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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons. 26-5-57

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works Fort St Jean
Under date the 23 April 1857

Reads the following letter

From Major E. Lawford
Supg Engr 2d Circle
To Colonel C. E. Taber
Chief Engr D.P.W.
Dated
Sir,

In returning the papers received with Lt. Mines Obsn № 291, dated 10th February 1857, I have the honor to report, that I have inspected the proposed inspection of Mr Lascelles Channel, at Conroy for the benefit of General Clerelande's houses one of which is occupied by Major Hunter and after communicating with the former Gentleman we have arrived at the Conclusion that the work is feasible, and desirable

2. Mr Lascelles desires to receive, compensation for the advantage to be taken of his ditch, and the passage of the Channel through his land, and having agreed to leave the nature and amount to the decision of Captain Frances, that Officer has

has proposed to allow to Mr Lavecelle a full supply of water from the improved Channel for his present house, and for two others which he contemplates building

3. Captain Francis has kindly drawn out by Compass a sketch and estimate to be prepared by both of which are herewith submitted. The amount of the estimate is 700 Rupees which will be paid by the proprietors if the Government are not disposed to undertake the work themselves, and charge the houses with a water rate as suggested by Lieut. Stewart.

4. I am not prepared at present to recommend the adoption of this course, because it will be a departure from Custom which must I think involve a general interference with the water supply on the Hills for which no provision has yet been made and I would therefore advise that the proposed water course should be made at private Cost but executed by the public Officers with the express stipulation that if it should hereafter be deemed advisable to adopt a system of public supply, the repayment of the amount by Government shall empower

empower the state to levy a water rate on the properties concerned.—

5. The question of water supply on the Hills is becoming now of serious consequence which I hope to consider hereafter as it is evident that a general Control will soon become necessary to ensure a due share of the springs to each of the householders and it will not be right to allow some parties to waste streams of which others are in urgent need. Moreover I think that means may be found for improving the general supply which can never be exceeded by individuals.—

Camp Ootacamund
8th April 57.

I have &c.
Sd/ G. Lavelle
Supg Engr & Circle

Resolved, with reference to Fi: Misc: Cons: No 291 of the 10th February 1857

Enclosures.—
1. Letter
1. Estimate
1. Letter No 40 dated 30th inst. from the Sub Engr of Coimbatore

to forward to Government for information, Copy of the foregoing letter No 89 dated 8th April 1857 from the Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, together with its original enclosures, reporting on the water supply passing through the property of Mr Lavelle, at Coonor, and to recommend the

the immediate construction of the prolongee Channel, on proper principles / the amount of delivery, being defined as proposed by the District Engineer in each Case / but without offering any opinion as to the mode of apportioning or of recovering the whole outlay estimated at Rupees 500 / Five hundred, as the Chief Engineer does not know whether any proprietory right exists in Government, or not.

/ True Extract /

By Lieutenant Colonel
Chief Engr

To The Secy to Govt
P.W.D

Lt Williams

Pub Works Depart.

Extract from the Minutes of Council dated the May 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Here under 23rd April 1857 No 1122

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but as the Agreement by
Mr Lascelles to abide by
the District Engineer's de-
-cision has been laid
before him he resolves
before authorizing the
execution of the work
in the manner suggested
by Major Crawford, requires
that both the Agreement
and the Award be drawn
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form. It is necessary
also to have a document
from the Proprietors in-
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advises that the work
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engineers arbitration is before Government. The work will be executed in the manner suggested by Major Sawford that is at private cost but by the Govt. Officers. The Governer in Council will be glad to receive at an early period Major Lawford's views and suggestions on the general question of the water supply on the Hills, which from its serious importance, he proposes to consider hereafter.

H.E.

× This should be returned here for insertion in proper place - also the Government to whom the correspondence should be addressed

No. 990

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 2d. May 1857.

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

(Forwarded 23d April 1857 No. 1193.)

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4 The Right Honorable
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agreeing to the stipulation of the levy by Government of a water rate on repayment of the cost incurred in its improvement; and the Governor in Council will be prepared on the receipt of these documents to issue final orders on the subject. He will be glad to receive at an early period Major Crawford's views and suggestions on the general question of the water supply on the Hills, which from its serious importance that office proposes to consider hereafter.

D. F.

To Chief Engr.
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Extract from Chief Engrs Ltr 14th Sept 57
& No 1772 in Cons 10 Rec. 28-29

From the Dr. of 1st July 59
& No 1728 in Cons 22 — 29-30

Approving of the pro-
posed extension of the Chan-
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