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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 23th October 1858.

No. 195. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government dated 15th October 1858 No. 4544.

SIR,

With reference to the late correspondence regarding the precarious state of the Crops in Bellary consequent on the partial failure of the usual rains of the South-West monsoon, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, a copy of a letter from the District Engineer under date the 27th Ultimo, reporting that, although several tanks had been pretty well supplied by river channels and throughout the greater part of the District sufficient rain had fallen to enable the people to sow their dry crops, yet, as numerous reservoirs had not been properly filled, and the rain had neither been so general nor so abundant as was required, the prospects of the District continued gloomy.

Copy of letter from the District Engineer Bellary No. 172 of 27th September 1858.

Letter from Lieutenant J. F. FISHER, District Engineer of Bellary; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Bellary 27th September 1858, No. 172.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledg receipt of a circular from your Office No. 110 dated 21st September 1858, drawing the attention of all District Engineers to the standing orders of the Department page 183 of the Circular Order book.

2. With reference to the subject therein brought to consideration, I have the honor to report that this season has been generally most unfavorable and already the Collector has addressed the Government on the advisability and necessity of giving relief to the suffering population by undertaking famine roads.

3. The Toongabudra as usual has been flowing throughout the season, but no heavy continuous floods have passed down it this year: the most remarkable circumstance of the season with reference to this river is that during the latter half of the month of August, the river fell very rapidly and was fordable for a few days, but soon afterwards it rose again and the supply has been pretty uniform that is about 3 feet on the register.

4. One heavy fresh passed down the Huggry towards the end of May, that river has had no water in it since, and was reported to be perfectly dry in August: when I crossed it at Mokah about two inches of water was trickling down its bed.

5. Heavy freshes passed down the Pennar in May and June, and again towards the end of August and commencement of this month. In July, when I saw this river it was quite dry, but this river is said to receive its supply during the approaching monsoon.

6. Of the Hindree river there are no reports.

7. Of the tanks of this District many of the larger ones received little or no supply of water, but singular to say the Anuntapore tank was almost filled by an early fall of rain, whereas the usually far better supplied tank of Singanamullah immediately below it received a very moderate supply. When I saw the Bookaputnum Tank in July it had but two months water in it, and the Durmaverum Tank was said to be equally badly off. Captain Syme however reports that there has been a steady fall of rain during this month, and I am in hopes the Sub-Collectorate has been preserved from famine.

8. The state of affairs in the Western Talooks is very bad, the large tank of Danoikencara was quite dry a few days ago, and it has only lately received a 15 days supply of water, the Darjee tank has only 20 days supply of water in it at present, and threatens soon to be dry, the Sub-Engineer told me the other day that in the Hurpanhully Talook there was but one tank which had received a full supply this season.

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9. The Camlapoor tank has been kept nearly full during this season from the Toongabudra river.

10. In the Adoni, Gooliam and Punchapaliam Talooks sufficient rain has fallen to enable the people to plant their dry crops. In the Raydroog Talook and that part of the Durmaverum Talook lying between the rivers Pennar and Huggry, there has been a moderate supply of rain, but in the Western Talooks Bellary and Kumply there has been a great failure.

11. Last year was a bad year, this year threatens to be as bad if not worse, and I see nothing for it now but to set to work and cut the Toongabudra Canal at once; the surveys and levels for this are finished and will soon be plotted and if the project were to cost one million sterling I believe it would return 50 per cent on the outlay.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, No. 2294; dated 29th October 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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Central Office of P.W.K.,
Fort St. George, 15th October, 1858.

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From

The Officiating Chief Engineer.

To

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt.

James Macleod Colt

Offg. Chief Engineer

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From
The City of Chicago
to
The Secretary of the
State

Dated 15th
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Encl
W. H. C.

Forwarded copy of a
letter from the District
of Albany, N.Y. of the 29th
of October 1858, regarding on the
state of education in the
District with reference to the
partial failure of the annual
exams of the S. H. Lawrence.

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