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Fort Saint George, P. W. Diary after Consultation of 21st December 1858.

No. 248. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 11th December 1858, No. 6241.

SIR,

With reference to my letter No. 5122 dated 5th Ultimo, I have the honor to forward a statement shewing the number of Tanks breached by the Storm of November 1857 in Cuddapah, and their condition on the setting in of the monsoon of 1858; I beg also to submit copy of a letter* from Lieutenant Shaw Stewart in reply to some enquires I addressed to him in connection with the subject of these works.

1 Letter.
1 Statement.

* No. 993 dated 3rd December 1858.

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3. It appears to me that when the number of Executive Officers in a District is insufficient to afford one to every range, an Officer should be occasionally deputed from a different range to check the measurements and accounts of subordinates holding similar charges, if the District Engineer cannot personally do so which I imagine must often be the case.

4. The truth is that subordinates must feel themselves liable at all times to strict scrutiny, to ensure their acting with uniform correctness, though I by no means intend any imputation on those of Cuddapah.

Letter from Lieutenant J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer, Cuddapah; to the Chief Engineer, dated Camp Chettywarpully 3rd December 1858, No. 993.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt, this day, of your Extract Proceedings of the 26th Ultimo, No. 5795, I have the honor with reference to para. 1 thereof to return herewith the Statement of breached tanks in question, the date of each inspection made by myself after the works were in progress, being entered in the column for remarks.

2. With reference to the first portion of para. 2, I have the honor to observe that I was struck with the correspondence between the Estimate and the expenditure, especially in the works carried on in the Budwail Talook. On enquiry I found that the Wudders are generally satisfied with the original measurement of the amount of work to be done, as made by a member of this Department when the estimate is framed. They agree to perform the work according to the rates and measurements entered in the estimate; and they are Superintended by an under-maistry, who upon each inspection and approval of the work done, receive the per-centage allowed for sundries and Superintendence. In this manner it frequently happens that the amount spent agrees exactly with the estimate. I would also remark that in some cases the rules regarding Bills which were circulated on the 16th July last, have a tendency to produce this effect. A reason is required for any excess above the estimated amount; and it is not always possible to state a reason for an excess of a few Rupees or a few Annas. The effect of this naturally is to induce the Overseer, to try and make the amount of the estimate go as far as possible, in order that, without injury to the work, the estimate may not be exceeded.

3. With reference to the latter portion of the same para, I have the honor to state that I am at a loss to know whence you have inferred that so few inspections have been made by the Officers of this District. I beg to assure you that you are mistaken. Every individual work has been examined and reported on by the Officer in charge of the range in which it is situated. A large number, as you will see, have been inspected by myself. In your letter dated the 4th November last, No. 5089, you did not call for any return of the dates of inspection; and they were not entered in the list as originally submitted to you.

No. 249. ORDER THEREON, No. 2824; dated 24th December 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

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

Central Office of Public Works

12228 Recd. H. P. ... Fort St. George 11th December 1858

N^o 6241

From, ...
The Officiating Chief Engineer
To,

The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department
... 11th Decr 1858

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Lieut. J. B. M. Shaw Stewart.
District Engineer Cuddapah

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The Chief Engineer
D. E. M.

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Fort St. George
11th December 1858
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Lawford Lieut. Colonel
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Camp Shettywarpully
Dist^l Engineers Office
3rd (December 1858.)

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Yrs
J. M. M. Shaw Stewart, Esq
District Engineer of Buddapah

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Benford Lieut. Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer.

Enclosed in a letter
from

The C. & G. Chief Engineer

Do, The Secretary to General

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(Date 11th December 1890)

N. 6241

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Copy of a letter from the

Chief Engineer of Guadalupe

returning the statement of assets

with the date of each

production, entered in the books

for remarks.

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The Off. Chief Engineer

Ch. The Secretary to Government

Public Works Dept.

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John W. Roberts

24th Dec/58

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