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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th December 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 75. Letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 12th November 1857, No. 5151.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2070, dated 5th November 1857, I have the honor to represent the extreme difficulty of arriving at any safe or accurate calculation of the amount which may be required for repairs during the current year over and above the allotment fixed under Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1545, dated 8th August 1857.

2. The pressure arising from Military movements, and the extensive injuries caused in some Districts by the violence of the monsoon shew that the amount then fixed will prove inadequate and it is impossible to obtain any reliable estimates at this season for the remainder of the official year.

3. Under these circumstances it appears to me that the best plan will be for the Government to revert to the original Budget scale of repairs, Rupees 21,83,442 as having been determined on an average of past years, as there is no reason to suppose that under the new Executive system that amount can be safely reduced.

4. The reports of nearly all the District Officers concur in shewing the inadequacy of the sums now sanctioned, and I can see no advantage in making fresh references to them on the subject.

5. I should observe that in the state of the Road the necessity of an increased allowance is as urgent as in the other Departments.

No. 76. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 21st November 1857, No. 5422.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. A. FOORD, District Engineer, South Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore, 14th November 1857, No. 349.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that immediately on receipt of the Memorandum of the reduced amount allowed for repairs, which was forwarded with Extract from your proceedings of the 14th August XCIII, I revised the maintenance allowances of all the roads in the District, and instructed the Executive Officers to select only those tanks and channels for repair, that were really in on unsafe state. Work has been carried on in this District in accordance with these instructions, and it has been my endeavour to make the reduced amount suffice for the repairs of irrigation works, but I now find it absolutely necessary to apply for a further sum.

2. The amount entered in the Budget for the repairs of irrigation works is Rupees 64,000. The reduced amount is Rupees 43,024, the amount of the estimates handed over to me by the Collector on the 1st May was Rupees 1,85,068, of which only Rupees 53,281 had been expended to the end of the last official year. The estimates for the Villapoorum Talook alone amounted to Rupees 17,224 as that Talook suffered very severely from the Gale of last year, when 52 tanks were breached.

3. The expenditure on irrigation repairs up to the end of the last month was Rupees 41,960-6-10, thus leaving only a balance of Rupees 1,063-9-2 for expenditure during the next six months, an amount altogether insufficient. The number of estimates that have already been made will show the amount of work that has to be done. But I will mention a few works of importance, that should be completed during the present year.

	Rupees.
New lock gates for the Lalpet lock.....	1,200
Rebuilding aqueduct over the Goverapett channel.....	1,500
Clearing Vieravandy channel.....	3,413
Closing breach in the Coleroon at Tricalapalay.....	1,162

4. I therefore beg to recommend that sanction be granted to expend the amount entered in the Budget for the repairs of irrigation works viz., Rupees 64,000, as I feel confident that with a less sum the security of the works generally cannot be provided for. The amount allowed for road repairs is not sufficient to maintain them in a proper state, particularly as not one of them has yet been completed in metalling &c., but I do not consider it expedient to ask for additional funds at present.

Resolved to submit to Government the foregoing letter No. 349, dated 14th November 1857, from the District Engineer of South Arcot, reporting the inadequate amount of funds available for repairs of irrigation works in that District and to express the Chief Engineer's hope that sanction will be granted for increasing the amount to the former allotment of Rupees (64,000) sixty-four thousand, which in itself is of scanty rather than of redundant dimensions.

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

No. 77. ORDER THEREON, No. 2275; dated 7th December 1857.

From the representations made in the above letters, and in a previous one from the Chief Engineer of the 21st Ultimo, No. 4630, it is obvious to Government that the sums allotted to the different Districts for repairs during the current official year in accordance with Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 8th August last, No. 1545, are wholly inadequate, and that the limit fixed in that order cannot be maintained without injury to the Public revenue. In accordance therefore with the permission granted by the Government of India in the concluding para. of their letter of 7th August last, No. 3898, to execute all such repairs as are necessary for maintaining the various works in a state of complete efficiency, the Government resolve to authorize the Chief Engineer to sanction estimates for repairs to Irrigation works during the current year to the extent allowed in the Budget of 1857-58, in all cases in which he may consider the measure to be necessary for the maintenance of the existing revenue.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
12. November 1857.

No. 5151

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

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4 The Reports of nearly all the District Officers concur in shewing the indispensacy of the sums now sanctioned, and I can see no advantage in making fresh references to them on the subject.

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servant
Ed. Fisher Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
12 Novr. 1857

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To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

No. 5422.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 21st November 1857.

Read the following letter

No. 349.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber

Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Sir,

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Closing breach in the Caleroon at Tricalapalay ..... " 1162

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I have the honor to be Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) C. A. Board
District Engineer
South Arcot

Cuddalore
14th November
1857

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(True Extract)
A. Ed. Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

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To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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No 2275

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 7th Decr 1857.

Read the following

Letters from the Chief Engineer

Hereunder 12th & 21st Novr 1857 N 51514/5122

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of the existing revenue

J. Grey

J. Grey to the Chief Engr.
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Public Works 1857 Dep.tt.
Do. to Couns. 8th Decr.

No. 2275.

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Of 7th Decr. 57.

Authorizing the Chief Engineer to sanction Estimates for repairs to irrigation works during the current year to the extent allowed in the Budget of 1857/58, in all cases in which he may consider the measure to be necessary for the maintenance of the existing revenue.

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