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No. 73. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer in charge of the Central office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th April 1858, No. 8770.

SIR,

In forwarding for early submission to Government, a letter* from the Acting District Engineer of Cuddapah, representing the insufficient strength of his Department for the due and efficient execution of the repairs required in that District, I have the honor to express my entire concurrence in Lieutenant Stewart's opinion, that for an area of 12,000 square miles of difficult country covered with Tanks, of which 60 are greatly out of repair, the present establishment is wholly inadequate.

* Dated 30th March 1858, No. 1380.

2. To look to the Collector's Department for assistance is, I consider out of the question, and must tend to cause confusion and difficulty hereafter; and the only alteranative I can advise, is, to sanction the immediate appointment of four (4) temporary Assistant Overseers chargeable to estimates, for a period of six months, unless the Government shall think proper to relieve from the Survey duties in Bellary, the Subordinates now employed there, as recommended in the Chief Engineer's letter No. 8524, dated 26th Ultimo,. Whichever plan be determined on, may I hope be ordered without delay, to prevent the Govornment from sustaining loss.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Calicut, 30th March 1858, No. 1360.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that the number of Sub Overseers in this District is by no means adequate to its requirements. There is scarcely a single Talook as strong in this respect as I should like to see it;—but I allude especially to those which suffered so severely during the storm of November last, the Sidhout, Budwail and Chitwail Talook. Their strength is as follows

	One Overseer
In Sidhout,	Two young Sub Overseers
In Budwail,	Two Sub Overseers
In Chitwail,	One Assistant Supervisor
	Two young sub Overseers.

As in these three large talooks there were nearly 60 tanks breached and otherwise seriously injured during last year, the above mentioned strength of subordinates is wholly insufficient to restore them as speedily as is desirable. Had it been possible, I would have strengthened them from other talooks;—but as I have already said, there is a scarcely one sufficiently strong in this respect,—certainly none that could spare any subordinates. There are indeed two large and important talooks, Poolivaindlah and Koilgoontla, to which—since my arrival in the District—it has not been possible to allot a single executive of any grace whatever.—

2.—I scarcely know what to suggest to you to remedy the wants of this District. It is scarcely likely that any other District can spare any of its subordinates. If it be possible however, I would request that 4 additional Sub Overseers may be sent to this District, if only as a temporary measure.—

But I would most earnestly press on your notice the advisability of restoring that most useful body of men,—the 3rd Class of Sub Overseers. The pay of the whole of this class throughout the Presidency was I think under Rupees 80,000 per annum,—a very small per centage on their value to Government.

The lowest grade of this Class drew a salary of only Rupees 15, and as they could be placed in charge of two or three neighbouring works without any necessity for their drawing horse allowance, they formed an excellent training school for the Department, from which the best could be selected for higher appointments.

Now however the pay of the lowest grade is Rupees 25, and as from their small number it is necessary to give every one a Range of country that necessitates a horse or pony, their pay is

virtually Rupees 40.—I have found that in many instances this large initial rate of pay has a most injurious effect on the recipient. In most cases he is a young lad fresh from school,—or he may perhaps have served as an apprentice in some office on a pay of Rupees 7;—and when all of a sudden he finds himself in receipt of a salary—to him so immense—of Rupees 40, he fancies that he is provided for for life, and becomes quite careless about improving himself, and indeed very frequently becomes idle and negligent in the performance of his duties:

I am certainly of opinion that it would be very much to the interest of Government to restore the 3rd Class on its original strength,—and that so far from such a course being an extra drain on the public resources, that in a very short time what seems to entail increased expense would prove a measure of real economy.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, No. 706; dated 16th April 1858.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works, the Governor in Council sanctions the appointment of four temporary Assistant Overseers for employment in the District of Cuddapah for six months. Their pay will be charged to the estimates, a course approved by the Government of India in regard to additional servants required under similar cirumstances for Nellore.

From the Offig. Secretary dated 24th February 1858 No. 922.

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

Central Office of P. W.

Public

No. 8770

Fort Saint George
7th April 1858.

From

The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of Pc. Works

To,

The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

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* dated 30 March/58 No 1360.

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2 To look to the Collectors Department for assistance is, I consider out of the question, and must tend to cause confusion and difficulty hereafter; and the only alternative I can advise, is, to sanction the immediate appointment of four (4) temporary Assistant Overseers chargeable to estimates, for a period of Six months, unless the Government shall think proper to relieve from the Survey duties in Bellary, the Subordinates now employed there, as recommended in the Chief Engineer's letter № 8524 dated 26th Ultimo Whichever plan be determined on, may I hope be ordered without delay, to prevent the Government from sustaining loss.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
Crawford Major
Superintending Engineer
In charge of the
Central Office of P.W.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
7th April 1858.

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Public Works Dept

No. 706.

Extract from Minutes of Council Chamber
Under date the 16th April 1858

Read the following
letter from the Officer in
Charge of the Central Office
of Public Works.

(Here enter 7th April/58 & No 3770)

Agreeably to the
recommendations of the
Officer in Charge of the
Central Office of Public Works,
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sanctions the appointment
of four temporary Apprentices
Overseers for employment
in the District of Cuddapah
for six months. Their
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Fort St. George
The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of Public Works
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The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 7th April 1858
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No. 3770

Enclosure / Returned
To the 706. 16th April 1858.
Proceedings with observations a
letter from the District Engineer
Cuddapah representing the
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Department for the due efficient
execution of the Repairs required
in his District.

Cuddapah 13th April 1858

No. 73

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From the Offg. Secretary
dated 26th February 1868 No 922

Copies to the Chief Engr
Divn No 17

Public Works 1858 Despatch
Dy to Govt: 26th April

No 706

Extract Minute of Govt.
Dated 16th April 58
From the Offg Chief Engr
Dy 19th Augt 58 No 1894 inclo
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No 73074

C/o Capt Cullen 13