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Government of Madras

REPARTMENT

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No. 65. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd November 1858, No. 5642.

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I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Nellore, and the subjoined list of works, for which the District Engineer of Nellore seeks partial exemption, from the restrictive orders in force; in so doing, however, I do not urge the sanction sought for, as it appears to me the question rests solely upon Financial grounds, but as the working season is now coming on and the advisibility of executing these works, on the grounds given by the District Engineer is unquestionable, I feel it my duty to lay the request, for partial exemption from the restrictive orders, for these works before Government, leaving it entirely to them to grant or withhold sanction, I may however, remark, that while I do not consider the first named work to be of an urgent nature; the second may perhaps be considered as coming under the permissive order of the Supreme Government communicated in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1630 dated 14th August 1858, as being for certain masonry works on Trunk Road No. 6 (one of the main Imperial lines and the great high road between Madras, and Calcutta, and Madras, Masulipatam, and Hyderabad.)

Dated 27th October 1858, No 2373.

List of works proposed to be exempted from restrictive order.

Budget No. 2, Pages 12 & 13.

Budget No.		Amount of Estimate.	Proposed sum for present year's expenditure.
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2. The District Engineer also recommends the work Budget No. 107, for constructing an additional room to the Eskapully salt Cutcherry, for exemption from the restrictive orders, but it is observed, that the same is included in the sum of Rupees 88,636, sanctioned by the Government of India, in a despatch communicated with Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 2214, under date 21st October 1858, and is not therefore entered in the present list.

Letter from Captain JOHN MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Camp Madavanoor, 27th October 1858, No. 2373.

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As directed in Extract from your Proceedings No. 4397, dated 10th October 1858, I have the honor to subjoin the reasons for which I recommended that the restrictive orders should be removed, so far as regards the works enumerated in my letter, No. 2146 of the 1st Instant.

Budget No. 236, Channel from Vencatagherry River to the Chennoor Tank.—The necessity for this channel was brought to notice by Major DeButts in 1850, but as it was to run for a great part of its length through Zemindary lands, and as the Zemindar objected to give the land, it was not until 1856, that the project was finally sanctioned. In May 1856. the work was commenced, and stopped in consequence of the restrictive orders. It was recommenced in May 1857, and again stopped in September 1857. The net increase of revenue which will result from its completion is Rupees 4,825, and while this represents the yearly loss to Government by the delay, a

far larger sum is lost to the Ryots of Chennoor, and its early completion is therefore a matter of great importance.

No. 495, *Masonry works on Trunk road, No.* 6.—So much has been written on the importance of opening the new line of road to the North of Nellore, and so many reports by different Officers of the Government have been made upon the wretched and often impassable condition of the old coast road, that I am unable to urge any stronger grounds than those already brought to notice, and I would refer therefore to the following correspondence.

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No. 377, *2nd Class road from Nellore to Todairoo.*—The Chief reasons rendering the completion of this road desirable are.

1st. That it has been commenced with discretionary allowance funds, and that the money already spent will be thrown away if the jungle be allowed to overgrow the road again, and as an estimate has been sanctioned no other funds can be allotted.

2nd. That by this line a greater part of the wood and all the lime stone used on Public Works at Nellore, has to be brought, as well as the firewood required for the supply of the town of Nellore, and the old road, running as it does along the margin of the Nellore Tank, is frequently almost impassable when most required.

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No. 107, *Additional room to the Eskapully Salt Cutcherry.*—The reasons which render the erection of this room necessary will be found in a letter, No. 1733, dated 3rd September 1857, which enclosed the estimate when first submitted for sanction.

No. 66. ORDER THEREON, No. 2687; dated 11th December 1858.

The Officiating Chief Engineer submits a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore requesting that certain works entered in Statement No. 2 of the Budget of the current year may be exempted from the operation of the restrictive orders, to the extent of the sums which he proposes to expend upon them. Colonel Lawford does not urge the sanction sought for, being of opinion that the question rests solely on Financial grounds; but as the working season is near at hand, and the advisability of executing the works is unquestionable, he leaves it entirely to Government to grant or withhold sanction.

2. The Governor in Council cannot act upon proposals submitted in this indefinite manner. The question does not depend on the advisability of executing the works, but on their emergency: and it is the duty of the Central Office to satisfy Government on this point. In the absence therefore of any grounds of an urgent nature to justify a deviation from the restrictive orders, the Governor in Council resolves to return the above letter and its enclosure to the Officiating Chief Engineer and to call his particular attention to para. 12 of the letter from the Government of India, dated 23rd September* 1858, No. 4606.

* Extract Minutes Consultation 21st October 1858 No. 2214

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Dir. & Com. Gen. Dept.

No 2818.

Commissariat Chief Office
Fort St. George

Sept 22 Received

No 5842.

COLLEGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING—FORT ST. GEORGE.

Duplicate.

CERTIFICATE *No.* 5 *Dated the* 9th *of* July 1858.

Name Fleetwood Bonnevalley *Corps* Bengal Artillery

Race British *Religion* Christian *Age* 28 years.

Qualified for the Grade of Sub Overseer 1st Grade D. P. W.,

under para. 849 of Public Works' Notification, No. 1, of the 23d June 1857.

Passed a "Creditable" Examination

E. Ot. Mwolle *Lieutenant, Engineers.*

Principal C. E. College.

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COLLEGE OF CIVIL ENGINEERING—FORT ST. GEORGE.

CERTIFICATE No. 19 Dated the 10th of November 1858

Duplicate.

Name Wm. A. Gilbert

Race East Indian Religion Christian Age 19 years

Qualified for the Grade of Sub Overseer 2nd Class D. P. W.,

under para. 4 of Public Works' Notification, No. 1, of the 23d June 1857.

Passed a Creditable Examination

Geo. Primrose Captain, Engineers.

Principal C. E. College.

29/8/1858

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Public Works Dept

No 2687

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Minutes dated the 11th December 1858

Read the following

letter from the Officiating

Chief Engineer.

Seven enclosures 22nd Nov 1858

No 5642/

The Officiating

Chief Engineer submits

a letter from the Dis-

trict Engineer of

Pallore, requesting

that certain works

entered in Statement

No 2 of the Budget

of the current year

may be exempted

from the operation

particular attention
to paragraph 2 of the letter
from the Court of India
dated 29th September
1858 No 46 [illegible]

* Ex Mint Com. 21st October
1858 No 2444

[illegible]

Clerk in the Off. Chief Engr. Dated 15th
[illegible] with Letter & Enclr.

Public Works 1858 Dep.t
Dto Cons. 14th December

№2687.

Extract Min.s of Cons.
Dt 11th Dec.r 58.

From Off.g Ch. Engineer.
23d Dec.r 58 C.R.d 31 96 mm
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On the subject of
Exempting certain Mills
in Mallow from the
operation of restrictive
Orders.

№65 + 66.