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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons dated 13-4-1858

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 13th April 1858.

No. 52. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 8th February 1858, No. 7256.

Read the following Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal; to the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works, Fort St. George, No. 349, dated 30th January 1858.

SIR,

Para. 1. With reference to my letter No. 333, of the 21st, I have the honor to enclose copy of the reply of the Collector of Chingleput to my complaint, as to the danger of leaving Boats without crews, moved by one rope, as I cannot look on it as satisfactory.

2. I shall be obliged to draw up a complete code of rules, if every species of neglect and carelessness on the part of Boatmen is to be thus proclaimed and painted on boards, and it is only by constant examination, that I can discover what a native is capable of.

3. On the 28th Instant, for example, I found a large 20 Ton boat No. 125 at the Rail road bridge, the stern placed conveniently to unload a quantity of shells while the forepart of the boat was moored under the bridge, to afford shade to the boatman, while he was mending his net.

4. I was about to report this to the Collector, when I received his letter, which has been delayed in delivery, but as I conclude his reply may be similar to this, I have refrained from doing so.

6. In the notices that I have caused to be prepared, there is no penalty attached for disobedience, and as the boatmen cannot read, I do not expect much attention will be paid to them. A more insolent or independent body I have never met with; and without more severe remedies than the Collector appears inclined to apply, I fear that with an increase of traffic, the Canal will be constantly obstructed.

E. C. Canal, Supt. office,
Madras,
30th January 1858.

(Signed) F. J. MOBERLY, Lieutenant,

Supt. of the E. C. Canal.

From C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector; to Lieutenant F. J. MOBERLY, Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal, dated Sydapet, 19th January 1858, No. 47.

SIR,

I have the honor to suggest with reference to your letter No. 325, of the 16th Instant, that as suggested in the letter noted in the margin, you should have painted boards stuck up in the narrow channels, prohibiting boatmen mooring their boats there—when I will issue the necessary Proclamations on the banks of the Canal, and orders to the Police, to see the notices on the painted boards obeyed.

Resolved to forward to Government an Extract from the foregoing letter, No. 349, dated 30th Ultimo, reporting the injury to the Canal caused by the wilful neglect of the Boatmen, and to express the Chief Engineer's opinion, that the course suggested by the Collector of Chingleput, can lead to no adequate or useful result, but that more summary and more severe measures are necessary, for preserving the Canal from injury.

2. Colonel Faber does not however feel justified in submitting any specific plan of procedure, without first receiving the orders of Government.

(A true Extract.)

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

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 662; dated 13th April 1858.

It does not appear from the letter from the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal, submitted by the Chief Engineer, that any injury was occasioned by the neglect of the boat's crew in the case referred to; and Colonel Faber is requested to be more explicit in the matter. At present,

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the Government are only informed that the head of a boat was moored under a bridge, while shells were unladen from the stern; it is not said that damage was done to the bridge or the Canal, and although it may be assumed that the passage was temporarily blocked up, it is not apparent that a similar evil would not have resulted from the boat having been similarly moored in any other place.

2. The Penal Code provides for the punishment of all who commit mischief by destroying or injuring public roads, bridges, rivers, or channels, and its enactment will probably meet all the requirements of the Eastern Coast Canal. At all events, the Government would be averse to applying for legal remedy, until the provisions of the Code had been found to be insufficient.

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

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of the Eastern Coast Canal to the Chief Engineer
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E & C Canal,
Supt. Office,
Madras.

30th January 1858.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter
Supt. of the E & C Canal.

Chengelpat District
Collectors' Office
Hydrabad 19th Jan 1858.

To
The Superintendent of the
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Painted boards oblique.

I have
M. J. Shubrick
Collector.

True copy.

M. J. Shubrick, Lieut.

Compt. of the C. & Canal.

A True Extract and Copy.

Wm. Fisher
Colonel
Chief Engineer.

N^o 7256

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works, Fort Saint George
Under date the 8th February 1858.

Read the following letter

From the Superintendent of the C. L. Canal.

Forwards a copy of a letter from the Collector of
Chingleput, as to the complaint made by the
Superintendent, regarding the obstruction caused
by boats, kept without crews in the Canal.

Recd. Enter 30th January 1858 N^o 349

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from the Proceedings of the

Chief Engineer

of the C. L. Canal

Dated 8th February 1858.

N^o 7256

Letter of correspondence

regarding the injury to the

canal caused by the

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J. H. True Esq.

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Chas. Fisher Esq.

Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government B. M. D.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 13th March 1858.

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Chief Engineer -

(Here enter 8th Feb/58 N7256/)

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W. H. M.

Admitted 18th March 1858
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Dated 13th April 1858

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Engineers to be in my office
as to the Complaint made
by the Engineer in London to East
Coast Canal, regarding the
obstruction caused by boats
right without cause in the
canal.

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C 30 March 17th April