No. 81. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 22nd March 1858, No. 8311.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 416, dated 9th March 1858, I do myself the honor, to forward the accompanying letter from the Acting District Engineer Cuddapah, urging the immediate prosecution of the improvements to the Budweed Tank, a work entered in the list submitted to Government on the 11th February 1858, in letter No. 7307, but thrown out as not of so emergent a nature, as to require to be exempted from the operation of the restrictive orders.

2. Lieutenant Stewart observes, that he considers the work alluded to, to be of more importance than any of those sanctioned in the order already quoted; and that he has been led to form this opinion, from a personal inspection of the tank. Under these circumstances, and as the revenue of the tank, is likely to suffer much from the delay in the prosecution of the work, I beg to recommend that the sanction of Government may be granted for its immediate execution.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah, 15th March 1858, No. 1307.

SIR,

With reference to the Extract Minutes Consultation No. 416, of the 9th Instant, sanctioning the immediate execution of certain works in this District, which were stopped under the restrictive order of the 17th July last, I have the honor to bring to your notice that I consider the immediate prosecution of the improvements to the Budweed Tank in the Doopaud Talook as almost more important than any of the works now sanctioned. When I sent in my report on the 30th January, I had not then visited this work, and I was guided almost entirely by the information which I received from Mr. Leggatt, in whose range the tank in question is situated. Subsequently however I visited the Budweed tank, and I was convinced of the great importance of completing the work as speedily as possible, not only is the revenue of the tank suffering much from the delay in executing the improvements, but it is highly probable that if the next rains overtake it in an unfinished state, that they will both destroy what work has been done, and greatly increase the ultimate cost of the improvements.

2. It is much to be regretted that the work was stopped at all, as the November storm has considerably widened the Tiggle. Air at the site of the proposed annicut, and will I fear render a supplemental estimate necessary.

I should have at once addressed you on the subject, had I not previously in the statement submitted on the 30th January recommended the immediate prosecution of the work—as the work seemed to me to be so very important, and as I anticipated an early sanction for its execution, I directed Mr. Overseer O'Neile, on my own responsibility, to lose no time in pushing it on to a completion.

3.—By the Extract Minutes Consultation above referred to, I find that this work is not among those sanctioned for immediate execution—I have therefore the honor most earnestly to request that you will obtain the requisite sanction.

I attach so much importance to it that until I receive further orders on the subject, I shall not arrest the progress of the work,—as I believe that such a measure would be extremely prejudicial to Government.

No. 82. ORDER THEREON, No. 710; dated 16th April 1858.

The letter above recorded refers to the project for improving the Budweed tank in the Cuddapah District, which was, in common with others, stopped under the restrictive orders of the 17th of July 1857. The work was included in the list forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter of the 11th February last, No. 7307, and from the information then before Government,

it did not appear to be of so emergent a character as to justify its being sanctioned for execution. Colonel Faber now forwards a communication from the District Engineer who states, after a personal inspection of the tank, that its revenue is suffering considerably from the delay in carrying out the improvements. Under this representation, the Government grant permission for resuming the work, but they must observe that there is little use in the Chief Engineer asking sanction in favor of works stopped under the restrictive orders, if he allows his Officers, not only to anticipate it, but to continue to act in opposition to orders when given, as Lieutenant Stewart appears to have done in the present instance.

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

Revenue
Irrigation.

(To be returned)

No 831.

From,
The Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

With reference to Exs: Engrs: Cons: No 1,16 dated 9th March 1858, I do myself the honor, to forward the accompanying letter from the Acting District Engineer Cuddapah, urging the immediate prosecution of the improvements to the Pudweed Tank, a work entered in the List submitted to Government, on the 11th February 1858 in letter No 307, but thrown out as not of so emergent a nature, as to require to be exempted from the operation of the restrictive orders.

2 Lieutenant Stewart observes, that he considers the work alluded to, to be of more importance than any of those sanctioned in the order already quoted; and that he has been led to form this opinion, from a personal inspection of the Tank. Under these circumstances, and as the Revenue of the Tank, is likely to suffer much from the delay in the prosecution of the work, I beg to recommend that the Sanction of Government may be granted for its immediate execution.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
M. Faber Exors
Chief Engineer.

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort Saint George, 22d March 1858.

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Public Works Dept

No 710.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the April 1858.

Read the following

letter from the Chief

Engineer.

Fort William 23rd March 1858

No 83111

The letter above recorded refers to the Project for improving the Budbudeah tanks in the Cuddapah District, public way, in common with others, stopped under the restrictive orders of

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Public Works Dept.

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Enclosure 1 (Rec'd 10th inst)

To Lt Colonel R. Baird Smith C.E.

Superintending the Ganges Canal

Dated Roorkee 17th March 1858

No 81

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith, for the information of the Government of India, a letter from Mr. Assistant Lieutenant Goodwyn, in charge of the Cuddapah District, reporting the stoppage of the Budbudeah tanks in that District, under the restrictive orders of Government.

I have &c

(Signed) R. Baird Smith

Lieut Colonel

Chief Engineer

of the 17th of July 1857. The work was included in the list forwarded with the Chief Engineer's letter of the 11th February last No. 1307, and from the information then before Government, it did not appear to be of so emergent a character as to justify its being sanctioned for execution. Colonel Etches now forwards a communication from the District Engineer who states, after a personal inspection of the bank, that its revenue is suffering considerably from the delay in carrying

carrying out the improvements. Under this representation, the Government grant permission for resuming the work, but they must observe that there is little use in the Chief Engineer exercising sanction in favor of works stopped under the restrictive orders, if he allows his Officers, not only to anticipate it, but to continue to act in opposition to orders when given, as Lieutenant Stewart appears to have done

done in the present
instance.

J. Copied to the Chief Engr
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Dy 16th April 1858.

From the Chief Engineer
of 28th May/58 C. No. 1158.
in C.: 22nd June

Granting permission for reasons stated for the immediate execution of the improvements connected to the Sandweed Bank in the Godolphin District.

No. 81882