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No. 21. Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd April 1857, No. 757.

Para. 1. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council proceeds to consider the letter in this department from the Honorable Court of Directors, dated 2nd July 1856, No. 8, and to record the following observations and orders.

2. In this para. the Honorable Court complain of having received no information as to the proceedings of this Government in connection with the Godavery and Kistna annicuts since February 1855, and desire to be informed of the reason of the omission. It is observed that an explanation has been already in a great measure supplied in the letter to the Honorable Court dated 12th December 1855, which brings before them a correspondence with the Government of India, regarding the inadequacy of the Establishment attached to the Secretariat in the Revenue and Public Works Departments. It was there shewn that from the inability of the office to keep pace with the demands upon its energies, the proceedings of Government were greatly in arrear; and it was pointed out that one object which the Government had in view in applying for an increase to the establishment, was to overcome the arrear in the Home correspondence branch, it being intimated that the "third Uncovenanted Assistant applied for was designed to aid the other two in making drafts, especially of general letters to the Honorable Court, a work which was shewn to have been then greatly in arrears."

3. It was observed at the time that there was every prospect under the arrangements then in progress in matters connected with the administration in these two departments of the Secretariat of a still larger addition to the labors of the office, a result which has since been realized.

	Revenue.		Judicial.		Public Works.		Total.	
	Recd.	Sent.	Recd.	Sent.	Recd.	Sent.	Recd.	Sent.
1852	1,455	1,246	1,129	836	1,470	423	3,054	2,505
1853	1,708	1,432	938	781	482	465	3,128	2,678
1854	1,744	1,684	982	932	693	543	3,319	3,159
1855	1,687	1,378	1,121	972	1,306	966	4,114	3,316
1856	1,557	1,341	72	53	3,098	2,431	4,727	3,825

* Transferred to the Public Department 21st Jan'y. 1856. Shewing for the past year 1856 on average per diem calculated on 300 working days in a year of letters received. 16 Letters sent. 13

From the marginal statement it is seen that notwithstanding the relief, to the Revenue branch of the Secretariat by the transfer of the Judicial Department to the charge of the Chief Secretary the ordinary correspondence in the Revenue and Public Works Departments is still very heavy, and was greater in 1856 than in any previous year notwithstanding that the Judicial business had been withdrawn. The disposal of the current business is sufficient to engage all the officials, Covenanted and Uncovenanted, and while this is the case, it is unavoidable that the duty of reporting the proceedings of this Government to the Honorable Court should be more in arrears than the Government would wish.

4. A copy of these paras. will be furnished to the Chief Engineer, and he will be requested with reference to para. 2, to prepare and submit for transmission to the Honorable Court a statement shewing at one view, to the latest date for which accounts are forthcoming, the expenditure incurred on account of the Godavery annicut and its subsidiary works. The statement should be so framed, as to exhibit the cost of each branch separately.

5. The Samulcottah, and Toonee Canal which is referred to in para. 3 has already formed P. W. D. 18th November the subject of correspondence with the Honorable Court, and has 1856, No. 1. been sanctioned by that authority in their letter to the Government of India, dated 9th July 1856, No. 16.

6. With reference to the remarks in para. 8, and more particularly to the requisition in para. 6, for information as to the result of the instructions issued by this Government for the levy of an adequate water cess on lands irrigated from channels taken from the Godavery annicut, the Government resolve to forward with the reply to this Despatch the communications that have been received on the subject from the Commissioner lately

Rev. Cons. 5th Jan'y. 1855, No. 36-37 in the Northern Circars, pointing out the difficulties which, in From Comr. 9th July 1855, " 84 that, Officer's opinion, exist to the adjustment of a water tax on Rev. Cons. 15th do 1856, " 45-46 a satisfactory basis. The particular attention of the Honorable Do. do. 21st Oct. 1856, " 55-56 Court will be requested to the Government Proceedings of the Do. do. 24th Feb. 1857, " 11

14th of July 1856. Now however that the Honorable Court's orders on the survey and assessment of this Presidency have been received, it is anticipated that the measures adverted to by the Honorable Court will be speedily satisfactorily settled, as it is most probable that Rajahmundry will be one of the first Provinces into which the new arrangement will be introduced.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23th April 1857.

7. The attention of Government has however been directed to certain other questions besides that alluded to by the Honorable Court, which are intimately connected with the Irrigation works of this Presidency, such as 1st the question of the "liability of Zemindars and others to share in the cost of drainage and irrigation works and other improvements undertaken by Government and benefitting both Government lands and the lands of such proprietors," which has

a. 17th July 1855 Nos. 21-22
23rd October " " 21-22
Dy. 18th December " " 43-46
28th March 1856 " " 3-4
17th June " " 7-8
16th September " " 57-58
b. P.W. 27th May 1856 Nos. 1-2
12th August " " 61 to 63
21st October " " 51
20th January 1857 " " 60 to 62

formed the subject of a correspondence *a.* with the Commissioner of the Northern Circars, the Board of Revenue, and the Government Pleader, and 2nd the necessity of providing for the protection of *b* works of irrigation, navigation and drainage, and of enforcing the demand for labor on such works as have hitherto been maintained by the people,—the latter propositions are under reference to the Member of the Legislative Council for the Madras Presidency, in view to an enactment being obtained. A

third point which came under consideration was the mode in which the accounts of the advances

c. Rev. Cons. 1st May 1855, Nos. 37-38
29th do. 1855 " 21-22
5th June 1855 " 44-45
10th July 1855 " 22-23
10th do. 1855 " 76-77
31st do. 1855 " 33-34
7th August 1855 " 35-36
P.W. 14th do. 1855 " 39-40
9th October 1855 " 27 to 29
17th June 1856 " 1-2
22nd July 1856 " 94-95
23rd September 1856 " 63-64
7th October 1856 " 105-106
4th November 1855 " 95-96
9th December 1856 " 23 to 26

and expenditure on account of the Godavery works were kept by the Civil Engineer of the Division, which formed the subject of review *c.* in the resolution of the 27th April 1855, and led to a lengthened correspondence, in which the claims of Enamdars to compensation for lands taken up by the Godavery channels were also considered.

8. The Honorable Court, to whom copies of these papers will now be forwarded, will thus see that in the consideration of the several subjects connected with the irrigation of this country; the Government have not overlooked Colonel Baird

Smith's reports on Italian irrigation to which their attention has been drawn in para. 8 of this

Rev. Cons. 20th May 1856, No. 4
15th July 1856 Nos. 138-139
23rd Decr 1856 " 128-129
10th March 1856 " 128-129
P.W. 30th Sept. 1856 " 40-41
Do. 23rd Decr. 1856 " 128-129

Despatch, Indeed the Honorable Court will learn from the papers noted in the margin that the Government have been in correspondence with Colonel Smith with the view of obtaining information as to the scale of rates established for the use of water taken from the Ganges Canal; that they have received copies of

his "general instructions for the collection of the revenue, the distribution of the water and Police of the Ganges Canal"; and that they have been further favored with a communication of that Officer's views on the question at large. Colonel Baker has also supplied a report from Captain Fyfe of the Bombay Engineers, of the results of his personal enquiries into the system of irrigation practised in Egypt, and a memoir on the subject of that report by Colonel Baird Smith; and the Government hope that with these materials at hand they will be enabled, when the Survey and Assessment of the lands of the Rajahmundry District shall have been carried out, under the sanction for the general measure conveyed in the Honorable Court's Despatch of the 17th December 1856, No. 17, to fix such a water rate as will be equitable to the cultivator and beneficial in its results to Government.

9. These paras. relate to the works on the Kistnah river, and will likewise be communicated to the Chief Engineer for his information. As in the case of the Godavery works, the Government desire to have a

Paras. 9 to 12.

statement shewing the cost of the main and subsidiary works on the Kistnah, and they request therefore that the Chief Engineer will supply it, for early transmission to the Honorable Court.

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a. Public Works 4th September 1855, Nos. 39 40
9th October " " 30 31
23rd do. " " 1 2
18th December " " 140 141
24th June 1856, " " 3 4

b. Rev. Consultation 17th June 1856, No. 3 4
26th Aug. " " 7 8
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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th April 1857.

Ordered that paras. 4 to 9 of the above Resolution be communicated to the Chief Engineer, and that a copy of the same and of paras. 2 to 12 of the Honorable Court's Despatch be furnished to the Board of Revenue for their information.

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

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No 457

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 22nd April
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Public Works 1857 Dept^o.
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