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No. 11. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 30th May 1857, No. 800.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, the accompanying letter from the Acting Collector of Malabar, No. 1340, dated 4th May 1857, together with a report* by the District Engineer on the Kotakadavoo Dam, in the Malabar District, and to recommend that the work be stopped, and the materials sold off, as there is no doubt that it has proved an unremunerative work, and that there is not any thing to be gained by repairing the present work or constructing a new one.

* 23rd February 1857.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 1235; dated 24th June 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits letters from the Acting Collector and the District Engineer of Malabar, reporting the failure of the Kotakadavoo Dam, and recommends the abandonment of the work.

2. The work was projected by Major Cotton in 1851, with the view of bringing under cultivation a large tract of land otherwise inundated by salt water. In the Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 19th August 1854, No. 966, the Government sanctioned the construction of a Dam and Calingulah, at an outlay of Rupees 1,532-1. On 12th July 1855, the late Board of Public Works requested sanction for a supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees 851-9-10 as also for some additional works at a cost of Rupees 582-8-3, to the Dam in question. In the Extract Minutes Consultation dated 23rd July 1855, the Government after noticing some facts connected with the subject, declared that the information furnished to them was too scanty to enable them to accede to the above application; and that the work did not appear to have been inspected by the Civil Engineer. They also observed that it was needless to sanction a supplemental estimate, the work having then been nearly completed; and that a bill should be sent up without avoidable delay, when the causes of the excess charge should be fully explained, with a report from the Civil Engineer.

3. No such bill seems however to have been submitted for the work, as called for in the Extract alluded to in the previous para. but the Chief Engineer now submits the reports of the Collector and District Engineer, and recommends that "the work be stopped, and materials "sold off."

4. It appears from the District Engineer's report, that the surplus sluice lately constructed has been seriously injured. He does not propose to repair it, as the cost would be very great. He therefore submits an estimate of Rupees 2,570, for constructing a new sluice, and for widening and straightening the earthen Dam, but he offers remarks to shew that the execution of the new work is not likely to bring any immediate beneficial results. These views are concurred in by the Collector. The Government regret that so large a sum as Rupees 2,153, should have been spent in vain upon this work, but, under the circumstances represented, there seems no alternative but to abandon the work, and dispose of the available materials.

5. The Government direct that the bill for the work already executed be forthwith submitted if this has not been already done.

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

Civil Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
30th May 1857.

Rs. 800

From
The Chief Engineer of P.W.
To
The Secretary to Govt P.W. & C.

800.

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Revenue
Irrigation
Kotakadavoo
Dam
28 Aug 57

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4 Letters
2 Plans
1 Estn.

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Sir
Your most obedt Servt
R. Baker Colonel
Chief Engr

To The Secy to Govt
P.W.C.

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Public Works Dept.

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No. 1285

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 24th June 1857.

Read the following

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Here entered 30th May 1857 No 800/

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A Copy to the Chief Engr with Mr Bailey Griffiths Letter

Public Works 15th Oct 1859
Do to Curs 30th Oct 1859

No 31235.

Copy
Extract Minute of Council
No 21st January 59.
From the Chief Engr 29th Nov 1859 No 3113

Nº 11412.

Stating order on a letter
from the Chief Engr, re-
=garding the claim of Mr
Peter Redmond, Carman in
district of Quebec, and
communicating the decision
=ment of the Board.

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