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No. 43. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 14th September 1857, No. 3669.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. A. FOORD, District Engineer of South Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 14th September 1857, No. 267.

Sir,

In reply to your Circular No. 77, of the 27th July 1857, I have the honor to forward a list of works in progress on which I consider a further expenditure necessary for reasons that are stated below.

2. The works in the list have all, with one exception, been in progress for more than twelve months. The new works sanctioned in this year's Budget I have stopped altogether, and I trust funds will be available for those which were before in progress.

3. The Areagoostee and Goverapet channels are two works from which large returns are expected. Considerable progress has been made with them, indeed the latter is nearly completed. If these works are stopped, not only will much of the money that has been laid out on them be thrown away, but much disappointment will be felt by the Ryots, as land has been taken in anticipation of water being brought to it by the channels, I therefore cannot do otherwise than recommend that the balance of the estimates be made available for completing the works.

4. Against the Vaddakathittay channel there is no expenditure entered, as I have not received any accounts of it, but when I saw it in June, a considerable portion of it had been cut and the Ryots interested in it had undertaken the work without any advance. It was expected that this channel would repay itself, the first year, and the fact of the Contractors working without an advance is a proof of the interest taken in the work. I need say no more.

5. The Pooniar bridge between Pondicherry and Cuddalore was completed with the exception of part of the blocking course and roadway, when the order to stop works was received, and since then, permission has been received from the Central office to lay out 1,000 Rupees on it to open it for traffic. The masonry work is now complete but the roadway and approaches require improving. If the roadway is not raised 3 or 4 inches more with metal, the water will not run out at the places provided in the side walls, and, sinking in, will prove injurious to the bridge, I have therefore entered 1,500 Rupees as the sum required to complete it reckoning from the end of July.

6. I have put down the small sum of Rupees 150 against the bridges on the road from Oolundoorpett to Calicoorchy. This sum is required for the safety of one of the bridges. The excavation for the wing walls had been made, when the order to stop the works reached the Overseer in charge, and he had ready at the time both bricks and chunam, of which the latter would spoil by keeping.

7. The bridges on the road from Tindevanum to Tinnevelly have been in progress for two years. When the order to stop the work was received 3 of them were available for traffic, and the arches of the largest (over the Ginjee river) had been incentred, but the Centerings had to be removed, and the wings to be raised for the security of the bridge. When I saw it last month it was very nearly available for traffic, but as it was secure from accidents, no more money was being laid out on it, I however strongly recommend that the small balance of the estimate should be expended, the bridges completed, and the accounts closed. If the Ginjee bridge is not completed, much of the newly made road will be useless for the river, running over a rocky bed in a hilly part of the district, becomes frequently impassable at all times of the year. It has been brought almost to completion in the face of great difficulties, owing to the unhealthiness of the place, where it is situated, and it would be a great pity to abandon it in its present state.

8. This statement would have been furnished sooner, but I have only just returned from a lengthened tour in the district during which I have seen all the new works which I had not seen in the previous months of this year.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th September 1857.

Resolved to submit copy of the foregoing letter No. 267, dated 5th September 1857, for the information of Government, with the Chief Engineer's strong recommendation that the further expenditure proposed by Lieutenant Foord to certain works in South Arcot, amounting to Rupees (17,213-2-7) seventeen thousand, two hundred and forty-three, annas two and pice seven, be sanctioned.

2. Resolved also to instruct the District Engineer to complete the Ginjee bridge before the dispersion of the work people.

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

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 1831; dated 26th September 1857.

With the letter above recorded, the Chief Engineer submits a list of new works to be exempted from the operation of the restriction laid on the Public Works expenditure. The District Engineer states that it is highly desirable to proceed with the works named, partly to secure the Public Revenue, and partly to maintain the portions already executed. The Government fully see the policy of the early completion of the works selected by Lieutenant Foord, but they regret that they are unable, under the repeated instructions received from the Government of India, to authorize expenditure to the full extent proposed. In the case of the Goverapet and Areagoostee channels, the Government do not see that stoppage of their prosecution is likely to create any serious injury to the work already performed, while the balance required for their completion is large; the Right Honorable the Governor in Council can therefore only sanction the prosecution of the other works named in the list on an aggregate outlay of Rupees (3,747) three thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven.

	Rs.	
Total of the list.....		17,243
Deduct		
Goverapet channel	11,279	
Areagoostee do.	2,217	
		13,496
Remainder...		3,747

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

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No. 3869

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St. George

Under date the 14th September 1857.

Read the following letter

From

To

Chief Engineer &c. &c.

Sir,

Dated 7th 25th

In reply to your circular No. 77 of the 27th July 1857, I have the honor to forward a list of works in progress on which I consider a further expenditure necessary for reasons that are stated below.

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6. I have put down the small sum of Rs 150 against the bridges on the road from Columdampatt to Calicoady. This sum is required for the Gabels of one of the bridges. The excavation for the wing walls has been made, but in order to stop the works pending the Coroner inquiry and to have cheap at the same both bricks and timber, of which the latter must be split & hewn

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Enclosure 1

Public Works Dept.

No. 1831

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
held at Simla the 21st September 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer

Dated Simla the 14th September 1857
No. 3669

With reference to the above Proceedings the Chief Engineer submits a list of new Works to be exempted from the operation of the Resolution laid on the Public Works Expenditure. The Divisional Engineer

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Dated Simla the 11th Sept. 1857
No. 3669

Public Works Dept.
Read a Letter from the Chief Engineer
N.W.P. No. 1822.

Ordered that the Resolution
of Government No. 1443
dated the 23rd Sept. 1857
be published in the Gazette.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor
of the North Western Provinces

C. Thomason
Secretary to Government

Allahabad the 26th Sept. 1857.

No. 1443

Dated Simla the 23rd Sept. 1857

Public Works Department

Resolution

The Lieutenant Governor has received the Report of the Chief Engineer, N.W.P. No. 1822, dated the 11th instant, submitting a list of Works which he proposes should be exempted from the operation of the Resolution of Government No. 3669 dated the 14th instant, laid on the Public Works Expenditure.

The Lieutenant Governor has received the Report of the Chief Engineer, N.W.P. No. 1822, dated the 11th instant, submitting a list of Works which he proposes should be exempted from the operation of the Resolution of Government No. 3669 dated the 14th instant, laid on the Public Works Expenditure.

The Divisional Engineer

Sates that it is highly desirable to proceed with the Work named, partly to secure the Public Revenue, and partly to maintain the portions already executed. The Govt fully see the policy of the early completion of the works selected by Lieutenant Fowrah, but they regret that they are unable, under the respected instructions received from the Government of India, to authorize the expenditure to the full extent proposed. In the case of the Govenapeth and Arcagoodies Channels, the Government do not see that stoppage of their prosecution is likely to create any serious injury to the work already performed, while the balance required for their completion is further large; the Right Honorable the Governor in Council can only sanction therefore the prosecution of the other works named in the Cevil on an aggregate outlay of Rupees 87471 Three Thousand Seven hundred & forty seven.

Estimate of the Civil — 17,218
Deduct
Govenapeth Channel — 1279
Arcagoodies 2217 13496
Remainder 3717

I Copies to the Chief Engr with an Index Office

Cons: 28th July /57 No 70.
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— " 11th " " " 1861.

Public Works /57 Dept.
No 4 to Cons: 29th Sept.

No 1831.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 26th Sept. /57.

From Chief Engr. 8/22nd Oct /57
C.R. No. 2100+2101. in (10 Inc.)

Authorizing only the sum of £2743 for the prosecution of certain works in Sandy Creek and Channel Gowanus, and that in the case of the Gowanus Canal and Red Hook Channel Contract not exceeding that stipulated if their prosecution is likely to entail any outstanding injury to the work already performed.

No 4384+4461.

Eng. Dep. 1223.