

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
2nd April 1869.*

No. 40. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th March 1869, No. 1,601 :—

Read the following letter from the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 16th February 1869, No. 32.

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 15th ultimo, No. 219, I have the honor to submit revised lists of Salt works, etc., for 1869-70, prepared agreeably to the instructions therein laid down.

2. I beg to state that a sum of Rupees 11,810 was provided for in the Revenue Budget, under "Petty Construction and Repairs," for 1868-69, for carrying out improvements in the present salt works at Pennaguduru, and re-opening those at Mogultur. Immediately on the receipt of the sanction of Government, dated 3rd October 1868, No. 2,547, to the Budget in question, I addressed the Superintending Engineer in accordance with the rules laid down in the Board's Circular Order No. 27 of 1868, (paragraph 4) about their execution, as these works could not be executed without the sanction of the Professional Department; but that Officer, in reply to my requisition, stated in his letter, dated 18th December last, No. 173, that he cannot undertake the works without a formal transfer of funds by the Government of India, as they appeared in the Revenue Budget as already brought to the Board's notice in my letter of the 28th ultimo, No. 15.

3. As the season is already far advanced, and as the amounts of the Budget grants undrawn at the close of the official year will revert to the general funds of the State, and as the time for getting these works embodied in the Public Works Budget for 1869-70 has already elapsed, I have again included these works in the revised lists now sent, in anticipation of the Board's approval.

4. Under these circumstances, I request the Board will be pleased to allot the necessary funds from the reserve (Rupees 10,000) allowed by them, in addition to the savings that may be effected in other districts, with reference to the remarks contained in paragraph 3 of the Proceedings for the works in question, and place the amount at the disposal of the Superintending Engineer for execution in the next official year, after obtaining the sanction of Government to the revised Budget.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.—Details of Original Works for 1869-70.

ENCLOSURE No. 2.—Details of Repairs for 1869-70.

In the foregoing letter the Collector points out that, under "Petty Construction and Repairs," for 1868-69, a sum of Rupees 11,810 is provided for carrying out improvements in the Salt works at Pennaguduru and for re-opening those at Mogultur, but that the Superintending Engineer, when asked to undertake them, declined to do so without a formal transfer of funds, to the Public Works Department, by the Government of India. The Collector considers that the present season has already advanced so far that the works cannot be executed within the current year; and as the Public Works Budget for 1869-70 has already been closed,

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he wishes the works to be provided for again in the Budget under Petty Construction and Repairs for 1869-70, and requests that sufficient funds may be allotted from the reserve and from the savings in other districts. The Collector has been

already informed that under Petty Construction and Repairs only such works as can be executed by the Revenue

Department should be entered, and as the works in question are such as cannot be executed without the agency of the Professional Department, the Board have struck out the works from the Collector's lists, and resolve to request Government to provide the requisite funds from the reserve in the Public Works Budget for 1869-70. The works are essential to the realisation of the Salt revenue, and great inconvenience has been caused by their postponement.

2. The Collector should submit, for sanction, the estimates for the several works embodied in the revised lists now submitted by him as soon as possible.

No. 41.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd April 1869, No. 885.

Separate Revenue, No 2.
Salt.

REFERRED to the Public Works Department.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

„ the Board of Revenue.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

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