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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 9th June 1857.

No. 3. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 4th May 1857, No. 76.

SIR,

On the 10th February 1855, an estimate amounting to Rupees (34,134) thirty-four thousand, one hundred, and thirty-four, was sanctioned by Government for the extension of the important Wyacondam channel, in the Trichinopoly District, and as this amount, proved insufficient, a supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees (4,000) four thousand, was sanctioned by Government, on the 25th April 1856, thus making a total of Rupees 38,134. I regret however to report, that this amount also has proved insufficient, and that the District Engineer, has been under the necessity of submitting, a further estimate amounting to Rupees (11,504) eleven thousand, five hundred, and four. The Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, has lately visited the work, and recommended in a letter No. 105, dated 7th April 1857, that this latter estimate, amounting to Rupees (11,504) eleven thousand, five hundred and four, be sanctioned; his reasons for this recommendation, are, that whereas the original estimate was prepared, under the impression that no very hard soil would be met with, and the first supplemental estimate was framed so as to provide for the removal of but little rock, he now finds that the lower part of the cutting, through several miles, has proved to be in soil, which may properly be called, rock, although in a state of disintegration which prevented its being removed, by blasting, and rendered it necessary to use, the pick axe, and crowbar, almost throughout he also finds in this stratum, large beds of hard gravel, occurring at intervals, and that in other places, the laterite was of great thickness.

In Extract Minutes Consultation No. 64, of the 10th February 1855.
Extract Minutes Consultation No. 562.

2. These differences between the supposed nature of the soil, to be excavated, and its actual nature as ascertained, during the execution of work, will I trust be considered to afford valid grounds for the additional sanction, now requested; I may mention, that the estimate simply allows, for the completion of the work as originally laid on it that there is no addition required in the quantity of the material to be removed, and that the rate allowed for excavation, is not too much, when the nature of the soil, is considered.

3. The amount for which sanction is required, is Rupees (11,504) eleven thousand, five hundred, and four.

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 1057; dated 3rd June 1857.

A sum of Rupees 34,134, for the extension of the Wyacondam channel in the Trichinopoly District, was entered in the Budget of 1854-55, and was sanctioned by the Government of India on the 26th January 1855. On the 14th April 1856, the Chief Engineer represented the inadequacy of this sum for the completion of the project to the full breadth of eight yards originally provided for, owing, as was alleged by Lieutenant Ryves, the Assistant Civil Engineer, to two causes, viz., that strata of rock had been met with in the course of the new channel, for the removal of which the average rate of 10 pice per cubic yard allowed in the estimate, was insufficient; and that the actual out-turn of excavation to be performed, exceeded that first computed, by nearly 50,000 cubic yards. The Chief Engineer therefore submitted, with his strong recommendation, a supplementary estimate of Rupees 4,000 for the completion of the channel, prepared by Lieutenant Ryves "from actual experience of the different strata to be cut, and "according to levels accurately taken by him;" and stated that the rates allowed in the supplementary estimate for the total work remaining to be performed, were "the result of a much closer "and more accurate investigation than it had been possible to make when the general estimate "was first framed." On this representation, the Government sanctioned the additional expenditure of Rupees 4,000 on the 25th April 1856.

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nel, in a state of disintegration, which it was found necessary to remove by the crowbar and pick axe, instead of by blasting, and that large beds of hard gravel were also found at intervals, and that, in other places, the laterite was of great thickness.

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§ Communicated to the Chief Engineer in an order of the 28th August 1856, No. 1540.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office
Fort St. George 4 May 57

No. 3 Read the Public Consultation
From Lieutenant C. E. Fisher
To The Chief Engineer &c &c
The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obt. Servt.
W. Fisher Colonel
Chief Engr

Fort St. George
4 May 1857

To
The Secy to Govt
&c &c &c

Lt. Col. Fisher

No 956.

From,

Lieutenant J.G. Pynes,

District Engineer of Trichinopoly.

To,

Major E. Lawford

Superintending Engineer S. Circle.

Sir,

I have the honor in compliance with your instructions to resubmit with the following brief report the revised Supplemental Estimate for the completion of the Extension of the Wya- = condaan Channel.

2. You are aware that the insufficiency of the rates allowed in the Original Estimates is the cause of this application for the sanction of the additional sum to complete the work. This insufficiency of the rates being perceived by you in your inspection of the work last July you authorized increased rates for the excavation of the main channel to be given to the contractors.

3. The work which prior to your visit had been flagging and was almost at a stand still was resumed with vigor by the Contractors and although they did not maintain the Contract number of men on the work and did not complete the work in the time they

engaged for, yet the excavation
excepting two or three miles
with considerably energy and
of August and 1st January
of Cubic yards of all kinds
earth to rock was removed
Channel.

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latter consequently
some 30 or 40,000 Cubic
be dug to complete the
its 6½ Miles length to
necessary to give it a

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It will appear that a further sum of Rupees 11,504 will be required to complete all the works connected with the Project.

Tpichinopoly.
27th March 1857.

I have the honor to be &c.
(Signed) J.G. Ryves. Lt.
District Engineer of Tpichinopoly

/ True Copy /
L Deacon
Superintending Engineer,
Southern Circle on circuit.

5. The cost of this will probably be Rupees 5,000; besides which the completion of the Banks and minor channels has to be provided for, and hence this application for a further sanction of funds.

6. From the enclosed Statement of Expenditure and Supplemental Estimate which clearly exhibit the position of this work

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cut for the completion of the work.
The total amount sanctioned with
the present proposal is Rs 3834
which sum the Superintending Engineer
has drawn Bills entitled
insufficient and the Chief Engineer
submits an additional for Rs 11.50
The Superintending Engineer visited the work
and the Collector Headman the usual
Pharoah under

Public Works Office
Colombo 21st Dec. 1857
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3. The existence of the non-existence of soft or drift earth such as would naturally be found in a long disused & neglected channel, but this was found to be contiguous & of any extent, & therefore at all was found to be.

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The estimate for the present work Rs 36488

This on 34,184 is about 19 percent.

But in this sum of 36,134, are included the cost of drains &c which would have been necessary whether the Channel was extended or not. Deducting this amounting to Rs 13629 from the present estimate of Rs 36488 leaves Rs 20.52 about 20 percent on the channel.

The subsequent reductions of Rs 11504 are applied for making 49.638, a deduction of 13609 as before leaves 36029 on which the outlay the present amount is about 10½ percent.

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P.C. 1157

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
dated the 3d June 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer

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9 Copies to the Chief Engr. Dept. with 5 Encls.

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Extract Minute of Govt
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Extract from Chief Engr 12th August 1857
Govt No 1844 in Govt - 1st Septr

Public Works 1857 Deptt.
Dft to Govt 9th June.

No 1057.

Observing, that for the reasons stated, the second Supplemental Estimate for the extension of the Tyaeendaw Channel, must be sent to the Govt of India for sanction, & delivering that it may be carefully ascertained, whether the addl amount now asked for will be sufficient to complete the work.-

No 344.

24th May 1859