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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th December 1857.

No. 43. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 18th November 1857, No. 5290.

SIR,

1. With reference to the latter part of para. 4 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 2082 of the 10th Instant, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the remark appended by the Acting Collector to the estimate submitted by me on the 23rd September 1857, No. 3918 for the continuation of the Weyoor and Mopedavy channel from Nadacoodroo to Masulipatam, and throwing off a branch to Waudapolliem, instead of terminating it near Mopedavy was this.

"This is no doubt an excellent project, but it does not benefit an acre of Government "land; and it is far more important ere spending money and time on this to complete the Canal "and Aqueduct into Devoy Talook."

2. The Extract from the District Engineer's letter submitting the estimate, given in my letter of the 23rd September No. 3918 above referred to, and noticed in the Extract of Minutes of Consultation under reply, sufficiently answers the Collector's remark, and I further learn from Captain Orr that the completion of water communication with Masulipatam, and the bringing of a large tract of land into a high state of irrigation by this channel, are far more important and advantageous objects, than the merely providing a more certain and large supply of water, by the construction of an Aqueduct for the already well cultivated Talook of Devoy.

3. The construction of an aqueduct being a work of great magnitude and difficulty, ought to be deferred till greater progress has been made with the improvement of the more accessible portions of the District, and for economy's sake, until water communication for the transport of materials are more perfected.

4. The Acting Collector has not given a Statement of the increase to be looked for, but the data on which it was calculated at Rupees 90,000 appear to be sound, as there is no doubt that more than 30,000 acres will fall under the influence of the channel and its branch, and the water rate to be charged cannot well be less than Rupees 3 per acre, or 25 per cent less than that fixed for it in Guntoor by Mr. Newill.

5. With this explanation I trust that, the Government will now be pleased to comply with my application of the 23rd September last, and will authorize the insertion of Rupees (1,56,000) one lac, fifty-six thousand, in the Budget of 1858-59.

No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 2308; dated 11th December 1857.

In Extract Minutes Consultation dated 10th Ultimo, the Government fully considered the project submitted for extending the Mopedavy channel, on the East bank of the Kistnah to Masulipatam, and for carrying a branch to Waudapolliem, and called upon the Chief Engineer to submit a copy of the Collector's remark in regard to this work together with that Officer's report on the increase looked for from it.

2. The Chief Engineer, in his present letter, gives a copy of the Collector's remark, in which that Officer states that the project "does not benefit an acre of Government land," and reports that he the Collector, has not given a statement of the increase to be looked for. Colonel Faber remarks however that the data on which the increase was calculated at Rupees 90,000 appear to be sound as there is no doubt that more than 30,000 acres will fall under the influence of the channel and its branch, and requests sanction for the entry of the estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,66,000, in the next Budget.

3. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council is not prepared to authorize the entry of this estimate in the Budget. In the first place the remark of the Collector that the project does not benefit one acre of Government land, and the statement of the Chief Engineer that an increase of Rupees 90,000 to the Revenue of the state will be the result, are irreconcilable, and the Government are so entirely without information as to the data on which Colonel Faber has

calculated the profits that they cannot consent to set aside the opinion of the Revenue Officer. In para. 2 of the Extract Minutes Consultation quoted, the Government have remarked, that the statement of the Chief Engineer as to the profit, did not appear either in Lieutenant Beatty's letter, or in that of Captain Orr, and that he did not shew on what data he calculated this increase of Revenue. Colonel Faber's present communication does not throw any light on the subject, and Government cannot be expected to give their support to so large an outlay without full information. Resolved therefore that the Collector of Masulipatam be requested through the Chief Engineer to submit a full report of his opinion on the project, together with a return of the extent of land that will be newly brought under cultivation, and the consequent increase of Revenue to the State.

4. The Government remark that the Chief Engineer has not cleared up the doubts expressed in paragraph 3 of the Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated the 10th of November 1857, No. 2082.

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

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Central Office of P.W.
No. 5290. Fort St. George 18 November 1857.

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

Masulipatam District
Public Canals
Irrigation and
Navigations.

Sir.

1. With reference to the latter part of para 4 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation No. 2082 of the 10th instant, I have the honor to state for the information of Government, that the remarks appended by the Acting Collector to the Estimate submitted by me on the 23d September 1857 for the continuation of the Weyoor and Mopedavy Channel from Nadacroodroo to Masulipatam, and throwing off a branch to Wandapolliem, instead of terminating it near Mopedavy, was this.

No. 3918.

"This is no doubt an excellent project, "but it does not benefit an acre of "Government land, and it is far more "important ere spending money and time "on this to complete the Canal and Aqueduct "into Drainy Talook."

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Your most Obed Servant

Central Office of Av.
Fort St George
18 November 1857.

A.D. Acting Colonel
Chief Engineer

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Public Works Dept.

No. 2308.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 11th ~~November~~ 1857

Read the following

letter from the Chief Engineer.

Here enter 18th November 1857
No. 5290.

In Extract from Consultation dated 10th Instant, the Government fully considered the project submitted for extending the Moplah Channel, on the East bank of the Pedinah to Masulipatam, and for carrying a branch to Wandiwash, and called

Fort St. George, 10th November 1857.

From
The Chief Engineer
to the Secretary to Government
Public Department.

Dated 8th November 1857.
Rec'd 10th "

No. 5290

No. 2308. Dated 10th Nov.

Submitting Estimate for Construction of the Buckingham Canal Extension from the Pedinah to Masulipatam, and for the Extension of the Canal from Pedinah to Wandiwash.

Copy of Estimate for the construction of the Canal and Passage Channel.

Read.

26th November 1857.

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2. The Chief Engineer, in his present letter, gives a copy of the Collector's remarks, in which that Officer states that the project "does not benefit an acre of Government Land," and reports that he the Collector, has not given a statement of the increase to be looked for. Colonel Faber remarked however that

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4th The Govt request that
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doubts & settled in
paragraph 3 of the
letter from the Secretary
of Board dated

D/ to Govt 10th November 1/50 ~

Public Works 1857 Dept.
D/ to Govs 15th Decr.

No. 2308.

Extract Mins of Govs:
D/ 11th Decr/57.

From the Chief Enquirer 12th
February/58 C/ No/232 in 12th March

Declining to authorize the entry of the Estimate in the next Budget for the construction of the Weyyur and Mopedavy Channel on the East bank of the Pulicat to Masulipatam and resolving to request the Collector at that station to submit a full report of his opinion on the project; together with a return of the extent of land that will be newly brought under cultivation and the consequent increase of revenue to the State..

No 43 & 44.

c 26th Nov. 58 ~