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No. 36. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th May 1857, No. 479.

Read again letter from the District Engineer of Tinnevelly, reporting that he has assumed charge of the executive in the District from the 1st May 1857, but that the accounts (regarding which he transmits a copy of correspondence with the Collector) have *not* yet been made over to him.

(Here enter No. 48, of the 9th May 1857.)

Resolved that the whole of the foregoing documents in original be forwarded for the immediate information and early orders of Government, with an expression of the Chief Engineers decided opinion that the District Engineer would have been greatly to blame, if he had undertaken the preparation of Bills for 1856-57, for works carried on by the Collector of the District.

2. Resolved also to solicit the particular attention of Government to the grave inconvenience likely to be caused by the detention of the Sub Overseers from their Talook duties under the District Engineer, and to forward for the favorable consideration of Government copy of the Chief Engineers despatch to the Collector of Tinnevelly No. 480, of the 19th Instant.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 37. ORDER THEREON, No. 1187; dated 18th June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council concurs with the Chief Engineer in his opinion that bills for works carried on under the orders of the Collector of the District, ought to be prepared in his office. The attendance of the Goomastahs at Mr. Silver's Cutcherry for the preparation of these documents, to the extent demanded by him, it is hoped will not be found necessary, but the assistance of some of these servants may be indispensable, and the District Engineer will be good enough to afford every facility in his power to the speedy adjustment of the Public Works accounts still remaining with the Revenue authorities.

2. Colonel Faber observes that the detention of some of the late Goomastahs, now sub Overseers, in the Collector's office is productive of much inconvenience. The Government will be glad if Mr. Silver can make it convenient to dispense with their services at an early date, and they will be prepared to give due consideration to any application for moderate temporary aid he may think necessary, on transferring the servants in question to the Public Works Department.

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

No 479

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
on the Department of Public Works.
Under date the 19th May 1857.

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True Extract

W. Fidler Colonel

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

D. R. W.

Comp^d Dray

No 1180

From The Chief Engineer

To The Clerk of Vineenelly

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit for the information of Vineenelly No 48 the Statistical Estimate of Vineenelly for the year 1856 and also the Estimate of the Expenditure for the Public Works for the same year, which have been altered by the Committee of Finance and Audit, and which has been adopted by the Government, and I am directed by the Lieutenant Governor to request that you will be pleased to prepare the Bills for the Amounts specified in the Estimate remitted in charge of the Revenue Department and to forward the same to this office for the signature of the Chief Engineer

2. I am also directed to request that you will be pleased to cause the Bills to be prepared in such manner as to admit of the amounts of the several works being entered separately, and also to specify the number of days labour employed on each work, and the rate of wages paid to the labourers employed thereon.

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Public Works 1856 Despatches
Copies 23 June No. 1014
From the No. 69 the
Chief Engineer &c &c
to the Clerk of Vineenelly

Encl 14
Read 26th May 856
No 1187 28th June

Certain Correspondence between the Collectors of Vineenelly Respecting the Surplus Revenue of that Port for 1856 & Letter from Mr Secretary Thornton thereon with his own observations thereon for the favourable Consideration and orders of Govt.

No 16

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District Engineers to call for their Q.M. Agents when they Compile their Bills a proceeding never yet thought necessary. Bills should be nothing more than bona fide transcripts of totals of actual outlay taken from Day books which should be duly totalled at the end of each month, and this process therefore should be brief and simple.-

3. I have considered it advisable with reference to the important interests at stake, to address you direct and without delay, but I shall not fail to place the whole subject before Gen. with a statement of my opinion that the District Engineer would have been very wrong had he given his time or attention unduly required by other matters, in the preparation of the Bills for 1886/87 for works performed under your orders.-

Major Gen.
Chief Engr

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultations
Under date the 18th June 1857.

Read the following
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Fort St George 19th May 1857

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To
Lieutenant Colonel Pears
Chief Engineer
Fort St George

Sir

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit to you the accompanying Statement of the Allowances to be granted to the Gomastahs employed in the Executive Engineer's Office at Vizagapatam from the 1st January 1857 -

I am Sir
Your most obedient Servant

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18th June 57.

Passing orders on certain correspondence between the Colr. & Dist. Engr. of Tinnevelly, regarding the preparation of Bills for 1856/57, and the non-transfer of accounts on the 1st Instant.

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