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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 31st March 1857.

No. 3. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th March 1857, No. 10887.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, D. P. W., dated Camp Tiroocampillyoor Trichinopoly District, 3rd March 1857, No. 81.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 286, dated 9th February 1857, I have the honor to report that the sanction of a fixed establishment, paid by a cess on the land for the maintenance of the supply of the Laulgoody channels in Trichinopoly, has given the greatest satisfaction to the Merassidars, and during my progress through the District, I have been repeatedly asked by the landholders whether a similar system would soon be authorized in the other wet Talooks. Not one of these persons has expressed the least unwillingness to pay the amount, and I feel assured that the arrangement will be attended with most beneficial results to the Government, and people, while it is certain that the difficulty of ensuring the due conservancy of the channels by forced labour, is daily increasing.

Under these circumstances I think it my duty to recommend the early extension of the principle of fixed establishments for the channels throughout the wet Talooks of Trichinopoly.

Copies of this letter have been furnished to the Collector and District Engineer.

Resolved, to forward for the favourable consideration and early orders of Government copy of the foregoing letter No. 81, dated 3rd March 1857, from the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, on Circuit, recommending the early sanction of fixed channel establishments throughout the whole District of Trichinopoly.

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

No. 4. ORDER THEREON, No. 544; dated 25th March 1857.

The Government are not prepared to extend the system of levying a cess on the land for the maintenance of fixed channel establishments, recently authorized as an experiment in the case of Laulgoody channels, to the channels in the other wet Talooks of Trichinopoly, till the receipt of the report from the Board of Revenue on the general question called for in para. 4 of Minutes Consultation of 10th February 1857.

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

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