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No. 7. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 3rd March 1857, No. 10623.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Trichinopoly, 27th February 1857, No. 74.

SIR,

Referring to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 286, dated 9th February 1857, para. 6, I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of Government, that my reason for proposing that lands supplied by surplus water should pay an Irrigation cess of only one half that levied on those watered direct from the channel was founded on the fact that water loses much if not all of the sediment which it brings from the river, when passing over a wide tract of cultivation, and sometimes contracts deteriorating qualities from the fields on which it lies.

2. Moreover although it is true that in the present state of the sluices, and their management the surplus channel often get a larger share than they ought yet under an improved Irrigation system this difference ought not to exist.

3. The reduced cess however was chiefly suggested as being in accordance with the feeling of the Ryots who both in Trichinopoly and Tanjore, regard direct supply as being greatly superior to that derived from surplus channels, but as I am not aware whether any material difference in the produce of the lands has been ascertained, I think the proportion of cess now fixed should only be regarded as temporary and experimental.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be forwarded for the immediate information of Government, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 286 of the 9th February 1857.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 546; dated 25th March 1857.

Resolved that the letter from Major Lawford submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings above recorded, be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to para. 6 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 9th February 1857, No. 286, in which the question of levying a reduced cess on lands supplied by surplus water was referred for their consideration and report.

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

N.10623

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works.
Under date the 3rd March 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circ.

Explaining reasons for proposing an Irrigation Cess on land fed by surplus water of half the amount levied on direct supply. — S. E. No. 74 dated 27th February 1857.

Resolved that the foregoing letter be forwarded for the immediate information of Government, with reference to Extract Minute of Consultation No. 286 of the 9th February 1857.

(True Extract)

W. Lester Colone
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Comp. Gray

Encl. 10 July/57 No 7918

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engr. Dft.
to the Secy to Govt. P.W.D.

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No 10625

Subj. 1.

Submitting for information of Govt original letter from Asst Superintending Engr. Southern Circle explaining reasons for proposing an Irrigation cess on lands supplied by surplus water of Salt Spring not levied on date of supply.

With an order
No. 546. 25th March

No. 546

Resolved that the letter from Major Sanford submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings above record be communicated to the Board of Revenue with reference to Para of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 9th February 1857 No. 286 in which the question of levying a reduced cess on lands supplied by surplus water was referred for their consideration and report

Fort St. George
25th March 1857

By Deputation to the Board of Revenue

No. 748.
Copy sent to Collector Cond. Engr.
S. C. C. 25th Sept. 1879.

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