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No. 29. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq. Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th November 1857, No. 5039.

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to submit, for the approval and sanction of Government, a proposal to construct an additional new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam in the Guntoor District, instead of completing to its full dimensions, the one sanctioned for immediate formation in Minutes of Consultation of the 10th December 1856, No. 2284.

2. Captain Pollard, in the letter* of which a copy is appended, details the progress made with the work, and explains how the site chosen for the new Platform having been found less convenient for the embarkation of the Salt on boats than was anticipated, a much smaller space would suffice for the storage of the article at that spot, than was originally intended, and that it was therefore more advisable to expend the balance of the estimate on the construction of a second additional Platform, in a more suitable position than to complete, to the full size, the one sanctioned.

* 21st July 1857.

3. The Acting Collector concurs* in this opinion, and having selected a new site marked on the accompanying Plan by a red† which has been approved of by the Board† of Revenue, the sanction of Government is solicited to the change, which it is desirable to have carried out with despatch, as the work is one of extreme emergency, affecting the realization of the large Revenue derived form the sale of Salt.

†Acting Collector dated 22nd September 1857, No. 133.

†Extract from Proceedings No. 3520 of the 20th October 1857.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th October 1857, No. 3520.

Read the following letter from R. R. COTTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Guntoor,; to J. D. SIM, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Guntoor, 22nd September 1857, No. 133.

SIR,

From Captain Orr, 17th August 1857, with enclosures No. 262.
From the Acting Head Assistant Collector of Guntoor 10th September 1857.

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board, copy of correspondence noted in the margin, together with the original Plan therein referred to, relative to a new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam.

2. Mr. Masters letter of the 10th Instant, appearing to be sufficiently explanatory, I do not consider any further details called for.

3. The site for a new Platform fixed upon by the Acting Head Assistant Collector, to the north of the new Pans C, and D, seems to be convenient and unobjectionable, and I would therefore recommend its adoption in preference to the rising ground described in para. 5 of Mr. Masters communication, the Superintendent of Salt in Chinna Ganjam who has personally examined the locality also concurs in this arrangement.

4. The attention of the Civil Engineer has been called to the necessity of the construction of the bunds, and the enlargement of the Platforms adverted to in paras. 8 and 9 of the Acting Head Assistants letter.

5. In communicating the approval of the Board, I beg that the original Plan now transmitted may be returned, no copy of it having been retained in my office.

Letter from Captain C. A. ORR, District Engineer in charge Kistnah Division; to R. R. COTTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Guntoor, dated Bezoarah, 17th August 1857, No. 262.

SIR,

In forwarding copy of Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, No. 2891 of the 13th Instant, I annex copy of the letter alluded to from Captain Pollard to my address re-

commending (I believe after communicating with the late Acting Collector) the construction of a separate Platform in a more convenient situation, instead of the enlargement to the full dimensions of the one already finished to the extent of 80 by 60 yards, and I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to fix upon the new site, and if you think necessary, communicate with the Board of Revenue on the subject, as suggested by the Chief Engineer.

Letter from Captain D. G. POLLARD, Executive Engineer, 3rd Class Kistnah Division; to Captain C. A. ORR, District Engineer Bezoarah, dated Chinna Ganjam, 21st July 1857, No. 14.

SIR,

With reference to the estimate for a new Salt yard at Chinna Ganjam amounting to Rupees 5,160, sanctioned by Government on the 10th December 1856. I have the honor to report, that it has been considered unadvisable to construct the same of the full dimensions originally intended, which were adopted to the storage of a larger quantity of Salt than now seems likely to be required in that particular locality.

The site was selected with a view to the facility of Shipping the Salt in the expectation of a considerable export trade which has been I believe abandoned, the obstacles of a high surf and dangerous bar appearing insurmountable.

The dimensions of the Platform were intended to be 200 yards by 60 of which 80 by 60 have been nearly completed requiring only hedging, turfing, and levelling and the erection of Peons huts.

The total expenditure has been Rupees 2,461-5-2 including Rupees 360, the cost of extension of No. 13 Platform, and Rupees 205, for making road, both which works are sanctioned in the estimate above alluded to, an addition about Rupees 500 will be required to complete the portion of the new Platform, now in a forward state, leaving a balance of Rupees 2,198-10-10 and as more Storage room for Salt is urgently required, I beg you will be good enough to apply for sanction for the expenditure of the above sum in the construction of a new Salt yard, of dimensions corresponding with the unmade portion of that now under report, which can be placed in a much more convenient situation with regard to facility of access, and at the same time formed of better material.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Public Works Department, under date the 13th August 1857, No. 2891.

Read letter from the District Engineer Kistnah Division.

(Here enter 31st July 1857, No. 57.)

Resolved, with reference to the foregoing letter No. 57, dated 31st Ultimo, and its enclosures from Captain Pollard, to request that the District Engineer Kistnah Division will be good enough, in communication with the Collector of Guntoor, to determine, and report to the Central office, the site on which it may be proposed to construct a separate Salt Platform, instead of completing to its full dimensions, the one at Chinna Ganjam. It appears however, to the Chief Engineer, desirable, that before any changes in the dimensions of the Platform already sanctioned, are proposed to the Central office, that the Collector should communicate on the subject, with the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Supg. Engineer Southern Circle.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 1st December 1857.

Letter from C. G. MASTER, Esq., Acting Head Assisstant Collector of Guntoor; to R. R. COTTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Guntoor, dated 10th September 1857.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th Ultimo, desiring my opinion on the best site for a new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam.

2. The great object is to have this Platform in the most convenient position for storing the Salt which will be manufactured in the Pans about to be newly made, the Plan sent by the Superintendent, not being plotted to any scale does not give a clear view of the relative distances, but by consulting the accompanying Map made this year by a Gomastah employed under the Survey Ameen, a tolerably correct Idea of the postion of the new Pans will be obtained.

3. The pencilled oblongs A. B. C. D. represent the position of the new Pans. The Salt of A. will be stored on the Platform to the east now in course of construction B. C. and D. remain to be considered.

4. The high ground on the other side of the backwater, to the east of B. was at one time thought of, but Mr. Newill relinquished this Idea on account of the difficulty of access. He has made a remark to this effect, on the Superintendents plan.

5. The only other place that seems available is a spot marked "Konchem meraka" కొంచెంమేర on the southward of D. unfortunately it is not at all central: it would be a long distance for the ryots of B, to bring their Salt. It has however been approved of by Mr. Newill (vide his remarks on the Superintendents plan) and when Platform No. 12 is enlarged, some of the Salt might be carried there if the ryots find it more convenient. It must also be observed that eventually if new Pans are given out lieu of those under Platforms 1-2-3 and 4 the swamp to the Southward of C. will probably be chosen for them, and a Platform in this position would then be particularly convenient. The Platform should be made as near as practicable to D.

6. But before finally deciding on this, there is another place which should be looked at I have been told by the Gomastah who made the Survey at Chinna Ganjam that there is somewhat of a rising ground to the North of C. (where I have put a red cross in the map) It is, he says, partly occupied by the Salt water pits belonging to the Pans of Nos. 12 and 13 Platforms these however might easily be transferred elsewhere, if the spot seemed suitable in other respects I cannot speak to the place from my own recollection, but the Superintendent might be instructed to examine it at once, and if his report is favorable I would recommend that the site be chosen in preference to the one mentioned above it is so much more Central.

7. Besides these, there is no good site it is possible of course to put a Platform any where in the swamp, but the cost would be much increased from the necessity of raising it higher.

8. While on the subject of the new Pans I would observe, that Captain Pollard lately made an estimate for placing bunds* across the channels at either end of A, to keep the tidal water out I do not know whether these have been yet made. It is very necessary that no time should be lost about them, for it will be impossible for the ryots to make Pans in A, or B, when every spring tide completely covers the ground.

* 2 Red pencil lines in the map.

9. It is also very necessary that Platforms Nos. 7 and 12 should be enlarged according to the Superintendents recommendation I am not aware that any estimate has been yet made for this.

10. The enclosures of your letter are herewith returned.

11. The delay in answering your letter arose from the Survey map having been lent to the Assistant Engineer Mr. Sage who has only just returned it.

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted to the Chief Engineer in the Department Public Works; with an intimation, that the Board see no objection to the construction of a separate Salt Platform in the situation recommended by the Acting Collector instead of the enlargement to the full dimensions of the one already sanctioned by the Minutes

Consultation of Government of the 10th December 1856, No. 2284 P. W. D. and should the Chief Engineer concur in this opinion, the Board request that he will apply to Government for the necessary sanction as soon as possible.

(A true Extract)

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary.

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 2189; dated 26th November 1857.

Under the circumstance represented in the above letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the construction of a separate Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam, instead of the completion of the one authorized in Extract Minutes of Consultation, 10th December 1856, No. 2284, to the full dimension originally intended.

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

Revenue Department

No. 3520

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 26th October 1857.

Read letter from the Acting Collector of Guntoor dated 22nd September 1857.

(Here Enter No. 133)

Ordered that the foregoing letter and its enclosure be submitted to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works with an intimation that the Board see no objection to the construction of a separate Salt platforms in the situations recommended by the Acting Collector instead of the enlargement to the full dimensions of the one already sanctioned by the Minutes Consultations of Government of the 10th December 1856 No. 2284 P.W.D. and should the Chief Engineer concur in this opinion the Board request that he will apply to Government for the necessary sanction as soon as possible.

/True Extract/

/Signed/ J. D. Sim
Acting Secretary

To Coll. C. Haber
Chief Engineer

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Guntoor
Collectors Office
22d September 1837.

No 133

From

R. R. Cotton Esquire
Acting Collector of Guntoor

To

L. A. Sims Esquire
A.g. Secretary to the Bd of Revenue
Fort St George

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Board, a copy of correspondence noted in the margin, together with the original Plan therein referred to, relative to a new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam.

From Capt. Pollard 17th August 1837 with Enclosures Nos 1 & 2
From the Actg Collector of Guntoor 18th September 1837.

2.. Mr Masters Letter of the 18th inst appearing to be sufficiently explanatory I do not consider any further details called for.

3.. The site for a new platform fixed upon by the Acting Head Assistant Collector to the North of the new pans C & D. seems to be convenient and unobjectionable, and I would therefore recommend its adoption in preference to the rising ground described in para 5 of Mr Masters communication. the Superintendent of Salt in Chinna Ganjam who has personally examined the locality also

also concurs in this arrangement.

4.. The attention of the Civil Engineer has been called to the necessity of the construction of the bunds, and the enlargement of the platforms adverted to in paras 8 and 9 of the Acting Head Assistants letter.-

5.. In communicating the approval of the Board, I beg that the original Plan now transmitted may be returned no copy of it having been retained in my Office.

I have &c

Guntoor
Collectors Office
22d September 1837.

/ Sigd / Robt R. Cotton
A.G. Collector

No 262

To

The Acting Collector
of Guntoor

Sir,

In forwarding copy of Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No 2891 of the 13th Instant, I annex copy of the letter alluded to from Captain Pollard to my address recommending (I believe after communicating with the late Acting Collector) the construction of a separate platform

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in a more convenient situation, instead of the enlargement to the full dimensions of the one already finished to the extent of 80 by 60 yards, and I have the honor to request that you will have the goodness to fix upon the new site, and if you think necessary, communicate with the Board of Revenue on the subject, as suggested by the Chief Engineer.—

I have &c.

Deborah 2/Ss/ C. A. Orr Capt.
17 August 1837. Dist. Eng. in ch. N. Div.

No 14.

Captain C. A. Orr
District Engineer
Berozabad

Sir.

With reference to the Estimate for a new Salt yard at Chinna Ganjam amounting to Rs 5160- sanctioned by you on the 10th December 1836, I have the honor to report, that it has been considered inadvisable to construct the same of the full dimensions originally intended, which were adopted to the storage of a larger quantity of Salt than now seems likely to be required in that particular locality.

The site was selected with a view to the facility of shipping the Salt and the expectation of a considerable export trade which has been I believe abandoned, the obstacles of a high surf and dangerous bar appearing insurmountable.

The dimensions of the platform were intended to be 200 yards by 60 of which 80 by 60 have been nearly completed, requiring only hedging, turfing, and levelling and the erection of Peons huts.

The total expenditure has been Rs 2161.5.2. including Rupees 360, the cost of extension of No 13 Platform, and Rs 205. for making road, to the which works are sanctioned in the Estimate above alluded to— An addition about Rs 500— will be required to complete the portion of the new Platforms, now in a forward state, leaving a balance of Rs 2198-10-10. and as more Storage room for Salt is urgently required, I beg you will be good enough to apply for sanction for the expenditure of the above sum in the construction of a new Salt yard, of dimensions corresponding with the unmade portion of that now under report, which can be placed in a much more convenient situation with regard to facility of access, and at the same time formed of better material.— I have &c.

Chinna Ganjam 21st July 1837. 1/Rec'd 7/8/ 1/S/ D. C. Pollard Capt. D. Engr 3d Class N. Div.
2/S/ C. A. Orr Capt. D. Engr in ch. N. Div.

Extract

No. 2891

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the D.P.W.D.s. Under date the 13th August 1837.

Read letter from the District Engineer Kistna Division.

(Here Enter 31st July 1837 No. 57.)

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/ A.S. C.C. Johnston Capt.
A.C. Sup.g. Engr. Circle

/ True Extract /

/ A.S. C.A. Orr Capt.
Dist.t Engr. Kistnah Div.n

Guntoor 11
A.D.C.t Collrs Office
10th September 1837.

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C. G. Master Esquire
A.g. A.D.C.t Collector of Guntoor.

To R. R. Cotton Esquire
A.g. Collector of Guntoor.

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11.- The delay in answering your letter arose from the Survey Map having been sent to the Assistant Engineer Mr. Sage who has only just returned it.-

I have &c.
/ Sd/ C. G. Master
Ag. Asst. Collector

True Copies
/ Sgd/ Robt. G. Cotton
Ag. Collector.

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Alex Fraser Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
No 5839 Port St George. 7 November 1839.

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

Number District
Revenue
Salt Collah

Sir,

I have the honor herewith to submit, for the approval and sanction of Government, a proposal to construct an additional new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam, in the Guntoor District, instead of completing, to its full dimensions, the one Sanctioned for immediate formation in Minutes of Consultation of the 18th December 1838 No 32852.

Enclosures 2
1 Copies of letter
1 Plan

Captain Pollard, in the letter of
* 31st Oct 1837. 2 which a Copy is appended, details the
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Chief Engineer and a Letter from the Chief Engineer to Secretary to Government P.W. Department

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Copies of correspondence on the establishment of a new Salt Platform at Chinna Ganjam.

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a/g Collector. dated 23d Sept. /57 No 133.

Ex: from Proceedgs No 3520 of the 23d October 1857

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obed Servant

Central Office of Works
Fort St Geo
7 November 1857

A.B. Fisher Colonel

C.B.C. Chief Engineer

Comm 16th Dec. 55 No. 163

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Dto to Govt 14 Dec.
No. 2217.

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

Dated 7th
Rec'd 10th November 1857

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No. 0039

Submits for the approval and sanction of Government a proposal to construct an additional Salt Platform at Chunna Bunjaun, in lieu of, & fully completing the one sanctioned in Ref: Govt Comm: of the 16 Dec. 1856 No 2284. with copies of correspondence on the subject.

With any Order
No 2180. 26th Nov.

No. 2189

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the construction of a separate salt platform at Chunna Bunjaun, in lieu of the completion of the one authorized in Ref. Govt Comm. 10 December 1856 No. 2284, to the full dimensions originally intended.

Fort St. George
26th Nov. 1857

9 Copies to the Chief Engr
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