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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 6th October 1857.

No. 18. Read the following letter from Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Government of Fort Saint George, dated Fort William, the 4th September 1857, No. 4317.

SIR,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1242, dated 25th June last submitting a Statement of two works sanctioned on emergency by the Government of Madras during the preceding month, the estimated cost of which exceeded a thousand Rupees in each case. One the construction of an annicut across the Varattaur at a cost of Rupees three thousand, six hundred and seventy, the other the re-construction of a wooden bridge leading to the main gate of the Fort of Masulipatam, at a cost of Rupees four thousand, four hundred and sixty.

2. The sanction accorded in both cases is approved by the Government of India, in the latter without remark, the bridge being in dangerous state; but in regard to the former, I am to observe that, whilst under ordinary circumstances, the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council would not be disposed to question the propriety of the sanction given by the Government of Madras to the construction of a work, by which ultimately a revenue of Rupees six hundred per annum would be secured, His Lordship is averse, at the present juncture, when it has become necessary to restrict expenditure to the narrowest limits, to any immediate outlay of this nature, and I am accordingly to suggest to the Right Honorable the Governor of Madras in Council the expediency of withholding for the present any further sanctions of this class.

No. 19. ORDER THEREON, No. 1865; dated 1st October 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information. The Government observe that the Annicut work across the Varattaur to which the Government of India take exception was sanctioned before the restrictive order came out.

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

No. 4317.

From

Colonel W. E. Baker

Secretary to the Government of India

To

H. Forbes Esqre.

Acting Secretary to the Government

of Fort Saint George

Dated the 4th September 1857.

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

Fort William
The 4th September
1854

W. H. Baker Colonel
Secretary to the Govt of India

Ans

Public Works 1857 Department
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No 1887.

From the Secretary to the
Government of India

Dated 4th }
Received 22d } September 1857

No 2317

Assenting of the sanction accorded for the construction of an ancient across the Wara-Nadi & the subsequent construction of a wooden Bridge leading to the main gate of the Fort of Madanpalle & suggesting the expediency of withholding any further sanction to the provisions of the former description

No 1865. 1st Oct.

Make an order

No 1865

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information

The Government observe that the ancient work across the Varadhanur to which the Government of India take exception was sanctioned before the restrictive order came out

Secret Dept. 1st October 1857.

Copied to the Chief Engr. Cuddp.

No 1819.

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