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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 3rd March 1857.

No. 14. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 11th February 1857, No. 10234.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Nezapatam, 4th February 1857, No. 19.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 9th January 1857, No. 53, I have the honor to request a re-consideration of the order postponing the execution of certain drainage works in Tanjore till 1858.

The loss sustained by Government on the lands affected by these works has been shewn to average 560 Rupees annually, which involves an equal injury to the Meerassidars I believe that Government will not consider an immediate outlay of 1,340 Rupees unreasonable, in order to secure interests of such value and under these circumstances I beg that the work may be treated as emergent.

Resolved with reference to Extract Minutes, Consultation No. 53, dated 9th January 1857, to forward to Government copy of the foregoing letter No. 19, dated 4th February 1857, from the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, requesting re-consideration of the order of Government postponing the execution of drainage works in Tanjore, and to state that the proposal of Major Lawford's to carry out the work on Emergency, is as a measure for the preservation of the revenue fully concurred in by the Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central office.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, No. 373; dated 26th February 1857.

In his letter dated the 17th of December last, No. 8939, the Chief Engineer recommended the execution as emergent of certain drainage works in the Manargoody Talook of Tanjore, and pointed out the average remission which had been given in the last ten years on account of loss by flood.

2. The Government gave their full consideration to this letter, and to the arguments adduced by the Chief Engineer, and in an order dated the 8th of January 1857, decided that the work was not one that would warrant an order for immediate execution.

3. The Acting Superintending Engineer of the Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office, now brings the subject forward again, and without adducing any new facts, or offering any new arguments, recommends the Government to re-consider their decision.

4. The Government are not unwilling to re-consider a matter once decided, if it can be placed before them in a new point of view, but they must object to time being taken up in the Government office and in the office of the Chief Engineer, by the submission of a question which has only a month before been decided, on precisely the same information, that was before the Government when the first decision was given.

5. In the present case, the late order of the Government of India regarding emergent sanctions, preclude the Government from giving any but a negative reply to the proposal recommended by Captain Johnston.

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

No 373 P.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 26th February 1857

Read the following Extract
from the Proceedings of the Chief
Engineer
Here enter 11th February 1857 N 1023/

Re Civil Order dated 8th
17 December last No
6939. Re Off. Eng: re-
commended the execution
as consequent of certain
Additional works in the
Mancanpady Division of
Salem, & pointed out
the urgent necessity on
which had been given
in the last season on
account of loss by flood.
2d Report gone fully
into consideration of his letter,
and of the agreement ad-
duced & the Off. Eng: &
in an order dated the
6 January 1857, decided
But the Work on not one
But owned on account an
order

for immediate execution.

2. The Q. Lubricating Engine & the Northern Circle with copy of the Central Office instructions thereon, and without adducing any new facts or offering any new arguments, recommends the Govt. reconsider their decision.

3. The Govt are unwilling to reconsider a decision, if it can be placed before them in a new point of view, but they much doubt the wisdom of having taken up in the Govt Office & in the Office of the Ch. Engr., & the submission of a question which has only a month before been decided, on precisely the same information but on which the first decision was given.

4. In the present case the Lake orders of the Govt. of India regarding enhanced salaries, precludes the Govt from giving any but a negative reply to the present recommendation

& Enclosures

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Public Works Dept.
Dft Cons. 3d. March.

No 373.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dft 26th February/57.
& from the Chief Engr. Dft 25th Feby
C. No 423. in Cons:

Declining to reconsider
their decision on the
subject of certain
drainage works in
the Manargoody
Taloock of the
Tanjore District.

Copy Engr. Dept.