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No. 41. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 29th October 1857, No. 4787.

SIR,

The insufficiency of the reduced allotments of funds for repair in the current year, has been already brought to the notice of Government in regard to several Districts and the enclosed letter No. 127, dated 8th October 1857, from the District Engineer of Tinnevelly will shew that a similar deficiency is there felt.

Enclosure 4.

2. It appears by a statement submitted by Lieutenant Oakes that the sum expended up to the end of October will be Rupees 43,889, leaving only 10,981 for all repairs up to the 1st May 1858, an amount which I need scarcely observe is utterly inadequate to the wants of so highly irrigated a District with such large hydraulic works.

3. In his second statement; Lieutenant Oakes shews a proposed increase to the amount allowed for repairs of Rupees 9,059 and so far from thinking this excessive, I am clearly of opinion that the works of irrigation cannot be properly repaired within the amount.

4. The truth must I believe be now manifested to Government, that the restriction of expenditure in repairs has been carried beyond the point of safety and that any temporary alleviation of financial difficulty so obtained will be ultimately or rather proximately followed by serious loss, not on the state alone but on those landholders whose interests are involved in the maintenance of works of irrigation.

5. In the province of Tinnevelly there is a Revenue of 9 lacs dependent on irrigation, and the present increase of demand is for one per cent for repairs including those of the costly roads which have been formed mainly for the sake of the cotton trade.

6. The ordinary repairs of irrigation works are as essential to the safety of the public Revenue as the cost of Troops for its protection, or the establisment for its Collection, and earnestly hoping that this vital point may receive full consideration, I solicit sanction for an increase of Rupees (9059) nine thousand, and fifty-nine, to the amount allowed for 1857-58, for present and immediate outlay.

Letter from Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer, Tinnevelly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cootallum, 8th October 1857 No. 127.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 3912, dated 23rd Ultimo, calling upon me to report whether it is absolutely necessary that the sum alloted for the repair of Irrigation works up to the end of 1857-58 viz. Rupees 47,932 should be augmented, I have the honor to inform you that by a small reduction in the amounts entered in the statement which accompanied my letter No. 114 dated 1st Ultimo, I have reduced the amount for irrigation works to Rupees 47,932 but the amounts already expended on communications and buildings have exceeded the reduced amounts sanctioned for expenditure in 1857-58 under these heads and a still further amount is absolutely required for them.

2. An explanation was afforded in my letter referred to above regarding the amount of Rupees 20,000 being required for the purpose of clearing the irrigation channels and Tanks during the current year; regarding communications I stated that the expenditure of the whole of the discretionary allowance was absolutely required in this District and I would still more strongly urge the sanction of the whole of that amount now, as I have lately received a report on the Cotton road from Mr. Smither, who I requested to examine the work, in which he states that considerable injury has already been done to a portion of the surface of the road which consisted of decomposed Rock instead of gravel and which appears never to have become properly consolidated and has been ground into dust and carried away by the wind leaving the metalling on the surface, and this portion of the road will be completely cut up if not repaired previous to the setting in of the N. E. Monsoon as the stones will be driven into the black Cotton soil by

the bandies and altogether disappear; sundry trifling repairs are also required to the approaches to and the roadway over some of the bridges and Tunnels under these circumstances I trust that the whole amount of the discretionary allowance may be sanctioned for expenditure in 1857-58.

3. Lieutenant Paxton has been requested to furnish a report on that portion of the Cotton road in his range and Mr. Smither has been called upon for a few further particulars and when these are furnished I shall forward a detailed report on the road together with a scheme for keeping it in repairs which is now under preparation.

4. In the enclosed Statement I have entered an amount of Rupees 880 for buildings repairs to which have been sanctioned, and 700 for Cantonment roads at Quilon the repairs to the former are being caarried out but whether the latter are urgently required I am not in a position to inform you.

5. The amount required for this District from the Rupees 67,476 referred to in para. 3 of Circular XCIII dated 14th August is Rupees 9,059 but this amount does not include the Rupees 3,344, which I recommended in my letter No. 120 dated 15th Ultimo might be sanctioned for the completion of the Beach Road at Tuticorin.

Letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector of Tinnevelly; to Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly, dated Tencausey, 9th October 1857.

SIR,

In returning the enclosures of your letter of the 8th October, I have the honor to inform you that I entirely concur with you in the views expressed in your letter to the Chief Engineer of the 8th October, the subject of which has already been discussed in personal conference between us, and I request you will have the goodness to transmit a copy of this letter to the Chief Engineer, along with your own.

Statement shewing the amounts already expended in the Public Works Department up to 31st August 1857, and the amount that will remain for the execution of the Ordinary repairs during the latter part of 1857-58 out of the sanctioned amount of Rupees 54,830 for the Tinnevelly District.

Particulars.	Amount expended from 1st May up to 31st August 1857.	Probable amount expended in September and Oct.	Total.	Remarks.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
Irrigation...	21,856	3,688	25,544	
Communications...	8,000	...	8,000	
Buildings	1,157	5	1,162	
Probable amount required for emergent repairs...	...	...	2000	
Minor channel for drainage of Tharavoy Lake	...	...	388	
Buildings at Quilon	...	...	880	
Roads at Quilon	...	...	700	
Discretionary allowance* ...	...	...	5,215	* About 1250 has been already expended from this allowance and estimates passed for 1750 more.
Total...	...	...	43,889	
Amount sanctioned for the Current official year...	...	...	54,830	
Balance...	...	...	10,941	

Tinnevelly, District Engineer's Office, Courtallum, 8th Oct. 1857.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Lieut.,

Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly.

Statement shewing the amount already expended in the Deparment Public Works up to 31st August 1857, and that requiring sanction to prevent the cultivation from falling off and to preserve the existing works in the District during the current year.

	Amount expended up to 31st August 1857.	Amount required up to 30th April 1857.	Total amount.	Reduced amount of Budget.	Amount requiring sanction.
Irrigation works.....	21,856	26,076	47,932	47,932	.....
Communications.....	8,000	5,915	13,915	6,110	7,805
Buildings.....	1,162	880	2,042	788	1,254
Total	31,018	32,871	63,889	54,830	9,059

Tinnevelly District, Engineer's office, Courtallum, 8th October 1857.

(Signed) R. F. OAKES, Lieutenant,

Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, No. 2111; dated 16th November 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions an increase of Rupees (9,059) nine thousand and fifty-nine, to the amount already allowed for repairs to works of Irrigation &c. during the current official year in the District of Tinnevelly.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George
29th October 1857.

No. 4787.

From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Public.

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Fort St George
29th October 1857

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
Humble Servant
A. Edwardes Col.
Chief Engr

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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No 2129

From The Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Govt

PWD

Dated 29th Octr 1857

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No 2111. 16th Novr

Points out the insufficiency of the reduced allotment of funds for repair in the Current year, and for reasons set forth, solicits sanction for an increase of Rupees 9059, to the amount allowed for 1857/58 for the Tinnevelly District.

With an Order.

No 2111

Under the circumstance represented in the foregoing letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions an increase of Rupees (9059) Nine thousand and fifty nine to the amount already allowed for repairs to works of irrigation during the current Official year in the District of Tinnevelly.

Fort St George
16th Novr 1857

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