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No. 29. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 17th June 1857, No. 1259.

Read the following letter from J. SILVER, Esq., Collector ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Trichenoor, 26th May 1857, No. 217.

SIR,

With reference to para. 2 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th April 1857, prefixed to the resolution from the Central office of Public Works dated the 21st Idem, observing that my letter therein referred to does not answer the question of repayment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on the Autheecolum and Therkelenda tanks, I have the honor to inform you, that as the aim of the proposed outlay is only to preserve the existing cultivation and revenue under the two tanks in question, the supply of water to which is precarious, the proprietors of those tanks cannot be expected to reimburse to the Government, the proposed expenditure within a given period.

2. On the receipt of the orders of Government now under notice, the owners of the two tanks abovementioned were for the 3rd time called upon to state, whether in event of the Estimates for the repair of their tanks being sanctioned, they would be prepared to repay the cost, but they have refused to enter into any agreement regarding the re-payment of the proposed expenditure, on the score of the uncertainty of supply of water in their tanks.

3. It therefore rests with Government to determine whether or not the tanks in question should be repaired at the public expense, and to pass such orders as they may deem proper on the subject.

4. It is believed that the proprietor of Manulcolum tank will not withdraw from the engagement he has entered into regarding the re-payment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on his tank.

Resolved to forward, for the information and orders of Government, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 677, dated 15th April 1857, the foregoing copy of a letter from the Collector of Tinnevelly, No. 217, dated 26th May 1857, regarding the re-payment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on Autheecolum and Therkelenda tanks.

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

No. 30. ORDER THEREON, No. 1245 ; dated 25th June 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in Mr. Silver's letter of the 26th May last, the Government must decline to sanction the estimates for the repair of the Autheecolum and Therkelenda tanks, and even as respects Manulcolum, the Government are not willing to incur any expense, in consequence of the uncertainty with which the Collector refers to the consent given by the Proprietor, to repay the amount.

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

No 1257.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works. Dated St Georges Under date the 1st June 1857

Reads the following Letter No 217.

From

J. Silver Esqre
Collector

To

Colonel C. P. Fabre
Chief Engineer
Dept Public Works
St Georges

Sir,

With reference to Para 2 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th April 1857, forwarded to the Collector from the Central Office of Pub. Works dated the 21st Idem, observing that my Letter therein referred to does not answer the question of repayment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on the Smithfield and Pembroke Tanks, I have the honor to inform you, that as the aim of the proposed outlay is only to preserve the existing Cultivation and Revenue under the two Tanks in question, the Inspector

of water in which is precarious, the preservation of those tanks cannot be expected to continue to the Government, the proposed expenditure will be a saving one.

2. On the receipt of the orders of Government now under notice, the owners of the above tanks whose services may be required will be called upon to state, whether they are prepared to repay the Cost, and they have declared to enter into an agreement regarding the repayment of the proposed expenditure on the score of the uncertainty of supply of water in their tanks.

3. It therefore rests with Government to determine whether or not the tanks in question should be repaired at the public expense, and to pass such orders as they may deem proper on the subject.

4. It is believed that the Proprietors of Manickcolum tank will not withdraw from the engagements they have entered into regarding the repayment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on their tanks.

Commdg Colln Circle
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26th May 1857

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Hon'ble J. Silver
Colombo
Revenue

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Resolved to forward, for the information and orders of Government, with reference to Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 577 dated 23rd April 1857, the foregoing Copy of a letter from the Collector of Jaffna, No. 217 dated 24th May last, regarding the repairment of the proposed expenditure for repairs on Puttrecodum and Sherkelenda tanks.

H. Sec. to Govt
Prov. Sec.

Mr Secy to Govt
Prov. Sec.

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No 1245

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Order dated the 25th June 1857.

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

Fort William the 17th June 1857
No 12591

Under the circumstances represented in Mr Silver's letter of the 26th May last, the Government must decline to sanction the Estimates for the Repair of the Ava Recoburn and the Belinda Tanks,

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Government are not
willing to incur any
expenses in consequence
of the uncertainty with
which the Collector
refers to the consent
given by the Proprietor
to repay the amount.

J R

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Extract of this Govt.
Dy 25th June /57.

Declining to sanction the Estimates for the repair of the Anthecoolum, Veer Kelenda Tanks, and Manniccoliem in Tinnevelly.

No 29 & 30.