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## Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 31-3-37

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No. 43. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 4th March 1857, No. 10664.

SIR,

I do myself the honor to forward herewith a communication from the Acting District Engineer of Tinnevelly, and I beg that you will do me the favor to transmit the early orders of Government on the very important practical inquiry made by Lieutenant Oakes, in respect to the manner in which the subordinate servants of all our larger hydraulic works are in future to be maintained.

2. If it be desired that the executive shall be generally transferred throughout the Presidency from the commencement of the new year 1857-58, it is most desirable, not to say indispensable, that the orders of Government, should be promulgated without delay on this and other cognate points of reference.

3. Such decisions are imperatively called for in cases where the professional Officers have not the advantage of much personal experience, and where they lack self confidence, and energetic action. Tinnevelly is perhaps, with the exception of Tanjore, the most difficult of all the Madras Provinces for the successful introduction of free labour; it has already been ascertained that the Government is unlikely to have the advantage of Major Horsley's experience and ability, if I may presume to impute those qualities to him after the severe censure recorded in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 925 of 18th December 1855, and as there is already a most unhappy interruption of that good understanding in Tinnevelly between the Revenue and professional authorities which is almost, if not quite essential to a successful and satisfactory discharge of Public duty, it is most important, if Lieutenant Oakes is to remain in his present difficult change, that all such embarassments as those brought forward in his despatch No. 15 of the 13th Ultimo, should be removed; and as similar questions have been put from other Districts, I most earnestly solicit the early orders of Government regarding the future footing of tank and chaunel Moneygars, Necranicums and other subordinates under whatever title their functions may be performed.

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No. 44. ORDER THEREON, No. 563; dated 27th March 1857.

The Chief Engineer submits a letter from the District Engineer of Tinnevelly, pointing out that no provision is made in the new list of Public Works Establishment for tank and channel Monegars and their Assistants the Neerraincuns.

2. Colonel Faber observes that the orders of Government on this point should be given without delay, but he does not appear to bear in mind that he ought to have provided for it when he had to address Government on the new organization of the Public Works Establishment. This however need not retard the transfer of the Executive duties to the Engineer Department, as the Chief Engineer seems to suppose. The Establishments sanctioned from time to time for the protection and management of Public Works can be continued, and in the meantime the Chief Engineer will prepare lists of such Establishments now kept up throughout the Presidency, separating those for which sanction has been given, from those which now require sanction, and will submit a well matured scheme in the usual form for the latter, for the consideration of Government and for submission to the Government of India. The Chief Engineer will be careful to make the lists complete, and will remember that, besides the servants referred to by Lieutenant Oakes, there are, in Tanjore certainly, and probably in Rajahmundry and Masulipatam, numbers of Cotuns on the annicuts, and at the regulating dams, and sluices, for whom provision must be made. The Government hope that the experience which Colonel Faber has had of the inconveniences which have arisen from want of attention to the list of the Public Works Establishment already published, will induce him to be more than ordinarily careful in preparing the lists now called for.

3. Colonel Faber will be good enough to submit as early as possible a list shewing separately the Districts in which the Executive duties have been transferred to the Engineer Depart-

ment, those in which the transfer has been ordered but has not yet taken place, and those in regard to which no such proposition has yet been submitted to Government. In the case of the two former the several dates of the orders of Government should be quoted, and in the third case he should report the causes which delay the measure, and the date within which these causes may be removed.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
*Public.*

No. 563.

*Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 27th March 1857.*

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer.

Forwards a letter from the Acting District Engineer of Tinnevelly, applying for instructions respecting the future provision for Subordinate tank, Dam, and channel Establishments and assigns reasons for soliciting an early promulgation of the orders of Government, in this and other cognate Cases. } (Here enter 4th March 1857, No. 10664.)

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(A true Extract.)

*Acting Secretary to Government.*

No 563 P.W.D.

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Under date the 27th March 1857.

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Requesting the Ch. Engr to prepare lists of such Establishments now kept up throughout the Presidency, separating those for which sanction has been given, from those which now require sanction, and submit a scheme in the usual form for the latter, for their consideration & for submission to the Govt of India.

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