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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd February 1858.

No. 28. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 6th January 1858, No. 6423.

Read again letter from the Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated 30th October and recorded in Diary of the 7th November 1857.

Read also the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Poodoochuttrum, 29th December 1857, No. 427.

SIR,

Not having been favored as yet with any notice of my letter to your address dated the 30th October last, No. 361, relative to the transfer of the roads of the Tanjore District.

I have the honor to request you will inform me with advertence to the order* of Government marginally specified, whether on a consideration of my report above quoted, the Government have issued any separate instructions relative to the future Superintendence of the roads, or whether it is their wish that they should be made over to the Executive Engineers Department on 1st Proximo together with the other branches of the Tanjore Marahmut.

* Minutes of Consultation dated 23rd December 1857, No. 2376.

The subject of the Neeranikum establishment mooted in my communication† of the marginal date seems also to require the specific orders of the Government.

† Dated 30th October 1857, No. 361.

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1. The Acting Collector's report on the transfer of the District roads, and Neeranicum establishment alluded to in the letter quoted above having had special reference to the proposition by the District Engineer that only a partial change of system should precede his final and complete assumption of the whole executive charge and the Acting Collector's objection to that temporary measure having in the Chief Engineer's opinion appeared valid, it was considered quite unnecessary to lay the same before Government.

2. The order of the 23rd December 1857, No. 2376 directing the transfer of the entire Executive functions from the Revenue to the Engineer Officers, involves every arrangement connected whith that charge including the repair of the roads and control of the Neeranicum establishment as laid down in the orders marginally quoted and the Chief Engineer is clearly of opinion that further reference to Government is altogether uncalled for as there is no reason to suppose that any exception to the general system is to be made, but on the contrary, many grounds for concluding that the numerous opportunities presented by the recent correspondence would have been taken advantage of to signify any exceptional arrangements for Tanjore should any such have been contemplated.

Extract Minutes Consultation No. 371, dated 11th April 1856, page 289 of Circular orders.
Do. No. 839, dated 1st May 1857, para. 4 communicated in Circular No. VI of 8th May 1857.

3. Resolved therefore to request the Acting Collector to be so good as to carry out the instructions of Government by the transfer to the District Engineer of the road and local funds together with the complete control over the Neeranicum establishment of the District, without possessing which that Officer's duties cannot be properly performed.

4. Resolved also to submit copy of these Proceedings for the information and favorable consideration of Government.

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

No. 29. ORDER THEREON, No. 158; dated 28th January 1858.

The Government approve of the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in regard to the transfer of the entire Executive Department in Tanjore to the District Engineer, together with the Neeranicum Establishment.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd February 1858.

2. The management of the "local funds" however is to be conducted in Tanjore as elsewhere, under the rules laid down by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11th April 1856.

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

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works —

Under date the 6th January 1858.

Read again the Letter from the Collector of Tanjore dated 30th October and recorded in the Diary of 9th to 15th November 1857 —

Read also the following Letter —

Extract

To H. D. Phillips Esqre
Acting Collector of Tanjore

Colonel G. C. Faber
Chief Engineer &c &c
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your information a copy of a Letter to Government dated the 30th October last, No 361, relative to the transfer of the Funds of the Tanjore District &c

I have the honor to request you will inform me as to the advantage to the Service of Government generally specified, whether on a consideration of any other than above quoted, the Government have ofered any observations whatever relative to the future Superintendence

of

Extract Proceedings of Govt dated 23rd December 1857 No 2376

of the roads, as mentioned in the Memorandum, that they should be made over to the Executive Engineers Department, on the 1st January next, together with the three Overseers of the Engineer Establishment.

The subject of the Establishment recorded in my Communication of the Marginal date, came also to Engineer Hd Quarters by order of the Government.

Lt Colonel Chief Engineer
Presidency Division
20th December
1855

Copies sent to the Secretary to the Govt
Military Department
Signed H. D. Phillips
Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer

The Acting Executive Engineer
on the transfer of the District Roads, and Communications Establishment alluded to in the above order, drew my attention to the Regulations of the Public Engineer Department, by which a Charge of Inspection should precede the Special and Captain Commandant of the whole Executive Charge, and the Acting Executive Engineers of Divisions appointed under the Chief Engineer considered, quite necessary to the proper discharge of Government.

2 The order of the 23rd December 1855, of the 23/16 directing the transfer of the entire Executive

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Public Department Circular
Circular No II of 1855
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Executive Division Nerr the Entrance to the Engineer Office, rendered every arrangement connected with that Charge, including the custody of the Roads and Bridges of the Permanent Establishment as laid down in the order, unnecessary, and the Chief Engineer in Charge of Division that further reference to Government is altogether uncalled for as there is no reason to anticipate that any exception to the general objection will be made, but on the contrary many grounds for concluding that the commencement of opportunities presented by the Recent Correspondence would have been taken advantage of to signify any exceptional arrangements for Tanjore should any such have been contemplated.

3 I received Instructions to request the Collector to move forward every exertion for the completion of Government by the transfer to the Public Engineer of the Roads and Canals in the Tanjore District, and to call upon the Executive Establishment of the District, earthwork progressing under that Officer should be completed properly transferred.

4 I received also the Instruction of the Government in favourable Consideration of

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Deputy Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer Hyderabad Circle

Chief Engineer

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

P. W. D.

Genl. Cons. 22 December 57
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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

Dated 6th } Recd 7th } January 1858

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Respecting that the Local and Local funds together with the Canals under control over the Tanjore establishments be transferred to the District Engineer in Conformity to the instructions of Government.

Write an order

No 28-29.

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the Government approve of the proceedings of the Chief Engineer in regard to the transfer of the entire Irrigation Department in Tanjore to the District Engineer together with the Mechanicum Establishment.

2. The management of the Local funds however is to be conducted in Tanjore as elsewhere under the rules laid down by Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 11 April 1856

Fort St George
28 January 1858

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