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No. 28. Read the following letter from Messrs. J. W. GANTZ, W. BOYTON, W. OAKES, JUST GANTZ, CYRUS GRANT, J. DUMPHY, and J. G. FERRAND; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 9th December 1857.

SIR,

Adverting to our letter of the 25th Ultimo, on the subject of the Veysurpaudy Tank, we beg to annex copy of a reply to a communication addressed by us to the Madras Railway Company, in which we represented that the water course through the Railway at Veysurpaudy was insufficient for the free drainage of water when collected in so vast a mass, *north* of the line, as on the 25th October last; and requested that it might be so enlarged as to be sufficiently effective on similar occasions in future. In our communication we did not so much as hint at the *cause* of the inundation.

From the annexed letter, however, of the Chief Engineer of the Railway, to which we solicit attention, it will be seen that the opinion expressed by him is entirely in accordance with the views stated in our previous letter to Government,* inasmuch as he observes "that the mischief was occasioned by the bursting of the Veysurpaudy Tank bund; and that the bund in question has been kept in such bad repair as to render it more than probable that on the first heavy rain the same thing will recur."

* Of the 25th November 1857. Vide in particular paras. 3 and 6.

We would also respectfully submit that so decided is Mr. Heppel, in the opinion he has formed in regard to the state of the Tank, and the loss occasioned by the bursting of its bank, that he conceives "the Railway Company in common with ourselves ought to have a claim to compensation from the parties charged with the maintenance of the Tank bund.

Letter from Major T. A. JENKINS, Agent and Manager; to Mr. J. W. GANTZ, and others, dated 4th December 1857, No. 219.

SIR,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter complaining of the want of sufficient drainage at Veysurpaudy.

In reply I beg to annex a copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, to whom I handed over your letter for enquiry.

Letter from Mr. J. M. HEPPEL, Chief Engineer; to Major T. A. JENKINS, Agent and Manager, dated 3rd December 1857, No. 837.

DEAR SIR,

Yours No. 966, November 6th, forwarding letter from certain inhabitants of Veysurpaudy of same date.

The mischief both to the proprietors in question and to the Railway Company's property was I find by enquiry occasioned by the bursting of the Veysurpaudy Tank bund, without which I have reason to believe the waterway under the Railway would have been sufficient.

This Tank bund appears to be kept in such bad repair as to render it more than probable that on the first heavy rain the same thing will recur. It will therefore be necessary for the future safety of our own works to enlarge the water-way in question, though it would be very inexpedient to do so until the water shall have subsided.

It appears to me that the Railway Company in common with the proprietors in question, ought to have a claim to compensation from the parties charged with the maintenance of the Tank bund.

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 2340; dated 18th December 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 4th Instant, No. 2254.

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

To

H. Forbes Esq.

Actg. Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

Sir,

Adverting to our letter of the 25th ultimo on the subject of the Veyyarpaudy Tank, we beg to annex copy of a reply to a communication addressed by us to the Madras Railway Company, in which we represented that the water course through the Railway at Veyyarpaudy was insufficient for the free drainage of waters when collected in so vast a one as last month of the June, as on the 25th October last; and requested that it might be so enlarged as to be sufficiently effective on similar

N.219. Madras Railway.

To

Mr. J. W. Gantz and others.

Sirs,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter complaining of the want of sufficient drainage at Veystanpaudy.

In reply I beg to annex a copy of a letter from the Chief Engineer, to whom I handed over your letter for enquiry.

Signed/ J. A. Jenkins.
Agent and Manager

Madras
4th December 1857.

N. 837. Madras Railway Chief Engr's Office
Madras 3rd Decr. 1857.

Dear Sir,

Yours N. 966, November 6th, forwarding letter from certain inhabitants of Veystanpaudy, of same date.

The mischief both to the proprietors in question and to the Railway Company's

Company's property was to find by enquiry occasioned by the bursting of the Dispensing tank Land - without which I have reason to believe the waterway under the Railway would have been sufficient.

This tank Land appears to be kept in such bad repair as to render it more than probable that on the first heavy rain the same thing will occur. It will therefore be necessary for the future safety of our own works to enlarge the waterway in question, though it would be very inexpedient to do so until the water shall have subsided.

It appears to me that the Railway Company in common with the proprietors in question, ought to have a claim to compensation from the parties charged with the maintenance of the tank Land.

Signed J. M. Heppel
Chief Engineer

To
The Agent and Manager
Railway.

St. Lawr. & Ottawa Railway No. 32-33

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Chief Engineers Office
Montreal 9th December 1857

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Chief Engineer a copy of a letter from the Solicitor of the Montreal & Champlain Railway Co. dated the 7th inst. with a copy of the Agreement between the Montreal & Champlain Railway Co. and the Corporation of the City of Montreal, referred to therein, which has been left at this office for the purpose.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]

To
The Secretary
St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway
Toronto

No. 2440.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer in continuation of Extract Minute of Consultation dated 4th Instant No. 22574.

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Mont. & St. Lawr. Railway
Chief Engr's Office
7th Dec. 1857

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Chief Engineer a copy of a letter from the Solicitor of the Montreal & Champlain Railway Co. dated the 7th inst. with a copy of the Agreement between the Montreal & Champlain Railway Co. and the Corporation of the City of Montreal, referred to therein, which has been left at this office for the purpose.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
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To
The Secretary
St. Lawrence & Ottawa Railway
Toronto

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