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No. 16. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 15th September 1858, No. 3665.

SIR,

No. 144, dated 8th September 1858. Enclosure 1. 1 Copy of letter.

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, copy of a report* by the Acting District Engineer of Tanjore, of the scanty supply of water in the Rivers of that province, and I trust the Government will be pleased to relieve from restriction the estimate for the regulating dam at the Heads of the Cauvery and Veerasholen No. 17 of the Budget statement No. 1 of 1857-58, in order that the work may be commenced early next season.

2. Major Boileau will be instructed to forward the estimate for the improvement, of the Veerasholen referred to in para. 3 of his letter with the least possible delay.

Letter from Major A. BOILEAU, Officiating District Engineer of Tanjore; to Major E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Tranquebar, 8th September 1858, No. 144.

SIR,

I have the honor to report, that up to this period the Freshes in the River of Tanjore have been very scanty, and complaints of want of water are to be heard on all sides. The three Rivers however which appear to be the worst supplied are the Veerasholagum, the Munnyaur and the Vuddavaur.

2. I proceeded recently to inspect the two former of these Rivers, and found at the Head of the Veerashologum, a sand bank had formed right across it, it seems that not long ago, a channel was cut through the bank, but it soon filled again, as indeed in such a position in a bend it must do, I took many soundings at the River Head and in the Cauvery and found only from 2 to 4 feet in the Veerasholagum, and from 4 to 8 feet in the Cauvery. The actual discharge down both Rivers being calculated, it was found that nearly twice the quantity of water was flowing down the Cauvery that was entering the Veerasholagum. As this result arises solely from the faulty position of the Head, I resolved to carry out on Emergency the new Head forming part of the Estimate Rupees 40,000 sanctioned for Regulating Dams at the Head of the Veerasholagum. This day I have received the Collector's concurrence on the subject of the cut, and Lieutenant Palmer has gone to Cumbaconum to execute it, at first only 6 or 8 yards broad. It is possible that delays will arise should the holders of the land raised objections as then it will be necessary to adhere strictly to the terms of Act VI of 1857.

3. The Munnyaur will never be any thing of a River, until a new head is granted to it and until the Rajah Voicals are excavated, Estimates for which were prepared under my orders for entry in the Budget of 1857-58, for which however they were not in time. They are now in this Office and I hope will be considered of sufficient emergency to be sanctioned for execution in the next working season. I have only lately hit upon the letter from your Office No. 9,013 dated 19th December 1856, calling for further information regarding the former Project which I shall endeavour shortly to supply. The measures I have been obliged to adopt have been to borrow freely from the Cauvery, by opening the Permal Covil Sluices, by ordering the new Head for the Beemavuttiem Dam, and by arranging with the Sub-Collector that the system of having the water turn about shall be adopted. On my recent visit 2,000 Vayhes East of the Bridge at Pundanellore were absolutely without one drop of water.

4. For the Vuddavaur Lieutenant Moore has thrown out a Corumboo into the Vennaur, but still complaints are loud regarding the limited supply and I have drawn Lieutenant Moore's early attention to the subject, directing him to carry out on emergency any thing that may tend to improve it consistent with the consideration of the immense amount of Cultivation that the Vennaur has to supply Eastward, I have also forwarded to him a copy of your letter to Mr. Maitland on the proper treatment for this River.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th October 1858.

No. 17. ORDER THEREON, No. 2150; dated 13th October 1858.

* Item No 10 of Budget Statement No. 1 of 1858-59.

In this letter, the Officiating Chief Engineer requests that the proposed Regulating Dam* at the head of the Cauvery and Veerasholen in the Tanjore District may be relieved from restriction. Colonel Lawford must be aware that the Estimate for the work amounting to Rupees 40,000, has not yet been sanctioned by the Government of India. This Government cannot therefore accede to his request, for by so doing, they would virtually sanction an Estimate which it is beyond their competence to authorize.

2. Under the circumstances brought to notice the case however, seems to be an urgent one and the Government will be prepared to submit an application to the Supreme Government for early sanction to the Estimate, if the Collector and District Engineer can furnish full information, with a return, in respect to the loss of Revenue and the distress (if such be apprehended) to the people which a further postponement of the Project is likely to occasion.

3. The Officiating District Engineer appears from para. 2 of his letter to have already commenced a portion of the work without receiving authority of any kind. The irregularity of his proceeding should be pointed out to that Officer, and he should be directed to stop the work as far as it can be done with safety to the portion which may have been already executed.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 144 of 1858/59

Southern Circle

From

Major A. Boileau
Officiating District Engineer
of Tanjore

To

Major E. Lawford
Officiating Chief Engineer
Southern Circle

Sir

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from 4 to 8 feet in the Causeway. The actual discharge down both Rivers being calculated, it was found that nearly three the quantity of water was flowing down the Causeway that was entering the Veeranakulayam. As this result arises solely from the faulty position of the Head, I resolved to carry out on Emergency the new Head forming part of the Estimate Rupees 40000 sanctioned for Regulating Dams at the Head of the Veeranakulayam. This day I have received the Collectors Concurrence in the subject of the cut, and Lieutenant Palmer has gone to Coombacconum to locate it, at first only 6 or 8 yards broad. It is forseible that delays will arise should the holders of the land raise objections as then it will be necessary to adhere strictly to the terms of Act VI of 1857.

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I have the honor to be &c

/signed/ A. Boileau
Officiating Dist. Engr
Tanjore

Dist. Engrs Office
Tranquebar
8th September 1858

/True Copy/

Crawford
Officiating Chief Engineer

Copy

Central Office of P.W.D.
Fort St. George
15th September 1858.

No. 3665

From

The Offg Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, Copy of a Report, by the Acting Divisional Engineer of Tanjore, of the Scarcity of supply of water in the Rivers of that Province, and I trust the Government will be pleased to relieve from restriction the estimate for the Regulating Dam at the Heads of the Coovery and Veeracholan, No 17 of the Budget Statement No 1, of 1857-58 in order that the work may be commenced early next season.

2. Major Boileau will be instructed to forward the estimate

Revenue
Irrigation

Recd 18th
Sept 58

Enclosure
1 Copy of letter

Enclosure a letter from the Officiating Divisional Engineer Tanjore dated 15th September 1858

Dated 15th September 1858

Received 18th Ditto

No 3665

Copy of a letter from the Officiating Divisional Engineer Tanjore dated 15th September 1858 forwarding a report on the scarcity of water in the Rivers of this District.

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Tierra hollow referred to in Para 3 of
his letter on the subject
day.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
A Maconochie Major
Offg Chief Secretary

To
The Secretary to
Government of Bombay

Sir

Sept 15th 1838

W. Dept.

No 2150.

(2) Select Committee on Indian Affairs. Minutes of Evidence taken before the, 13th October 1838.

Read the following Petition

Petition of Chiefs & Warriors of the Blackfoot Nation, praying for the Establishment of a Trading Post in their Country.

Read the Petition

Chief Trader Hallet's Letter

Chief Engineer.

Read the letter of the Post-Master

No 3665

Mr Hallet's letter

Office of the Acting Chief Engineer

Respectfully submitted to the Board

Department of Public Works

Toronto 19th October 1838.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the information of the Board of Works, a Report and Estimate of the Works required to be executed at the Mouth of the Welland River, in order to improve the Navigation of the Port of Dunnville.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble Servant,
Samuel Keefer
Acting Chief Engineer.

The Secretary to the Board of Works,
Toronto.

Referred to Com. 10th March 57 R. 1928

Referred to Com. 19th October 57 R. 2159.

Dated 15th Septr 1838
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No 3665

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Sec'y's 2150. 13th October 1838.

Submits copy of a letter from the Acting Dirtrict Engineer at Dunjore, reporting the Scarcity of water in the Rivers of that Province & soliciting that the estimate for the Regulating Dam at the head of the Canoe & Wainfleet be taken from restriction.

No 16

C/ Cert. R 12th

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2. Under the circumstances brought to notice the case does not seem to be an urgent one and the Government will be prepared to submit an application to the Supreme Government for early

sanction to the Estimate if the Collector and District Engineer can furnish full information, such as returns, in respect to the loss of revenue and the distress if such be apprehended to the people which a further postponement of the Project is likely to occasion.

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be pointed out to that Officer and he should be directed to stop the work as far as it can be done with safety, to the portion which may have been already executed.

J.P.

10 Deposited to the Offr Chief Engrs Dated 14th

1 Letter 12th

Public Works 1858 Departt
Dy. to Cons. 19th October

No. 2457.
Extract Mins. of Cons.
Dy 18th October 58.

In reply to a Communication from the Officiating Chief Engineer applying for the Exemption from the restrictive orders of the Estimate for the proposed Regulating Dam at the Head of the Cauvery informs that Office that it is beyond the competence of this Government to authorize the exemption applied for the work in question not having yet received the sanction of the Government of India.

No 16 + 17.