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No. 72. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 3rd July 1857, No. 1751.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 822 of the 30th April calling for my opinion upon the District Engineers of Cuddapah and Bellary, disposing of projects already accepted by Government before giving their time to wholly new projects, I have the honor to state my opinion that all works such as roads approved or commenced, should certainly occupy the Chief attention of the District Officers, yet not so exclusively as to prevent the investigation and maturing of all new undertakings whatsoever.

2. Of the works proposed by the District Engineer of Cuddapah for 1858-59, the first is a road from the Munteral Cunnama on the East side of that Ghaut to the Guntoor frontier, so as to connect the Ghaut with a road from Guntoor, an estimate for which amounting to Rupees (56,450) fifty-six thousand four hundred and fifty, is entered in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 461 of the 12th March 1857, for the Budget of 1858-59. The detailed accounts were received in this office, but were returned to the District Engineer for correction. The progress made in the Munteral Ghaut by the end of the year under Captain Nelson will enable me to decide as to the advisability of finally recommending the estimate for entry in the next Budget.

3. The second estimate is for a branch road from Trunk road No. 11 through Goorumcondah and Cuddree to the Bellary frontier, and it should certainly be entered in the Budget of 1858-59. An estimate will be called for, for completing the portion in *Bellary* from the frontier to Anantapoor. The above will connect Bellary via Ooderpree (where a bridge is now in construction over the Pennair) Anantapoor, Goorumcondah &c. with the direct road to Madras via Chittoor, it will moreover open up the Cuddree Talook, the communications of which have hitherto been entirely neglected.

4. The second class road from Royachooty to Poonganoor is one of those excluded from Budget of 1857-58, there being other and more important works requiring attention, it should however be entered in the Budget of 1858-59 as also should the estimate for bridges the same to be prepared at once.

5. The estimate for completing the extension line between Cuddapah and Podatoor should be sanctioned, 21,923 Rupees have already been expended yet it is at present of little use from want of Tunnels and Drains. A road connecting Cuddapah with Sidhout and Budwail is certainly very desirable.

6. A bridge across the Pennair near Chennoor would no doubt be most advantageous, but the work may be postponed until it is ascertained what will be done with reference to the Railway northwards from Cuddapah, I am however of very decided opinion that proper control should be exercised by the Collector over the charges at the ferry of the exorbitance of which the District Engineer formally complained.

7. The bridge over the Suggleairoo on the road from Cuddapah to Nellore may be estimated for and considered.

8. The Tank near Pendlemurry at a probable cost of 20,000 Rupees is a work that cannot fail to be very remunerative; it is the only considerable irrigation work proposed of late in Cuddapah, the attention of the District Engineer having been mainly directed to the restoration and rendering efficient dilapidated existing works.

9. Of the works proposed by the District Engineer of North Arcot, I am of opinion, that he should investigate the advisability of improving and enlarging the Cheyaur Annicut channels, but to do this carefully and thoroughly I think unless he has already made considerable progress he will scarcely be able to have the project ready in time.

10. The second project is for an Annicut across the Cheyaur some miles above the existing Cheyaur Annicut. Captain Collyer proposed to erect this weir at the entrance of the Poloor Tank supply channel, as not only commanding Tanks in South Arcot as far as Wandiwash, but securing a very considerable and important affluent of the Cheyaur called the Vilva Arnee Nudoly.

11. If the Annicut be placed higher up I believe that it will be found in the end more expensive, as several more miles of unremunerative channel on the North Bank must be cut, and an Annicut constructed in addition across the Vilva Arnee river. If however it be found that by going 8 miles higher up, the additional expense will be more than covered by extra returns, there would be no objection to the proposal, and this point should be investigated.

12. The proposed channel from the Cheyaur to be taken off the river two miles above the Annicut need not be investigated because from the nature of the country, it will not repay the Government. An estimate has already been brought forward for the extension of the Poincy river channels amounting to Rupees (1,53,000) one lac and fifty-three thousand, and I am of opinion that their further extension may for the present be differed.

13. The estimate for Tank near Synegoontah, amounting to Rupees (4,000) four thousand, has been sent back to the District Engineer for complete and detailed information.

14. The Bridges upon the Palmanair and Gooriattum road are necessary for the completion of that communication which will no doubt develop a large traffic immediately that the Railway is finished to Gooriattum.

15. The road from Vencatagherry Cottah to Congoondy is necessary, but not immediately.

16. The road from the Mysore frontier via Congoondy Coopum &c. to Nalumpilly on Trunk road, No. 1 in the Salem District is very necessary, and an estimate was ordered by Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 351 dated 21st February 1857.

17. The road from Vencatagherry Cottah to Gooriattum, for the tracing of which an estimate amounting to Rupees (800) eight hundred, was sanctioned in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 4th June 1856 No. 859, is of much importance, as opening up a large tract of upper Ghaut country, and giving it access to the Railway.

18. The road from Palmanair to Poonganoor will complete the communication with Cuddapah, by the Poonganoor and Rayachooty road.

19. A new Bungalow is much required at Palmanair.

20. I do not think that the preparation of the above estimates will hinder the District Engineers from carrying out the works already under construction in their respective Districts. Their advisability however can be better determined, when I have before me the Plans, estimates and all the detailed information requisite to form a satisfactory and conclusive opinion.

No. 73. ORDER THEREON, No. 1551; dated 10th August 1857.

From the letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer seems apparently to have misunderstood the meaning of Government, when in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 30th April last, No. 822, they requested him to state "his opinion as to the propriety of the local Officers disposing of projects already approved, before they give their time and attention to wholly new plans." In calling for this opinion, the Government intended that the Chief Engineer should consider whether the investigation of any new projects in any of the several Districts was advisable, while no estimates have been received for a large portion of those which were approved of by Government in 1856.

2. Colonel Faber in his reply, which is the subject of the present order, confines himself to the projects proposed by the District Engineers of Cuddapah and North Arcot; and recommends that they may be investigated in view to estimates and plans being submitted. But since the receipt of the above letter, a change having taken place in the circumstances of the Public Works Department by the stoppage of all new works, the Government are of opinion that it is inexpedient to approve of any more projects for examination in any District, as those already sanctioned for execution and entry in the Budget, as well as those submitted for sanction, and those ordered for submission, will be amply sufficient to engage the attention of the local Officers in many of the Districts for the next two years. The District Engineers will accordingly be informed that it will not be necessary for them to submit the annual lists of projects called

for by the order of Government, dated 23rd February 1856, No. 275. It will however be understood that this order is not to prevent Officers in the Provinces, when they can spare time, from preparing estimates and plans for projects already approved of by Government for investigation, or from submitting for sanction according to the usual practice any estimates for works which may be considered to be more immediately necessary.

3. The Government observe that the Chief Engineer still continues the practice of submitting monthly lists of estimates for entry in the Budget of 1858-59, but as those already received are quite sufficient for the current year, Colonel Faber is requested not to send any more lists. Estimates for any works which may be considered to be of great importance may however be submitted separately.

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

Central Office of P. Works.

No. 1757

Fort Saint George,

From, 3d July 1857.

The Chief Engineer

Communications and Revenue Works.

To, The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

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3 The Second Estimate is for a Branch Road from Trunk Road No 11 Nr Eight Goorumcondah and Londdore to the Bellary frontier, and it should certainly be entered in the Budget of 1858/59. An Estimate will be called for, for completing the portion in Bellary from the frontier to Anantapoor. The above will connect Bellary via Sooty, where a bridge is now in construction over the Pennair, Anantapoor, Goorumcondah &c with the direct Road to Madras via Chittoor, it will moreover open up the Cuddree talook, the communications of which have hitherto been entirely neglected.

4 The Second class Road from Koyachooty to Coorsaur is one of those excluded from the Budget of 1857/58, there being other and more important works requiring attention, it should however be entered in the Budget of 1858/59 and also should the Estimate for Bridges the same be prepared

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of North Arcot, I am of opinion, that the circumstances regarding the advisability of improving and enlarging the Chittoor Ancut Channels, but to be laid aside for the present, as I think unless he has already made sufficient provision he will scarcely be able to have the project ready in time.

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11 If the Ancut be placed higher up I believe that it will be found in the end more expensive, as several miles of unremunerative channel on the North Bank must be cut, and an Ancut constructed in addition across the Vellar River. If however it be found that by going 8 miles higher up the additional expense will be more than covered by extra Returns, there would be no objection to the proposal, and this point should be investigated.

12 The proposed channel from the Cheyaur to be taken off the River two miles above the Ancut need not be investigated, because from the nature of the country, it will not repay the Government. An Estimate has already been brought forward for the extension of the Poiney River channels amounting to Rupees (1,53,000) one Lac and fifty three thousand, and I am of opinion that their further extension may for the present be deferred.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
[signature] Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of C.W.
Fort Saint George,
3d July 1857.

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No. 1331. P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 10th August 1857.
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from the Chief Engineer.
(Here enter 3rd July 1857 No. 1751)

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No 1551.

Extract from the Minutes of
Consultation -
Dd 13th August 57.
From the Chief Engr & Secy
Board 5/60 Cert 67/ in Cons.

Observing for reasons stated, that it is inexpedient to assume any of the Projects for effecting any Docks, and Requesting the Chief Engrs not to send any more monthly lists of Estimates for outlay in the Budget of 1857 & 58. -

No 72 & 73.