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No. 46. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th March 1857, No. 11063.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tinnevelly, 6th March 1857, No. 74.

SIR,

With reference to para. 12 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th December last No. 2318, prefixed to the Resolution from the Central office of Public Works of the 28th Idem, desiring to know whether the Autheecolum and Therkelunthacolum tanks therein referred to are private property, and whether in event of the Estimates for their repair being sanctioned, the proprietors will repay the cost, and to a letter from your office dated 10th Ultimo, calling for an early reply to the above order of Government, with explanation of the cause of delay that has occurred in furnishing the required information, I have the honor to state that the two tanks above alluded to are private property and the proprietors of those two tanks refuse to enter into any agreements binding themselves to augment the cultivation after the proposed repairs shall have been executed, on the ground that the design of the proposed outlay is only to preserve the existing cultivation, and revenue as stated in para. 2 of my letter of the 7th October 1856, but however it is hoped that the outlay will be followed by an increase of cultivation and revenue, inasmuch as the proprietors have promised to augment the cultivation as reported in the concluding para. of my letter above quoted. The refusal on the part of these proprietors to enter into an agreement regarding extension of cultivation is owing more to the uncertainty of supply of water in their tanks, which are dependent upon local rains, and not fed by any perennial stream; the periodical rains also having of late been on the decline, after year, than to any indifference on their part.

2. The delay in furnishing the information called for by Governmenat, is attributable to the reply of the Tahsildar to an order issued to him after the receipt of the Extract under acknowledgement, calling upon him to ascertain wheather the proprietor of Manulcolum one of the 3 tanks therein referred to, who agreed to refund in 5 years the sum proposed to be expended in the repair of his tank, when the estimate was framed, but afterwards refused to do so as stated in the last para. of my letter above referred to, would now be prepared to execute an agreement for increasing the cultivation, having been received only on the 2nd Instant, after the lapse of a considerable time, from this reply it appears, that the proprietor of the said tank has now executed a Moochilka binding himself to bring 3 additional cottahs of land under cultivation, after the execution of the proposed repairs, and to repay the outlay in 5 years.

Resolved that copy of the foregoing letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly dated 6th Instant besubmitted for the information of Government with reference to para. 11 of Extract Minutes Consultation 16th December last, No. 2318, with the Chief Engineer's suggestion, that as the particulars therein furnished are those called for in the above order of Government, this reference may be considered as finally disposed of, and struck out of the future list of unanswered references.

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

No. 47. ORDER THEREON, No. 677; dated 15th April 1857.

In passing orders on an estimate for Rupees 810 submitted by the Chief Engineer for the repair of three private Tanks in the Tinnevelly District, viz. Manullum, Authecolumand Therkelenda, the Government desired to be informed whether, as in respect of the first named tank, the other two were also private property, and whether in the event of the estimates for their repair being sanctioned, the proprietors would be prepared to repay the cost.

2. The letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly now forwarded by the Chief Engineer though it satisfies the Government of the fact of the three tanks being private property, does not

answer the question of repayment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on the Authecolum and Therkelenda tanks; and even in the case of Manulcolum, it shews that the proprietor, though he at first expressed willingness to reimburse the Government, subsequently withdrew from that engagement, and seems only very recently to have given an unwilling consent to the repayment. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot think with the Chief Engineer that the particulars furnished by the Collector of Tinnevelly are those called for by Government or that they are so complete as to enable the Government to make a final disposal of the question. At all events until more satisfactory information is furnished, the Governor in Council cannot entertain the application for the repair of these private tanks; in the meantime however the subject may be withdrawn from the list of unanswered references.

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

Pub Works Department
No 677

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 15th April
~~March~~ 1857.

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Dd 15th April 57.

Extract from Cms Cmd 17th June
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