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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 23—12—1957

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No. 101. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 16th November 1857, No. 5233.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Nellore, 5th November 1857, No. 2210.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of Extract from your Proceedings No. 4749 of the 27th Ultimo, forwarding a copy of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1964, of the 20th October 1857, I have the honor to inform you that when Sub Overseer Gowdie was first appointed* to the District it was pointed out by you that it would be desirable to employ him as a Surveyor, and I at once directed him to take levels and make a survey for the improvement of the Gundavarum channel, a most important irrigation work, the Ayacut Revenue of which is a few Rupees under 1 lac,* but which from faults in its original construction has much deteriorated of late years, and is now in such a bad state that the Revenue* collected at present is on an average about Rupees 12,000 less than it was formerly.

* In Extract Proceedings Chief Engineer No. 1818 dated 6th July 1857.

* 98,998-8-3.

* Rupees 37,000 instead of Rs. 49,000.

2. This channel was inspected by Captain Collyer at the time of his visit to this District in March last, and that Officer quite concurred with me in thinking the situation of the Head of the channel a very valuable and efficient one, and that the improvement of the course of the channel would render it as it formerly was a very remunerative irrigation work.

3. In addition to the improvement of this channel as a source of supply to its present Ayacut average, it is proposed to bring the channels noted in the margin into connection with it, their heads being at parts of the river liable to constant changes; necessitating a very large yearly outlay to render them even moderately effective. This project is I consider, next to the development of the anicut irrigation, the most important in the whole District, and the Collector has on several occasions expressed a strong desire that steps should be taken to render the water supply of all these channels less precarious, than is the case at present, and obtainable at a smaller annual outlay for repairs, which are never effective for more than one fresh.

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4. At the time of Mr. Gowdie's appointment Captain Fords office establishment was, owing to the temporary absence of that Officer, at my disposal, and I gave Mr, Gowdie 3 Lascars to enable him to commence the necessary surveys and levels. In your order dated 23rd July 1857, it was directed that establishments of Officers not present at their duties should be discharged from the 1st August. This order was, by an oversight, not carried out with regard to these lascars, but as soon as I was aware that their entertainment was no longer sanctioned, I applied for permission to retain them, as a Surveyor without lascars was useless, and I also asked that their pay from the date on which they ought to have been discharged might be passed, as they had actually been employed on very important duties, so important indeed that I considered their retention pending a reference necessary.

5. I have myself furnished them with pay up to the 1st of October, and the amount which I have thus spent is a matter of little consequence, but the case was a very exceptional one, and, I would beg to point out that were I, in similar cases, to throw a subordinate of the Department out of work, because the means which are necessary to enable him to do his work had been accidentally rendered no longer available, without a reference to Government, I should be causing a loss of, as in the present case, 60 Rupees a month to prevent a necessary but not sanctioned expenditure of Rupees 18, and in addition to this valuable time would be thrown away, and the business of the Department impeded.

Resolved to forward for the consideration and orders of Government, the foregoing letter No. 2210, dated 5th November 1857, from the District Engineer Nellore, stating the circumstances under which 3 lascars have been employed in surveying under Sub Overseer Gowdie, and to express the Chief Engineer's hope, that as the Surveys in question were suggested by him-

self, and were of very great importance, and as the lascars were not purposely entertained for this duty, but were erroneously retained on the establishment by an oversight, on the reduction of the Department, the Government will be pleased to sanction the amount of their pay, from 1st August to 31st October 1857, at the rate of (6) six Rupees each per mensem, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (54) fifty-four.

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

No. 102. ORDER THEREON, No. 2377 ; dated 23rd December 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the foregoing communication and its enclosures, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize the Chief Engineer to pass the Bills of the District Engineer of Nellore for 3 Lascars from 1st August to 31st October 1857, employed under Sub Overseer Gowdie, who was engaged in taking certain levels and making a survey for the improvement of the Gundavaram channel in that District. The Government cannot however admit Lieutenant Mullin's argument for retaining the Lascars without proper authority.

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

No. 5233.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George, Under date the 16th November 1857.

Read the following Letter

From the District Engineer Nellore

Stating with reference to Exa: Engr's Cons: No. 19, 5th, 1420 = October, the circumstances under which 3 Lascars were employed in Surveying under Sub Overseer Gowdie —

(Exa: Engr Enter No 2210, dated 5th Novr/57)

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Enclosure 1.

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Resolved to forward for the consideration and orders of Government, the foregoing letter No 2319, dated 5th November from the Executive Engineer Nellore, stating the circumstances under which 3 Lascars have been employed in Surveying under Sub Overseer Gowdie, and to express the Chief Engineer's hope, that as the Surveys in question, were suggested by himself, and were of very great importance, and as the Lascars were not purposely entertained for this duty, but were erroneously retained on the establishment by an oversight, on the Reduction of the Department, the Government will be pleased to sanction the amount of their pay from 1st August to 31st October 1857, at the rate of (6) Six Rupees each per Mensem, amounting in the aggregate to Rupees (54) Fifty four.

A True Extract

A. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Encl 1.

P. W. D.

No. 2317

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 23 December 1857.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings

of the Chief Engineer

(Received 16th Novr 1857 No. 5233)

Under the circumstances

represented in the foregoing

Communication and the enclosure

the Right Honorable the Governor

in Council is pleased to

Authorize the Chief Engineer to

grant the Bills of the Divisional

Engineer of Nellore for 3

Lascars from 1st August to

31st October 1857, employed under

Executive Gundry, Public Works Department.

Dated 20th October 1857.

Public Works Department
Recd 23 Dec.
No. 2262.

Extract from the Proceedings of the

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Dated 16th November 1857.

Received 17th

No. 5233

Engineer Dept.

No. Rc. 2377. 23 Dec.

Forwarding a letter from the Divisional

Engineer Nellore, stating the circumstances

under which the 3 Lascars employed

in Exr. Irrigd. Bond Survey, Elected to

were employed in surveying under Asst.

Executive Engineer Gundry, and recommending that

sanction be accorded for the disbursement

of their salary from 1st August to 31st

October at the rate of Rs. 7 each per

Mensem.

No. 101.

17 Dec. 1857.

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Copies to the Chief Engr
Actg Genl
Civil Auditor

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons: 23rd Dec.

No. 2377.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 23rd Dec. 57.

Authorizing the Chief Engr.
to pass the Bills of the District Engineer
of Kallara for 3 Lascars employed
under Sub overseer Goundie, who
was engaged in taking certain
levels and making a survey for
the improvement of the Gunda
varam Channel in that Dis-
trict.

No. 101 & 102.

Cl. Dec. 22.