 1869, No. 182.

On the 19th of last month, I had the honor to ask whether, pending the sanction of Government for the works estimated for at Vichur, Vallur, and Vayalur, and partially executed, I might proceed to complete them, as the working season was rapidly passing away, and the amount of the original estimate having been expended, the coolies were being dismissed. As you declined to sanction the further execution of the works until the Government had first sanctioned them, I waited until last week, when I requested Mr. Smith, the Salt Deputy Collector, to meet me to discuss what works should be executed during the current year; whether such works were or were not entered in the Budget. We met for this purpose on Saturday last, and again to-day. We have gone carefully through the Budget to see what items could be postponed until next year; and, in consultation with the several Superintendents, we have ascertained what works, not included in the Budget, should be immediately executed on emergency, for the purpose of enabling them to have manufactured the required quantity of salt. All the works asked for by the Superintendents are not entered in the following Memorandum, but only such as Mr. Smith considered absolutely necessary:—

	RS.	RS.
I.—The estimated cost of the works entered in the Budget is..	67,053	
II.—This amount can be reduced by postponing two items, namely:—		
The Superintendent's Cutcherries	2,500	
Seven wooden bridges at Covelong	413	
Saving on two items of 1,000 Rupees each for clearing the Kattur channels	603	
		3,516
Balance		63,537

Communication

*Dear Mr. Fane,
Petty Construction and
Repairs - Salt works
in Madras District to be
added to the works sanc-
tioned in the list of
recommended for the
sanction of Government.*

*Recd - 18th Feb 1869
Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue.
10th Feb 1869
10th Feb 1869*

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1869.*

III.—To this must be added the difference between the present and former estimates for the works at Vichur, Vallur, and Vayalur. See the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, No. 8,703, dated 11th December 1868, *that is*, 24,922—13,448 = 11,474....

Rs.	Rs.
	11,474
	75,011

The following works, not included in the Budget, are considered absolutely emergent:—

IV.—Clearing out all the boat channels, north and south, about forty miles, and widening and deepening the main channel to Kattur pans

20,000

V.—Extending three channels in Attipet, proposed to make them only water channels this year, and to complete them as Boat channels in next year....

1,000

VI.—Two similar channels in Ennore

500

VII.—Clearing the water channels around the pans at Kattur. It has been proposed to convert this into a Boat channel at a cost of 31,430 Rupees; but this may be postponed. The clearing of the present water channel is, however, necessary, and the work may be so laid out that it shall form a part of the proposed Boat channel...

2,000

VIII.—A new guard-room at the entrance to the Madras Cotaurs. The old one was thrown down by the Railway people....

365

IX.—Works decided as absolutely necessary principally for the protection of the Madras Cotaurs by the Acting Collector, the Superintendent of Police, etc.

2,500

X.—Deepening the salt channel and the river Adyar at Homes' Garden

448

26,813

Total required for the Madras District

1,01,824

3. As regards Item No. 4, I have to remark that a sum of 20,000 Rupees was included for it in the Original Salt Budget proposed by the Deputy Collector, but it was struck out by some one. The clearing of these channels cannot be estimated for until the water has gone down after the monsoon rain.

The other items, with the exception of Nos. 9 and 10, I knew nothing of until Saturday last.

4. I would earnestly urge the immediate consideration of these works. The season is now far advanced. The manufacture of salt will soon be commenced. If the channels are not opened so as to provide water in time for the irrigation of the pans, manufacturers will have nothing to do with them, and the result must be a diminished quantity of salt.

I may add, that I am authorised to say that this is also the opinion of the Deputy Collector, who is equally anxious to have these works commenced without delay.

From the failure of the monsoon rains, I expect that this year will be as unfavorable as last year was with regard to the navigation. Pulicat Lake is again very low; again there is a rapid current into it from the canal both north and south, and the result must be the lowering of the water both in the main canal and Salt channels, and, of course, the development of shoals in both; so that I am of opinion that the whole sum named above will be required to keep the Boat channels open for navigation and supplying water to the pans.

In conclusion, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to obtain, as speedily as possible, sanction for all the works entered in the Budget, except the two which can be postponed—the works sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, in their Proceedings, No. 8,703, dated 11th December 1868, namely, those in Vichur, Vallur, and Vayalur; and also for those named above, Nos 4 to 10 inclusive.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
19th February 1869.*

I believe that no further revised distribution of the funds will be necessary so far as this district is concerned.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.

ABSTRACT.—Revised list of Salt Works under Petty Construction and Repair in the District of Madras for 1868-69.

The Collector submits a list of Salt works which the Engineer and the Deputy Collector believe it is emergently necessary to add to the works sanctioned in the list for Petty Construction and Repair, and which are estimated to cost altogether Rupees 26,813.

	Rs.
Kattur boat channels	20,000
Attipet water channels.....	1,000
Ennore water channels.....	500
Kattur water channels	2,000
Guard-room, Madras Cotaurs	365
Other works, Madras Cotaurs	2,500
Homes' Gardens channel, etc.....	448
	26,813

2. Expenditure already sanctioned for the Madras District may be postponed to the extent of Rupees 3,516; but presuming that the estimates submitted to Government, with Board's

Proceedings, dated 11th December 1868, No. 8,703, are approved, there will still remain a sum of Rupees 34,771 to be met from the reserve and savings in other districts.

3. The Board have reason to believe that this amount will be available, and, as they are convinced of the necessity of the works above referred to, they resolve to request Government to sanction the outlay, pending the submission of regular estimates.

4. These should be forwarded as soon as possible; but the Board hope that Government will permit the cleansing of the channels, which they consider an operation of vital importance, to be commenced forthwith.

ORDER THEREON, 19th February 1869, No. 429.

No. 343.

Separate Revenue, No. 17.
Salt.

The estimates, amounting in all to Rupees 24,922, for several salt works in the Madras District, submitted with the Board's Proceedings, dated 11th December 1868, No. 8,703,

have been sanctioned in the Order of Government, dated 13th instant, No. 374. The Board in their communication above recorded, request authority for the further outlay on other works to the amount of Rupees 26,813, pending the submission of the estimates. The Government are averse to sanctioning any expenditure before the submission of the estimates, but in compliance with the Board's strong recommendation, and in view to facilitate the manufacture of salt, they authorize a deviation from the rule in regard to the works in question on the present occasion.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

„ the Public Works Department.

„ the Accountant General.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

Rev^d Department

N^o 429

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 19th February 1869.

Read the following
Proc^s of the Board of Revenue.

Recom^d for sanction of Gov^t
the addition of salt works in Madras
Dist^{ct} to the works sanctioned in the
list of Petty Construction & Repairs.

(H.C. 9th February 1869)

The estimates
amounting in all to Rs 24,922
for several salt works in
the Madras District submit-
ted with the Board's Proc^s
dated 11th December 1868 N^o 8763
have been sanctioned in the
order of Gov^t dated 13th Instant,
N^o 344. The Board in their

Communication

M. L.
W. D.

M. A.

GOVT. OF MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Rec^d Feb^y 19th 1869.

Rec^d Feb^y 19th 1869, No. 429.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 342-343.

Works in Madras District.—Pending the submission of estimates, the outlay on them recommended by the Board of Revenue, sanctioned.

communication above recorded,
request authority for the
further outlay on other
works to the amount of

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