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No. 62. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st October 1857, No. 4122.

SIR,

Of the estimate amounting to Rupees 14,630 for re-constructing the Adyaur bridge, and repairing damage done to the Adyaur annicut, sanctioned by Government for entry in the Current Budget on the 4th March last, so much progress has been made, that whilst the former work is now available for the general convenience and accommodation of the community, the latter is complete in all respects, but for the three arches, in which the annicut is to be constructed with under sluices, and even for these, the cut stone is in readiness for immediate use.

2. The District Engineer of Chingleput reports, that by an expenditure of Rupees 1,437, the dam will be rendered effective, and can at once be made conducive to the important purposes it was originally intended to subserve.

3. Lieutenant A. Moberly has been called upon to submit with the least practicable delay a Statement of expenditure on the Adyaur bridge, and on the annicut separately, shewing also the amount required to complete both these works.

4. But as great importance is justly attached to Artillery Head Quarters being put in early possession of a sheet of deep water for practice and exercise in pontooning, and as at the present time especially, it is in the highest degree desirable, that both Officers and men should be familiar practically with the operations of embarking and debarking their guns, I do myself the honor to apply for the sanction of Government, to an expenditure not exceeding Rupees (1,437) one thousand, four hundred and thirty-seven, and I respectfully recommend, that the same may be authorized without delay, as being out of all proportion insignificant, compared with the importance of the Madras Artillery Head Quarters being provided with the means of gun exercise, so as to render them expert in those operations, it may not be unlikely they will soon be called upon to perform, either in the presence of, or during actual service against an enemy.

5. The Statement referred to in para. 3 will be duly placed before Government when received, but I am anxious to have the under sluices re-constructed, before the filling of the river, which may now be shortly expected.

No. 63. ORDER THEREON, No. 1957; dated 17th October 1857.

In this letter, the Chief Engineer asks authority to spend a sum of Rupees 1,437 for rendering the Adyaur annicut effective, with the view of putting the Artillery Head Quarters in possession of a sheet of deep water for practice, and exercise in pontooning. It is not clear to the Government from the above letter whether the sum now applied for is to be in excess of the sanctioned estimate or not; but the work is not of so emergent a nature, even in a Military point of view, as to justify the expenditure recommended, after the special orders for restriction received from the Government of India. Under the above circumstance, the Government cannot comply with the Chief Engineer's application.

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

Conclusion

Central Office of D.W.

No. 4122 Fort Saint George

per

October 1857

From

The Chief Engineer

D.W.

To

The Secretary to Government

D.W.D.

Sir,

"Public" 14530

Of the Estimate amounting to Rupees 21400 for reconstructing the Adyaur Bridge, and repairing damage done to the Adyaur Anicut, sanctioned by Government for entry in the Current Budget on the 2nd March last, as much progress has been made, that whilst the former work is now available for the general convenience and accommodation of the community, the latter is complete in all respects, but for the three arches, in which the Anicut is to be constructed with under sluices, and even for these, the cut stone is in readiness for immediate use.

2. The District Engineer of Chingleput reports, that by an expenditure of Rupees 1437, the dam will be rendered effective, and can at once be made conducive

conducive to the important purposes it was originally intended to subserve.

3. Lieutenant A Moberly has been called upon to submit with the least practicable delay a Statement of expenditure on the Adyar Bridge, and on the Anicut separately, shewing also the amount required to complete both these works.

4. But as great importance is justly attached to Artillery Head Quarters being put in early possession of a sheet of deep water for practice and exercise in pontooning, and as at the present time especially, it is in the highest degree desirable, that both Officers and men should be familiar practically with the operations of embarking and debarking their guns, I do myself the honor to apply for the sanction of Government, to an expenditure not exceeding Rupees (1437) One thousand four hundred and thirty seven, and respectfully recommend, that the same may be authorized without delay, as being such a small proportion insignificant, compared with the importance of the Madras Artillery Head Quarters being provided with the means of gun exercise, as are besides them experts in those operations, it may not be unlikely, they will soon be called upon to perform, either in the presence of, or during actual service against, an enemy.

5. The Statement referred to in Para 3, will be duly placed before Government when received, but I am anxious to have the under sluices reconstructed, before the filling of the new tank, which may be shortly expected.

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort Saint George, 1st October 1857.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servt

Lt Colonel
Chief Engineer &c &c.

To
The Secretary to
Government
&c &c &c.

P.W.C. Dept.

No 1957.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 17th October 1857.

Read the following

letter from the Chief

Engineer.

Here enter 1st October /57

No 6122/

In this letter

the Chief Engineer asks

authority to expend a

sum of 1 Rupee 1437 for

rendering the Adyar

Channel effective, with

the view of putting the

Artillery Head Quarters

in possession of a sheet

of deep water for practice

and exercise in pontooning.

Jp

Cons. 10th March /58 No 1628.

Public Works Dept. Despatch from Govt. No. 20 dated 26th Oct. /57 No 1052

From the Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government

Dated 1st October 1857

Received 2nd October 1857

No 6122

Enclosure

Copy of Letter from Captain Appointed for the Artillery Head Quarters

for an expenditure of Rs. 1437 to

complete the Adyar Channel for

making a Pool to enable Artillery

Rafts & Pontoons to practise and

Men in the embarcation and

debarcation of Guns, Mortars &c

Fort St. George

114 Coll. 16th

It is not clear to the
Govt. from the above
letter whether the sum
now applied for is to be
in excess of the sanc-
tioned Estimate or not,
but the work to which
of so emergent a nature,
even in a Military
point of view, as to jus-
tify the expenditure
recommended, after
the special orders for
restriction received
from the Govt. of India.
Under the above cir-
cumstance the Govt.
cannot comply with
the Chief Engineer's ap-
plication.

J. R.

Copies to the Chief Engr.
Dec. 19?

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dy. to Cons: 20th October

No. 1957.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 17th October 57.

Ex Chief Engr 15th Octr 57 &
Ab/ 2045 in 6 Sheets

Declining to comply with the Chief Engineer's application for an expenditure of Rupees 1407. to complete the Adyar Anicut for making a pool to enable Artillery Head Quarters to exercise in the embarkation and disembarkation of Guns near Saint Thomas' Mount.

Ex Chief Engr 0/22d Octr 57 encl.
2 estimates: 3 Sheets
From 0687. Ch. Engr 17 Novr 57
Encl. 2752 Rupees

No. 62-963