1. Number of pieces 12
2. Date of repair. 16-6-3
3. Initials of Reference.

M.R.O. 1—82,400—28-11-50.

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons 31-3-57

G.O. No. 570	Press Mis.—
57-58	
Dated 28-3-	1857

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No. 57. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 25th March 1857, No. 11295.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copy of a letter No. 386, dated 21st Instant from the Acting District Engineer North Arcot, reporting that he has *no funds* at his disposal, in consequence, as I have had an opportunity of ascertaining, of the expenditure incurred on certain estimates sanctioned during the current half year for immediate execution, and which estimates on the receipt of Lieutenant Colonel Bakers Telegraph Message, dated 4th March 1857, were ordered in Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 436, dated 6th Instant to be included in the 11 lacs allotted to this Presidency. Notwithstanding that under the previous authority of Government arrangements had already been made, rendering such exclusion no longer (in an economic point of view) practicable.

2. In the North Arcot, District as noticed by Lieutenant Mayne, there are four works, the vigorous prosecution of which is of the utmost importance viz. the 2 annicuts across the rivers Palaur and Poiney and the bridges across rivers Palaur and Agarum both on Trunk road No. 1.

3. To stop the two former works until the bodies of the weirs are raised to a uniform level throughout, would be attended with great risk, if (as was the case last year,) the freshes happen to come down as early as May; and to expose incompleted dams in a sandy bed to the freshes of the season would be to incur a responsibility which it may be concluded that the Government would by no means withdraw from the professional Officer or Department.

4. The early completion of the bridge across the Palaur at Veliore, in connexion with the Railway is also most desirable; and as Captain Best's centrings are to be used, if the piers and abutments are at once completed to their full height, the turning of the arches may be carried on during the early freshes, which are not likely to rise sufficiently high to interrupt the work.

5. The Agarum bridge Lieutenant Mayne observes is so nearly completed, that it would now be dangerous to stop the work; yet under the urgency of the order he *has* incurred this danger and stopped the work.

6. I am unwilling to suggest any measures opposed to the orders of the Government of India, excepting in cases of great emergency, such as the present; and under the explanation now offered, I am led to hope that Government will give their early and favorable consideration to the application of the Acting District Engineer of North Arcot, for a special grant of Rupees (15,000) fifteen thousand.

No. 58. ORDER THEREON No. 570; dated 28th March 1857.

Under the emergency represented by the Acting District Engineer of North Arcot, the Governor in Council resolves, as a special case, to place at the disposal of that officer the sum of Rupees fifteen thousand to enable him to carry on certain important works in that District in excess of the limit assigned for it. As the original amount placed at the disposal of the District Engineer has not been withdrawn he can at once draw from the Collector the sum now authorized. The Government have been induced to accede to the present application, concluding although the Chief Engineer says nothing on the subject, that Colonel Faber has found it impossible to divert from other Districts the funds so urgently required in North Arcot to place the annicuts in a state of safety, and so open the communication between Vellore and the Railway.

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

No. 386
1857.

North Arcot,
District Engineer's Office.

From,

Lieutenant J. O. Hayne,
Acting District Engineer of N. Arcot.

To,

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer 2d Depart. C. P.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that on receipt of your Circular No. 10827 dated the 12th instant, accompanying Minutes of Consultation No. 436, dated the 1st Idem, in consequence of having already expended the full amount allowed this District for the 2nd half of the Current Official Year I have been obliged to stop all new works till further orders but much regret this should happen to the Palaur, Poiney Anicuts, and Vellore and Agarum Bridge works as it is most essential that the two former should be completed ere the chance of a fresh coming down which may be expected next month. The Vellore Bridge is of great consequence as the Railway will in all probability be opened to Vellore during next month, and the great advantage of it to Vellore and the Traffic on No. 1 Great Western Trunk Road will be lost.

The Agarum Bridge is so nearly complete that

that it is dangerous to leave it but as the orders against exceeding the Amount Sanctioned are so stringent I felt compelled to issue the orders to stop them but request you will be so good if possible to secure me a further Sum of Rupees 15000 Many be some other Districts may not require the full amount allowed to them and if not it would be a great saving to Government to transfer it to this District.

I have &c

Camp Arcot
21st March 1857

Signed J. A. Mayne, Capt.
Asst. District Engineer.

A True Copy

Lt. Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

Enclosure in a Letter from
the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 25th } March 1857.
Received }

P.W.D. No 11295.
P.W. No 607/57.

Copy of a letter from the Asst
District Engineer of North Arcot
Reporting that he has no funds at
his disposal and requesting if
possible to secure a further Sum of
Rs 15,000 for the execution and
completion of some important works
in his District.

P.W.D.

No. 570

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 28th March 1857.

Read the following

letter from the Chief

Engineer

(Here enter 25th March/57. No. 1293)

Under the emer=

=gency represented by the

the Acting District Engi=

=neer of North West

the Right Honorable

the Governor in Counc

resolves as a special

case to place at the

disposal of that Officer

the sum of Rupees fif=

=teen thousand &c &c

minute of which he

is requested to

communicate &

be guided

accordingly.

This must be Countersigned.

Clerk - Asst Secretary. Same

rule to be observed in similar

cases.

Secy

Govt

enable him to carry
on certain important
works in that District
in excess of the limit assigned for it.
~~and denotes thereby~~
by the original amount placed at the
~~disposal~~ disposal of the District Engr. has not been
~~under the necessary~~
withdrawn he can at once draw from the Collr
~~arrangements for that~~
the sum now authorized.
~~purpose~~. The Government
have been induced to
accede to the present
application, concluding,
although the Chief Engr
says nothing
on the subject, that
Colonel Baker having
found it impossible
to divert from other
Districts the funds so
urgently required in
North Street to place
the Inmates in a
state of safety, and
to

to open the communi
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9 Copies to the Chief Engr
Circ No 28
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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dr. to Lois 31st. March.

to 1857.

Extract Minute of Govt:
Dy 28th March/57.

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Placing the sum of
Rs 15,000 at the disposal
of the Agt. D. & B. Engr. of
North Arcot to enable
him to carry on certain
important works in that
Distt, in pursuance of the
Limit specified for pt.

No 57 & 58