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No. 88. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th October 1857, No. 4303.

1 Letter from the District Engineer Nellore No. 1946, dated 3rd October.
1 Extract of a letter from the District Engineer to the Collector Nellore No. 1942, dated 3rd October 1857.

Resolved to forward to Government the foregoing letter No. 1946, dated 3rd October, with its enclosure in continuation of the Chief Engineers letter No. 4181, of the same date.

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

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 3rd October 1857, No. 1946.

SIR,

Since my letter No. 1840 of the 17th Ultimo was written, I have received a copy of letter addressed to you by the Sub Collector in charge in reply to Extract from your Proceedings, dated 10th September, and as this Officer has expressed views which entirely coincide with those I have been led from actual observation to entertain, it is unnecessary for me to do more than furnish a little additional information regarding the actual expenditure up to the 31st August on the repairs of irrigation works, and the probable total outlay up to the 15th November.

2. The enclosed Extract from a letter to the Sub Collector contains this information from which it will be seen that the money allotted will probably exceed by Rupees 5,000 the amount we shall be able to expend before the tanks are full, but that should any accidents occur a very considerable sum will be necessary to replace them in a state fit to hold a supply for the current Fusly's cultivation.

3. In conclusion I may remark, with reference to the first part of the Collector's letter, that Officer, has apparently overlooked a letter No. 1831, dated 16th September addressed by me to the Acting Collector, in which I gave all the information in my power regarding the state and prospects of the various irrigation works, in reply to a communication from the latter Officer dated the 12th Idem.

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to F. B. ELTON, Esq., Collector of Nellore, dated 3rd October 1857, No. 1942.

SIR,

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2. The expenditure up to 31st August on repairs amounted to only Rupees 7508-11-9, but at that time owing to the changes in the Department a start had hardly been made, I estimate that about Rupees 11,851 had been spent during September, and Rupees 16,881-12-0 have been applied for on account of irrigation works for October, making altogether about Rupees 36,241-7-9. Perhaps Rupees 12,000 may be laid out in November before the tanks become too full to admit of work being carried on, and some small expenditure thereafter will be absolutely necessary. This small outlay, which from the miserably insufficient state of the Department, it has not been possible to exceed, will I fear leave a large number of works in a very precarious state, and the result will mainly depend upon the character of the first burst of the monsoon; should it be like last year, almost every tank will again be breached, and then the only plan will be to make every village repair its tank as well as possible as the few members of the Department at present in the District will be unable even to look at half the tanks much less to prepare estimates for their immediate repair.

No. 89. ORDER THEREON, No. 1969; dated 20th October 1857.

With his letter of the 3rd October last, the Chief Engineer submitted one from Lieutenant Mullins, the District Engineer of Nellore, representing the inadequacy of the sum (Rupees 53,780) allotted for the repairs of the Irrigation Works in that District, and expressing his apprehension that, unless the amount allowed be doubled, the revenue would be endangered to the extent of from 1½ to 2 lacs. On this representation, which was endorsed, in terms of still greater urgency, by the Sub Collector in charge of the Province, the Government granted* an additional sum of 53,780 Rupees, with reference to the letter from the Government of India of the 7th August last, No. 3898.

* Extract Mins. Cons. 20th October 1857, No. 1968.

2. With his Proceedings above recorded, the Chief Engineer submits a further letter from Lieutenant Mullins enclosing an Extract from one which he had addressed to the Collector, from which it appears that Rupees 19,360 have been expended in repairs up to the 30th September, and that Rupees 16,882 would probably be expended in October, and Rupees 12,000 in November; making in all Rupees 48,242, and leaving a balance of upwards of Rupees 5,000† out of the sum allotted to the District. Lieutenant Mullins says that it has not been possible to exceed the above outlay, in consequence of the inefficient state of the Department; but he adds that, should any accidents occur to the tanks during the monsoon, a very considerable sum will be required to replace them in a state fit to hold a supply for the current Fusly's cultivation.

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† Sum allotted.....	53,780
Probable expenditure.....	48,242
Remainder....	5,538

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council must notice the inconsistency of these representations; in his former letter Lieutenant Mullins asked for a sum equal to what had already been allotted to the District, urging the insufficiency of the authorized amount for the necessary repairs. He now says that he has 5,000 Rupees more than he can spend; an admission that justifies the inference that the additional money he has asked for, is to be spent, not in *ordinary*, but in emergent repairs to tanks which might be damaged in the monsoon. Thus it appears that Lieutenant Mullins has had as much money as he could spend; so that if any accidents happen, they will arise, not from the restriction on expenditure, but from his alleged inability to expend what he had.

4. The Government will not recall the additional amount they have already granted, but they desire that the Chief Engineer will direct Lieutenant Mullins to employ the whole strength of his Department in executing repairs to such tanks as are still in an insecure state; making use, if necessary, of only so much of the additional grant as may be required for repairs, to preserve the Cultivation and Revenue of the present season.

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

No 1363

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works. Fort Saint George, Under date the 5th October 1857, No 1370

Read the following

From the District Engineer Nellore.

Affords information regarding the actual expenditure up to the 31st August on the repairs of Irrigation works, and the probable [illegible] 15th November next

Here Enter No 1916 dated 3rd October 1857

Entered II

Forward to Government

Letter from D.E. Nellore dated 3rd Inst. No 1916 with Enclosure

In continuation of the Chief Engineer's Letter No 1370, of this date.

Sub Divl Engineer

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Collr

Chief Engineer

Recd in Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Entd

Public Works Dept.

No. 1969.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2nd October 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 8th October 1857
No. 4503/

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which was endorsed,
in terms of still greater
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-ment granted* any
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53,780 Rupees, with re-
-ference to the letter
from the Government
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last

*Ex Mem Con.

last 1898.

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The Right
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Remainder	5538

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J. G.

Copies to the Chief Engr. 21st

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons: 20th October.

No 1969.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
D: of 20th October 57.

Directing the Employment of the whole Strength of the executive Dept. in Kellore, to such Tanks as are still in an insecure state, in view to foresee the Cultivation and Revenue of the present Season.

No 1888 & 89.

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