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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th March 1857.

No. 50. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 3rd February 1857, No. 9989.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith an original letter from Lieutenant R. H. Sankey, Superintendent East Coast Canal, dated the 10th January 1857, No. 580, together with an estimate which accompanied it for repairs to Cochrane's Canal, amounting to Rupees (1,850) one thousand, eight hundred and fifty, and to recommend the same for the sanction of Government, for the following reason.

2. Rupees 3,000 have been allowed in the Budget list No. 3, of 1856-57, for repairs to Cochrane's Canal on an average made by Lieutenant Chambers of the ordinary expenditure on repairs for the last three years on this Canal. Of this sum Lieutenant Sankey has reported an expenditure of Rupees 2,079, already in the half year ending 31st October 1856, including the charges incurred by him for the establishments kept for the maintenance of the Shadiencoopum Lock, and the Pulicat and Doogarazapatam Canals for which no special allowance has yet been provided. Lieutenant Sankey shews that a sum of Rupees 744 will be required by him for the second half of the current year for the same purposes, until special allowances are authorized as they clearly ought to be for the Lock. In my letter to Government of the 20th Instant No. 9615, I recommended a sum of Rupees (11,000) eleven thousand, for sanction for expenditure in the ensuing official year, for the maintenance of the portions of the Canals which will be completed in the beginning of the next year, and this will cover the expense of the establishment for the maintenance of the Pulicat and Doogarazapatam Canals in next year, and in consideration of the additional charge which has been incurred in the Currrent year, as well as on account of the repairs which Cochrane's Canal absolutely needs inconsequence of the damages done by the Storms on the 19th and 20th November last, I beg to recommend that the sum of Rupees (1,850) one thousand, eight hundred and fifty, the amount of the estimate now submitted, for the sanction of Government, and for the necessary instructions being issued for funds being placed at Lieutenant Sankeys, disposal for this purpose.

3. I beg to suggest for the consideration of Government, whether the charges for the repair of Cochrane's Canal and of the Pulicat and Doogarazapatam Canals should not be charged to the Collections from these Canals. The tolls received from these Canals are paid into the Collectors Treasury, and an annual Account Current of the same is submitted through the Central office to Government, in which, if the Government approve, the expenditure in merely ordinary repairs and maintenance can be charged, instead of being shewn as a distinct charge against the Government. I apprehend that unless this be done and the net Collection exhibited, a correct opinion of the true value of the Northern Canal as a Public work can neither be formed by the Government, nor the community on seeing the published Statements of the collections.

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, No. 479; dated 16th March 1857.

1. With this letter, the Chief Engineer submits one from the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal together with an estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,850 for repairs to Cochrane's Canal during the second half of the current official year.

2. On referring to the estimate, the Government find that the first item under the head of Masonry work, viz. the construction of two sluices is for entirely new works, and as such, it ought not to have been included in the present estimate, but submitted for sanction separately. Deducting therefore the sum of Rupees 280 allowed for this work from the amount of the estimate Rupees 1,850, there remains Rupees (1,570) one thousand, five hundred and seventy, which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction in addition to the sum of Rupees 3,000 allowed in the Budget of 1856-57, for expenditure during the current official year on repairs to Cocharane's Canal.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 17th March 1857.

3. Adverting to the application made on a former* occasion for the maintenance of an establishment for working the Shadiencoopum Lock, and to which allusion is made also in the present letter, the Governor in Council directs that the establishment in question be included in the Tabular Statement for the establishment at the Canal called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 29th January and 19th February 1857, No. 228 and 337.

* Chief Engineer's letter, dated 17th September 1856, No. 6602.

4. The Government do not consider it advisable to introduce the change in the accounts of the Canal suggested by the Chief Engineer in the concluding para. of his letter; they have no objection however to the expenditure on ordinary repairs and maintenance of the Canal being exhibited in the Account Current for information.

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

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
3d February 1857

No. 9989

From,
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for obliging return an original letter from Lieutenant R. H. Sankey, Asst. Eastern Coast Canal, dated the 10th January 1857, No. 380, together with an Estimate which accompanied it for repairs to Cochranes Canal, amounting to Rupees 1850/ One Thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to recommend the same for the sanction of Government, for the following reasons.—

2. Rupees 3000 have been allowed in the Budget List No. 3 of 1856-57 for repairs to Cochranes Canal on an average made by Lieutenant Chambers of the ordinary expenditure on repairs for the last three years on that Canal. Of this sum Lieutenant Sankey has reported an expenditure of Rupees 2079 already in the half year ending 31st October 1856 including the charges incurred by him for the Establishments kept for the maintenance of the Shadiencoopum Lock, and the Pulicat and Doorazapatam Canals for which no special allowance has yet been provided. Lieutenant Sankey shews that a sum of Rupees 744 will be

Estimate but submitted for sanction

be required by him for the second half of the Current year for the same purposes, until special allowances are authorized as they clearly ought to be for the Locks. In my letter to Government of the 20th Instant No 965, I recommended a sum of Rupees 11,000 / Eleven Thousand / for sanction for expenditure in the ensuing Official year, for the maintenance of the portions of the Canals which will be completed on the beginning of the next year, and thus will be / cover the expense of the Establishment for the maintenance of the Pulicat and Poogarazapalam Canals on next year, and inconsideration of the additional charge which has been incurred in the current year, as well as on account of the repairs which Cochranes Canal absolutely needs in consequence of the damages done by the Storms on the 19th and 20th November last, I beg to recommend that the sum of Rupees / 1850 / One Thousand eight hundred and fifty, the amount of the Estimate now submitted, for the sanction of Government, and for the necessary instructions being issued for funds being placed at Lieutenant Sankeys disposal for this purpose.—

I beg to suggest for the consideration of Government whether the charges for the repair of Cochranes Canal and of the Pulicat and Poogarazapatam Canals, should not be charged to the Collections from these Canals. The tolls received from these Canals are paid into the Collectors Treasury, and an annual Account Current of the same is submitted through the Central Office to Government in which, if the Government approve, the expenditure for merely ordinary repairs and maintenance can be charged, instead of being shewn as a distinct charge against the Government. I apprehend that only this

be done and the net Collection exhibited, a correct opinion of the true value of the Northern Canal as a Public Work can neither be found by the Government, nor the community on seeing the published Statements of the Collections.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
A Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
3 February 1854

Compd by Gray

Estimate but submitted for sanction

Public Works Depart.

No. 479.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 16th ~~February~~ March 1857

Read the following

Letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Hereunder 3d February 1857 No. 9989)

1 With this letter the Chief Engineer submits one from the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal together with an Estimate amounting to Rs. 1,850 for repairs to Cochrane Canal during the second half of the current Official Year.

2 On referring to the Estimate the Government find that the first item under the head of Masonry Works Viz the construction of two Sluices is entirely a new work, and as such, it ought not to have been included in the present Estimate but submitted for sanction

Paid Postal Rs[illegible] Recd. 3/2/57 Rs. 1/2 to Cons. 1/2 Rs. 1/2

No. 229.

From

The Chief Engineer,

To

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated Fort St. George 3d February 1857.

Received 5th February 1857.

2 Sluices to Cochrane Canal

Estimate Rs. 1850

Forwarding any original letter from Lieut. R. H. Sanders dated 14th & 16th Ultimo, together with an Estimate amounting to Rs. 1850 for repairs to Cochrane Canal during the second half of the current Official Year.

Cons. 6th Feb. 1857 No. 110-111

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Collectorate

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sanction separately. Deducting therefore the sum of Rs. 280 allowed for this work from the amount of the Estimate Rs. 1850, there remains Rupees (1,570) One thousand five hundred and seventy which the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction in addition to the sum of Rs. 3,000 allowed in the Budget of 1856/57 for expenditure during the current Official year on repairs to Cochrane's Canal.

3 Adverting to the application made on a former occasion for the maintenance of an Establishment for working the Shadienaapum Lock, and to which allusion is made also in the present letter, the Governor in Council directs that the Establishment in question be included in the Tabular Statement for the Establishment at

* Chief Engineer's letter dated 17th September 1856 No. 6602

at the Canal called for in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated the 29th January and 17th February 1857 No 228 & 337.

4 The Government do not consider it advisable to introduce the change in the ~~system of the~~ accounts of the Canal suggested by the Chief Engineer in the concluding para of his letter; they have no objection however to the expenditure on ordinary repairs and maintenance of the Canal being exhibited in the accounts current for information.

9 Copies to the Chief Engr. with 2 Right Enclos Dup.
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Dft. to Cons: 17th March

No. 479.

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Dated 16th March 57.

Forwarding the Chief Engr's
L/ 24th Nov. 56 & 1837
with Plans

Sanctioning the
sum of 1570 Rs. for Repairs
to Cochrane's Lecunabe during
the second half of the Current
Official Year, a deletion to the
sum of Rs. 3,000 allowed in
the Budget of 1856-57 & direct-
ing that the establishment for
working the Irrigation Works
& Locks be included in the Salaries
Statement for the Establishment at the
canal, called for in S. M. Ltr 39 dd Jany 19th
Feby 7th 1857.

No. 50 & 51.

Rec'd 2 March