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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 24th March 1857.

No. 16. Read the following letter from Captain C. C. JOHNSTON, Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, in charge of the Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, D. P. W., dated 28th February 1857, No. 10615.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 371, dated 26th Ultimo noticing that the report of the Superintendent East Coast Canal on the effects of the storms in November, and December last, on the canal embankments between Streehurricottah and Doogoorauzepatam, was submitted without any expression of my own opinion on the concluding para "that the canal from Shediancoopum lock to Doogoorauzepatam requires thorough revision, otherwise dissatisfaction, and disappointment are surely in the future," I have the honor to observe, that I particularly noticed the Report as deserving of commendation for its *ability*, and *professional judgement*. This I certainly should not have ventured to do, had I not been fully satisfied of the correctness of Lieutenant Sankey's conclusion, and that the information given by him was sufficiently complete.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 502; dated 19th March 1857.

In noticing the receipt of a Report by the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal on the effects of the storm on the work between Streehurricottah and Doogoorauzepatam, the Government remarked that, in the absence of specific information as to the grounds on which Lieutenant Sankey had affirmed that the Canal from Shediancoopum to Doogoorauzepatam required thorough revision to avert dissatisfaction and disappointment, no orders would be passed. They noticed at the same time that the Officer in charge of the Central office had expressed no opinion on this part of Lieutenant Sankey's report.

2. In the letter quoted above, Captain Johnston reminds the Government that in general terms he expressed his satisfaction with the ability and professional judgment shewn in Lieutenant Sankey's report, and states that he should not have done so had he not been satisfied of the correctness of the Superintendent's conclusions.

3. The Government remark that when the Superintendent of a great work has occasion to report that a part of it needs thorough revision, lest dissatisfaction and disappointment should arise, they certainly should expect that the nature and extent of the evil foreseen would be communicated to them, and that some more definite opinion that can be gathered from a general assent would be offered by the Central office on transmitting the report to Government.

4. Whether the Canal was originally made too shallow, or whether having been once sufficiently deep it is now getting up, whether it is too narrow, or whether its embankments are not sufficiently high, or to what particular evil the remarks of the Superintendent and the Acting Superintending Engineer are directed, the Government are left in doubt, and they must therefore again direct that full information be obtained from Lieutenant Sankey, and be submitted to Government with the Chief Engineer's opinion.

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

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No 502

Ex: from the Min: of Con: Under date the 17th Mch/57.
Read the fully letter from
the Asst. Dir. of Northern Ariz.
(Recd. Inter 3 March/57 No 10615.)
He has received the
cert of a report
by the Sup: of the East
Coast Canal on the
effects of the storm on
the work between the
Sanicohah and
Doozoonahpatan.
The Govt remarked
that in the absence of
specific information
as to the grounds on
which Mr. Lankey had
affirmed that the
Canal from Hedion-
coohah to Doozoo-
nahpatan was
ruined through re-
vision to avert
disaffection and

disappointment, no
order could be passed.
They noticed at the same
time that the Officer in
Charge of the Central Office
had expressed no opinion
on this part of St. Lawrence's
report.

In the letter quoted
above Captain Johnston
says regarding the fact
that he in general
terms he was
in satisfaction with the
ability and propriety
of judgment shown
in St. Lawrence's report,
& states that he should
not have done so had
he not been satisfied
of the correctness of the
superintendent's con-
clusions.

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The first remark that
steers the Superintendent
of a great work ^{in connection to} reports
but it is a part of it
needs thorough revision,
lest dissatisfaction &
disappointment should
arise, they certainly
should expect that
the nature & extent
of the work for years
would be communi-
cated to them, &
that some more de-
finite opinion than
can be gathered from
a general account,
would be offered by
the Central Office
on the subject being
the reports sent

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originally made too
shallow, or rather
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sufficiently deep it is
now sitting up, rather
it is too narrow or
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Lt. Sackett, & he submitted
a report with the Chief Officer

Copies to the Chief Engr
Sept 20

H. J.

Public Works 1857 Sept 15th
Dp to Ans 24th March.

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(C) During that year the information
was obtained from St. Louis by
which the grounds on which he
had applied that the Canal
from Madison to St. Louis
be opened and the same began
through the river to meet
the satisfaction and also
of the same.

1867.