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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 82. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 19th June 1857, No. 1353.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Mudnapully, 18th May 1857, No. 119 of 1857-58.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Circular, No. XI directing my special attention to the observations of Government as contained in para. 12 Extract No. 689, from Minutes of Consultation under date the 16th Ultimo, wherein it is remarked that nothing was done in the official year 1855-56, to improve the irrigation of this District, and that very little has been done since.

2. I need hardly remind you, that I assumed charge of the District from Captain Boileau at the end of January 1856, and also that the Budget for 1856-57, was closed long before that period, I cannot therefore be held responsible for the very limited expenditure on irrigation works during the years 1855-56 and 1856-57, up to the 1st January last all works in this District, with the exception of famine roads, and the Cuddapah bridges were under the Revenue authorities, and in my letter dated 6th March 1857, in which I reported having taken charge of the Maramut of this District, I pointed out how little had been done even on works sanctioned by yourself and by Government for immediate execution.

3. The entire executive having now devolved on me, my attention has been directed to three measures.

4. The thorough repair of existing works of irrigation which have been very much neglected of late years.

5. The restoration of ruined Tanks and Channels.

6. The preparation of new projects for storing a portion of that immence volume of water, which yearly flows through this large District into the Sea.

7. With respect to the first point, I have earnestly directed the attention of all the executive Officers to the urgent necessity of thoroughly repairing the works in their respective ranges, estimates to a large amount have already been sanctioned, and the works are progressing very satisfactorily although the lower subordinate establishment as yet engaged is quite inadequate to the requirements of the Executive Officers.

8. A large number of estimates has been prepared for restoring the numerous old Tanks which are to be met with in every Talook, and which if repaired, would add so greatly to the prosperity of the ryots and to the Revenue of Government, but in my attempt to improve the District, I must not work alone, the willing co-operation of the Revenue authorities is absolutely necessary, but I regret to say, that hitherto it has not been afforded to any extent, no less than 10 of Lieutenant Palmer's estimates for the repair and restoration of certain Tanks were rejected by Government (vide Extract No. 58 from Minutes of Consultation under date the 9th January 1857) owing to the absence of detailed information regarding the land and expected Revenue under these works, and although in forwarding a copy of the Extract from Minutes of Consultation above alluded to, to the Collector, you particularly requested that Gentleman to supply full and authentic information regarding the Revenue to be expected from estimates for the restoration or repair of works of irrigation, I have lately been obliged to return two estimates to him, the Revenue Statements attached to them having been so carelessly prepared, that it was impossible for me to transmit the estimates to you for sanction.

9. I hope to be able to prepare in time for the next Budget several projects for new works which I mentioned to the Superintending Engineer Central Circle, on his late visit to Cuddapah, and which need not now be detailed, a project for new Tank near Mauchpully was forwarded to the Central Office on the 28th November last, but I am not aware whether it has been sanctioned for entry in the Budget of 1858-59.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 30th June 1857.

Resolved that a copy of the above letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah No. 119, dated 18th May 1857, on the subject of the little amelioration of the Cuddapah District, be forwarded with reference to para. 12 of Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, No. 689, dated 16th April 1857, for the information and favorable consideration of Government.

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

No. 83. ORDER THEREON, No. 1272; dated 30th June 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No. 84

No. 1353

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort Saint George. Under date the 19th June 1857.

Read the following.

No. 119 of 1857/58.

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Lieutenant C. Hemery,
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

To,
Colonel C. E. Faber,
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

'Public'

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7 With respect to the first point, I have accordingly directed the attention of all the Executive Officers to the great necessity of thoroughly Repairing the works in their respective charges. Estimates to a large amount have already been sanctioned, and the work is progressing very satisfactorily, although I have taken into the field myself as yet engaged in visiting personally the several Executive Officers.

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District Engineer's Office,
Camp Trudnapilly,
18th May 1857.

I have &c
Signed E. Hemery, Lieutenant.
District Engineer of Cuddapah

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A True Extract.

A.D. Fisher Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. D.

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Extract from the Proceedings of the
Chief Engineer.

To the Secretary to Government,
G. No 1752

Dated 19th June 1857.
Received 20th June 1857.

No 1353.

I have the honor to forward for the information and favorable consideration of Government a letter from the District Engineer of Cuddapah 2d District on the subject of the Cutlier Amelioration of the Cuddapah District with reference to para 12 of Extract from the Mins: Cons: No 689 dated 16th April 1857. Recorded

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