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No. 10. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 22nd October 1857, No. 4637.

Read the following letter from G. N. TAYLOR, Esq., Acting Collector of South Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore, 15th October 1857, No. 841.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Resolution No. 4081, of the 30th Ultimo, forwarding Extract from the Minutes of Consultation, dated 25th Idem conveying the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for the prosecution of certain works of Irrigation required in this District, with the exception of the two noted in the margin*.

* Gooveraput channel 11,279
Arreagoosty do. 2,217.

2. I venture most respectfully to represent that the "Gooveraput channel" is a very important work and that serious inconvenience and loss of revenue will ensue if it is brought to a stand still in its present state. A large extent of land amounting to no less than 1300 Cawnies of Poonjah and 150 Cawnies of Nunjah have been taken up the Ryots under written engagements to pay the full Assessment (which will amount to upwards of 13,000 Rupees) but this demand cannot be enforced if the improvements absolutely required to be made to its branch channels, are not completed in time.

3. There is every appearance of the North East Monsoon setting in almost immediately, during its prevalence of course no work can be expected to be done in this channel, which receives its supply of water from the Coleroon running this the Veeramun Tank, but I would most earnestly recommend that the District Engineer of South Arcot be permitted to carry on this work as soon as the rains are over, and have it completed during the next working season.

4. As regards the Arreagoosty channel, I have the honor to state that large tracts of land have also been taken up by the Ryots on Durkhast, in the expectation that this channel would be completed this year, and as the unexpended balance amounts only to Rupees 2,217 as exhibited in the order of Government above quoted, I have no hesitation in recommending that authority be also granted to the District Engineer for its prosecution during the next season.

Resolved with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1831, dated 26th September 1857, to forward for the information and orders of Government copy of the foregoing letter No. 841, dated 15th October 1857, from the Acting Collector of South Arcot with the Chief Engineer's earnest recommendation of the prosecution of the Goveraput and Arreagostee channels from which such large returns are certain of realization and to the completion of which so many Ryots are anxiously looking as a source of livelihood, guaranteed to them, so to speak, by the engagements of the British Officials.

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

No. 11. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 22nd October 1857, No. 4638.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. A. FOORD, District Engineer of South Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddalore, 17th October 1857, No. 319.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 4081, of the 30th September 1857, I have the honor to state that as the Collector has already pointed out the loss of Revenue which will be the consequence of stopping the Arreagoostee and Goverapet Channels, I will only mention the other reasons for proceeding with those works at once.

2. Leaving the Goverapet Channel in its present state, till the commencement of the next official year, is equivalent to leaving it till the 1st January 1859 for the work can only be done

between January and May, as after the latter month the freshes come down the Coleroon, fill the Channel, and will prevent the Channel being cleared and widened and the Masonry works connected with it being built. This has been the case this year, and if the work is not completed between January and May next year, the cultivation season of 1858 will be lost.

3. In the statement which accompanied my letter of the 5th September No. 267, I put down Rupees 2217-12-5, as the unexpended balance of the estimate of the Arreagostee Channel, as that sum has not been disbursed up to that date, but the real available balance was not more than 1800 Rupees, as some earth work that had been done had not been paid for. In fact the whole of the channel had been cut and it only remained to clear out the last half mile which passes through sandy soil, and had become filled in during the dry season, and build two small road tunnels, materials for which had been prepared, to bring the water on to the Arreagoostee plain. Upon the receipt of your Proceedings of the 14th September 1857, No. 3669, I authorized the clearing of the channel through the sandy portion, and that has been done. I do not think it would now be worth while to carry forward the small remainder of this estimate to a third year's Budget, and leave the work in an unfinished state. The balance of the Goverapett estimate is much larger, and the work is not so far advanced, but the anticipated returns are still greater, and, as I have before stated, its postponement beyond the next three months is equivalent to postponing it for more than twelve months.

4. I have not asked for any exception to be made from the order, directing the stoppage of works, in favor of any that had not been commenced, or on which little progress had been made. The postponement of these works does not involve any loss, but leaving a work like the Arreagoostee channel, that has been brought so near completion will cause much injury to what has been already done. The channel having been cut for fifteen miles and receiving water, breaches are sure to occur in places, if the channel is obstructed at the end, or if the banks are left in an incomplete state.

Resolved that the foregoing letter No. 319, dated 17th October 1857, from the District Engineer of South Arcot, recommending that the works to the Arreagoostee and Goveraput channels may be resumed, be submitted to Government in original, in continuation of Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No. 4637 dated 22nd October 1857.

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

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, No. 2063; dated 5th November 1857.

With the Proceedings above recorded, the Chief Engineer submits letters from the Collector and District Engineer of South Arcot recommending, for reasons stated, the prosecution of the Goveraput and Arreagoostee channels in that District.

2. The orders of the Government of India on the subject of restricted expenditure have all been communicated to the Chief Engineer, and Colonel Faber is as well aware of their tenor as are the Government themselves. It ought not therefore to be necessary for the Government again to explain that, although works may under those orders be proceeded with, for the preservation of existing revenue, it is not open to this Government to sanction expenditure on new works although the local Officers may anticipate remunerative returns. Colonel Faber will be so good as to keep this explanation in mind, and not again lay on the Government the odium of refusing that sanction to works of public improvement, which, he is perfectly aware, they have it not in their power to give.

3. It is premature now to ask for leave to prosecute works in the next working season; when the time comes it will be seen in what position the Government stand regarding them. As regards the fear expressed by the District Engineer that the banks of the Arreagoostee channel will be breached if the whole be not opened, the Government conclude that, like all other channels, it is provided with a head sluice, by shutting which the District Engineer may prevent the evil he anticipates.

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

No. 4637

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

Under date the 22 October 1857.

Read the following letter—

No. 841—

From

C. N. Taylor Esquire
Acting Collector of South Arcot

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D. P. W.
Fort Saint George

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Resolution No. 4081 of the 30th Ultimo forwarding Extract from the Minutes of Consultation dated 25th Idem conveying the sanction of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council for the prosecution of certain works of Irrigation required in this District, with the exception of the two noted in the margin—

Goveraput Channel 1127
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3 There is every appearance of the North East Monsoon setting in almost immediately, during its prevalence of Course no work Can be expected to be done in this Channel, which receives its supply of water from the Colleroon running thro' the Veeranum Tanks, but I would most earnestly recommend that the Divisional Engineer of South Arcot be permitted to Carry on this work as soon as the rains are over, and have it Completed during the next working season.—

4 As regards the Arrangeary Channel, I have the honor to state that large Tracts of lands have also been taken up by the ryots on Durkhast, in the expectation that this Channel would be completed this year, and as the unexpended balance amounts only to Rs 221 as exhibited in the order of Government above quoted, I have no hesitation in recommending that authority be

be also granted to the Divisional Engineer for its prosecution during the next season.—

South Arcot
Cuddalore
15th October 1857

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed/ S. N. Taylor
Acting Collector

Resolved, with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No 1831, dated 26th September 1857, to forward for the information and Orders of Government Copy of the foregoing letter No 841, dated 15th October 1857, from the Acting Collector of South Arcot with the Chief Engineers earnest recommendation of the prosecution of the Veeranum and Arrangeary Channels, from which such large returns are certain of realization and to the Completion of which so many Ryots are anxiously looking as a source of livelihood, guaranteed to them, so to speak, by the engagements of the British Officials.—

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/True Extract/
A. D. Lester Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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No 4638

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

Under date the 22 October 1857.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer of South Arcot

/ No 319 of 17th October 1857 /

Resolved that the foregoing letter No 319 dated 17th October 1857 from the District Engineer of South Arcot, relative to commencing work the works to the Straight and Contrapeak Channels may be assumed, be submitted to Government for original, in Continuation of Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer No 4637 dated 22nd October 1857.

/ True Extract /

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To The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Letter from Chief Engr dated 22 Octr
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Public Works Dept.

No. 2063

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 5th Novr October 1857.

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Collector of Cuddalore 1st Octr 1857 No 2063 of 1857 with Plan

Submits the opinion & Letter from the Dist. Engr S. Arcot Recommending the Coverapuk & Arrecapootee Channels to be closed & the Chanels formed to be kept open by the Residents

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