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No. 16. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th June 1858, No. 913.

SIR,

With reference to para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 752, dated 22nd April 1858, I have the honor to forward, for submission to Government, copy of a letter No. 1 dated 1st Ultimo, from the District Engineer of Tanjore, affording the required information respecting the Neeranicum Establishment, shewing that no inconvenience is likely to arise from the discontinuance of the connection of the Revenue and Police servants with Hydraulic works, and suggesting a reduction of the number of servants maintained at the expense of the Meerassidars and of the amount paid to them from Rupees 45 to 31-8 per mensem or 378 annually.

2. I beg to express my concurrence with Major Birdwood, and would recommend as an absolutely essential measure, that the Collector should be authorized to receive and pay over to the District Engineer the salaries of the people maintained by local funds for the charge of Hydraulic works.

Letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar, 1st May 1858, No. 1.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your resolution, dated the 27th Instant, No. 9325, and with reference to para. 3 of Extract from Minutes of Consultation therein conveyed, I beg to state that there are no Revenue Officers in the District in charge of Irrigation works nor do I anticipate that any inconvenience will accrue from the discontinuance of their connection with the Hydraulic works, or the depriving of Police authority the Covilady Peishcar, the only Neeranikum Servant, vested with it.

As regards para. 4, I am decidedly of opinion that the Neeranikum Establishment as heretofore paid by the Meerassidars but on a reduced scale should be nominated, but it must rest with the Government to decide whether they are to be paid by a Collection in the Revenue or on ordinary estimate.

Present Establishment paid by Meerassidars.

Trivady Talook.

Head of Pillay Voikal.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
2 Cothens	5	0	0			
1 Cavilgar	2	2	0	7	2	0
Cutchemungalum Annicut.						
1 Peishcar	7	0	0			
2 Cothens	5	0	0			
1 Cavilgar	2	2	0			
2 Peons	4	0	0			
				18	2	0
				25	4	0
Tritrapoondy Talook.						
Heads of Raja Voikals. branching from the Adapaur.						
1 Monegar	5	4	0			
1 Peon	2	10	0			
				7	14	0
Head of Palavour.						
1 Monegar	4	0	0			
				4	0	0

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 20th July 1858.

Heads of Iyanaur and Moohaur.

1 Monegar			5	4	0
1 Peon			2	10	0
				7	14	0
				19	12	0
Total Rupees			45	0	0

REDUCED ESTABLISHMENT.

Trivady Talook.

Head of Pillay Voikal. { *To be worked by the Cothens attached to the Grand Annicut or Pennar Head.*

Cutchemungalum Annicut.

1 Monegar			5	0	0
3 Cothens			7	8	0
				12	8	0

TRITRAPOONDY TALOOK.

Heads of Raja Voikal branching from the Adapaur.

1 Monegar			5	0	0
1 Cothen			2	8	0
				7	8	0

Heads of Palavour.

1 Monegar			4	0	0
				4	0	0

Heads of Iyanaur and Moohaur.

1 Monegar			5	0	0
1 Peon			2	8	0
				7	8	0
Total Rupees			31	8	0

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 1366; dated 14th July 1858.

Para. 1. The letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore enclosed in the above from the Officer in charge of the Central Office, does not fully meet the enquiries of Government contained in Extract Minutes Consultation 22nd April 1858, No. 752. In para. 4 of that order, the Government, referring to the Neeranicum establishment paid by the Meerassidars, alluded to the probability of the payment being kept up by the parties interested in maintaining the establishment; but they desired if the result proved otherwise, that the District Engineer should explain whether the interests of Government were likely to suffer by discontinuing the class of servants alluded to. These questions are not answered, and it does not appear that any communication has been held on the subject with the local Revenue Officers. It is essential that the Government should have distinct information on two points, first, as to whether the Meerassidars are willing to pay for the maintenance of the Neeranicum establishment, or, if they are not willing, whether the means of enforcing payment from them are available; and secondly, whether the Government are likely to suffer by the discontinuance of the establishment.

2. It appears to the Government, that if the Meerassidars are willing to keep up the establishment and the Collector finds no difficulty in making collections on that account, the reduced establishment proposed at a monthly cost of Rupees 31-8, may be continued under the arrangement suggested in para. 2 of Major Lawford's letter viz., "that the Collector should be authorized to receive and pay over to the District Engineer, the salaries of the people maintained by "local funds for the charge of Hydraulic works."

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.

No. 1366.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 14th July 1858.

Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle, in charge of the Central Office of Public Works.

Forwards with reference to para. 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation No. 752 dated 22nd April 1858, copy of a letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore, affording the required information respecting Neeranicum establishments. } (Here enter 7th June 1858, No. 913.)

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(A true Extract.)

Chief Secretary.

To the Officiating Chief Engineer.
" Civil Auditor.

No 1 of 1865

Southern Circle

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From

Major W. J. Birdwood

District Engineer Sangor

&c

Colonel A. E. Faber

Chief Engineer D. D. W.

Sir—

Public

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Cavilady 1 clerk

Head of Pillay Veikal

2 Cattoms ——— 5-0-0

1 Cavilgar ——— 2-2-0 / 7-2-0

Endorsement

Entchemmagalum Brunch^d Brought forward 22-0-0

1 Pinhear ——— 7-0-0
2 Cobim ——— 5-0-0
1 Cauilgar ——— 2-2-0
2 Dom ——— 4-0-0 18-2-0
25-4-0

Entchowdee Varoo

Toddy Palm Tribe

Seaching from the Modelahaur

1 Monegar ——— 5-4-0
1 Dom ——— 2-10-0 7-14-0

Head of Palavar

1 Monegar ——— 4-0-0 4-0-0

Heads of Cyrnaur and Pinchaur

1 Monegar ——— 5-4-0
1 Coir ——— 2-10- 7-14-0
15-12-0

Reduced Establishment

Toddy Tabock

Heads of Valay Tarkal & to be watched by the Cobbers who visit the Grand Aumicut or Primary Head

Entchemmagalum Brunch^d

1 Monegar ——— 5-0-0
3 Cobim ——— 7-8-0 12-8-0

Entchowdy Tabock

Heads of Pepa Tarkal

Seaching from the Modelahaur

1 Monegar ——— 5-8-0
1 Cobim ——— 2-8-0 7-8-0

Heads

Heads of Palavar Brought forward 20-0-0

1 Monegar ——— 4-0-0 4-0-0

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1 Monegar ——— 5-0-0
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Dy Engineer Collery Sangurbar 1st May 1815

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) W. J. Birdwood Major
Dy Engineer Sangore

"True Copy"

Asst Engineer Southern Circle
in charge the Central Office

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Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
7 June 1858.

No 913

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The Superintending Engineer & Circle
in charge of the Central Office of P.W.

To

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Public Works Department

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Port Saint George
7th June 1858

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Your most Obedt Servt

Supt Engineer Sn Circle &c.
of the Central Office of P.W.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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No. 1366.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
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/Hereunto 7th June 1858 No. 913/

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No 16 & 17.