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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

No. 19. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 4th July 1857, No. 1779.

Journal of Major E. Lawford, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, from the 14th to the 20th June 1857.

14th Sunday.

15th }
16th } Halt at Bangalore.
17th }

18th Dawked to Oodunhully 35 miles.

Salem District.

1. The Tahsildar of Ossoor brought to my notice the state of his Cutcherry which I inspected, and found as he represented, utterly unsuited to the requirements of the public service. There is no room for the Tahsildar, none for the records, and the Prison is a black hole of the worst description. A new and enlarged Cutcherry is urgently required.

2. The Tahsildar also represented the great advantage likely to arise from the construction of an annicut across the Ponyaur river near Shamunhully in this Talook.

3. The same Officer reported that great delay has taken place in the execution of certain tank repairs which he applied for as emergent two months ago, but which have not been commenced, viz., Commasamoodrum tank, 200 Rupees, Goondepullu tank, 10 Rupees.

4. These delays are very prejudicial and the Revenue Officers should under such circumstances proceed with the works themselves, as the Tahsildar tells me he has done in one instance.

5. Choultries and wells are required at Shoolagherry on Trunk road No. 1 and Oodunhully on the Salem and Bangalore road.

19th. Marched to Ryacottah, 9 miles.

1. The state of the road from Bangalore to this place is unsatisfactory considering the excellence of the soil.

Ossoor new stables.

2. I inspected the new stables under construction at the Remount Depot near Ossoor. No one but the Maistry was present to give me information, but I have since met the Acting Assistant Engineer who tells me the estimate is Rupees 7,680. The work was commenced in January and is now about half finished, being at present delayed for want of timber.

3. Except thinness of the tiles I did not notice any defect of materials or workmanship, and this I am told is unavoidable.

Ryacottah.

4. The lower fort of Ryacottah is occupied by some Civil inhabitants and a detachment of Invalid Sepoys whose huts however are not yet built. There is a grievous want of water in the place which is supplied mainly by a large bhowry under the west face of the hill, where I saw people draining water from a hole about 50 feet deep containing perhaps two cubic yards of filthy green fluid quite unfit for human use.

5. Formerly this bhowry was influenced by a tank which received the drainage of the rock and fed the springs below it, but for many years past the Mootahdar has given the bed of the tank up for cultivation and the water runs off, since which period the bhowry has failed, to the great distress of the people.* The value of the land so misappropriated is about eight Rupees per annum, and I strongly recommend the deduction of this amount from the kist and the

* Translation of a petition is herewith returned.

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resumption of the tank which should then be cleared out and repaired for its original purpose which will cost 200 Rupees.

6. It would also be greatly conducive to the healthiness of this little garrison if the mass of prickly pear growing about it were removed.

7. A cook-room and privy have just been built for the Hospital here, but the want of Sepoy lines is much felt; and causes the men to be scattered.

20th. Utchalum and back 19 miles. Palcode 17 miles. Total 36 miles.

Camp Admancottah, Salem District,
22nd June 1857.

Translation of a Mohazernamah from the Pensioned and Invalided Sepoys and other Inhabitants of Ryacottah in the Talook of Kistnagherry; to Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, dated 20th June 1857.

We the undersigned most humbly and respectfully beg leave to represent that in order to enable the Pensioned and Invalided Sepoys and other Inhabitants of this village to get the supply of water for our house-holduse, one named Iyasawmy Moodelleyar extended and built up with stones a ruined pond at the expence of about 5,000 Rupees; and from the time of Sultan there were 2 tanks built in the eastern and western directions of this pond for the purpose of supplying it with water by swampness; that the aforesaid person also built stone steps and stone works to the borders on both sides of the pond to prevent the swamp water from falling into the pond, and by this means the pond was constantly full of water and the people were there- by comfortable; but the present Mettadar of this place caused the flood (which come from the Hill direction to the above tanks) to take its course into other directions and permitted the 2 persons named Cassim Saib and Govindiah to cultivate the land under these tanks for Rupees 8-7-3, that since the water in the above tanks had been appropriated for irrigation, no water is preserved in the tank and consequently the pond gets dry.

That under these circumstances we are much distressed by getting the supply of water from a distance of about one or two miles and therefore we beg that your honor being humane and benevolent will be graciously pleased to restore us to happiness by preventing the irrigation of land under the aforesaid 2 tanks [which were built for the sole purpose of supplying water to the pond in question] being carried on in the bed of the tanks in order that water may be preserved in the tanks and the pond supplied with water according to the long existing mamool or usage and ordering the necessary repairs to be executed to the pond.

(Signed) Ryacottah Vencatadassiah,

(") Nulloor Naranapah,

(") Narna Char Soobiah,

(") Raganendre Ram,

(") Nunjoondiah,

(") Soobarag Joeshloo,

(") Venketramiah,

(") Burdanghee Soobaram,

(Signed) Moonesamiah,

(") Sreeneevassiah,

(") Govind Ram, Deputy Post Mr.

(") Pensioned Sepoy Ramah,

(") do. Mooncapah,

(") do. Naig Shaik Emam,

(") do. do. Pylaman Sing,

and several other Merchants, Sepoys, &c. in all total 65 persons.

(Signed) Pensioned Sepoy Abdoolkader,

(") do. do. Shaik Ablean,

(") do. Naig Baupiah,

(") Venketram Bhutt,

(") Pensioned Sepoy Bungaroo,

(") Invalid do. Arnaghum,

(") do. Shaik Oossain,

(") do. Mohd. Cassim,

(Signed) Invalid Shaik Ally,

(") do. Shaik Emam,

(") do. Veera Naick,

(") do. Laula Meah,

(") do. Pensioned Havaladar, Ven-

catasawmy,

(") do. Subadar Vahid Khan,

(") do. Naig Venketsawmy,

(") do. Checkennah,

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 28th July 1857.

Resolved that a copy of the foregoing Journal of the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, be forwarded for the information and orders of Government; with the Chief Engineer's recommendation that the water supply at Royacottah be replaced on its former footing.

2. Resolved also that paras. 3 and 4 be forwarded for the information and explanation of the District Engineer of Salem.

(True Extract.)

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

No. 20. ORDER THEREON, No. 1413; dated 23rd July 1857.

Resolved that the foregoing paper and its enclosures be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with the request that, with reference to para. 5 of Major Lawford's journal, they will instruct the Collector of Salem to endeavor to arrange with the Mootahdar of Royacottah, to give up the tank alluded to for the public use, on the condition of receiving a remission in his annual peishcush, equivalent to the sum he will lose by withdrawing the tank from cultivation. This sum it is stated, amounts to about 8 Rupees.

2. The mass of prickly pear growing about the Fort of Royacottah must be immediately removed.

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

No 1779

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St George
Under date the 4 July 1857.

Journal of Major E. Sanford, Superintendent
in Engineer Southern Circle, from the 14th
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4. The lower Fort of Pappacottah
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Total

to
transmission of
a letter to
Keremulla, return.

12.6.56 miles.

Camp Admin. at the
Salem District
22 June 1857

By J. Langford
Supg Engr. Southern Circle

Enclosure 1
Translation of
the letter

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position.

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and explanation of the District
Engineer of Salem.

Per Extract
W. L. L. Co. C.
Chief Engr

To
The Secy. to Govt.
P. H. C.

Camp 11

Pub Works Dept

N^o 1413

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the July 1857

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer.

Whereas on the 10th July 1857

Resolved that the
foregoing paper and its enclosures
be communicated to the Board of
Revenue, with the request that, with
reference to para 5 of Major Langford's
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of Salem to ^{solicit} endeavor to
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is stated, amounting to about 800.

The map of pichay near
showing about the fort of Noyacottah
must be immediately removed.

BZ

9 Copies to the Chief Engr. 21/7/57
3 - to the Secy of Rev.

Public Works Dept
21/7/57
Extract from the Minutes of the
Chief Engineer 21/7/57
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21/7/57

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Deer Creek 28 July

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