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No. 71. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 14th February 1859, No. 7876.

SIR,

1 Copy of letter from District Engineer, Chingleput, No 1181, dated 20th January 1859.
1 Copy of letter from Mr. R. Kennedy, No 170, dated 7th February 1857.

I do myself the honor to forward, for the purpose of being placed before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying copy of a letter received from Captain A. S. Moberly, District Engineer, Chingleput, No. 1181, dated 20th Ultimo, requesting permission to dispose of the several useless Boats and old Stores on the East Coast Canal.

2. On the receipt of this communication, Mr. Executive Engineer Kennedy was requested to favor me with his opinion on the proposition made, and likewise to submit a Schedule of the Articles referred to by the District Engineer.

3. In compliance with this requisition, Mr. Kennedy furnished the list called for, with his letter, No. 170, dated 7th Instant, copy of which is enclosed; wherein he expresses an opinion similar to that put forward by Captain Moberly, in regard to the inutility of the Stores alluded to.

4. The District Engineer recommends that the sale proceeds of the old Stores be carried for the repair of the Canal, in which Mr. Kennedy expresses his concurrence, on the ground that the General Repair Fund "has been saddled with extraordinary burdens during the current year while the sanctioned amount is owing to an unusually heavy Monsoon, barely sufficient for its legitimate purposes".

5. Under the circumstances I have the honor to request the sanction of Government, for the issue of the necessary orders to the District Engineer, Chingleput.

Letter from Captain A. S. MOBERLY, District Engineer of Chingleput; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Guindy, 20th January 1859, No. 1181.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice, that there are several Boats and old Stores belonging to Government on the Eastern Coast Canal, which are rotting, and other ways becoming useless, and to request your permission to my disposing of them, and carrying the proceeds to repair the Canal.

Letter from Mr. R. KENNEDY, Executive Engineer, 3rd Class; to Major W. BIRDWOOD, Officiating Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, dated Adyar, 7th February 1859, No. 170.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, No. 7436, dated 28th January 1859, calling for my opinion upon a proposition of the District Engineer of Chingleput, regarding the sale of superfluous Stores upon the Eastern Coast Canal, and for a Schedule thereof, which is herewith enclosed.

2. It seems to me that it will be beneficial in several ways to dispose of these Stores, as they are of no use, and are for the most part in bad condition, and daily deteriorating.

3. The Boats being old, are a constant source of expense to keep in repair; to meet this expense in some measure, several of them have been let out on hire, but the amount obtained is fully absorbed by wear and tear.

4. The hulls of the old Dredge Boat at Pulicat are worn out and partly broken up, and the whole of the machinery and copper sheathing was sold by Auction last year. These, and a considerable portion of the articles specified in list are only fit for firewood.

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5. There is a large quantity of Shells which can always be sold at their value ; and in fact, I understand the District Engineer could conveniently take them over for District works. In addition to the quantity specified, there is sufficient left on the Northern Canal to expend on necessary repairs, and to be retained for the completion of the Lascar's quarters at the Shedian-coopum Lock, should that work be resumed. The stone on hand could probably not be sold, and is therefore not entered, but reserved for future contingencies.

6. As regards the question of appropriating the proceeds to the General Repairs Fund, strong arguments can be brought forward in its favor, during the current year that fund has been saddled with extraordinary burdens, while the sanctioned amount is, owing to an unusually heavy monsoon, barely sufficient for its legitimate purpose.

7. The heaviest extraordinary item is the estimate for constructing four spoil Punts as tenders to the new Iron Steam Dredge, (now nearly ready for work at the Adyar) That item amounts to Rupees 1,130, and when sanctioned it was ordered, by the Officiating Chief Engineer, I think, that it should be disbursed out of the General Repairs Fund, which has been done. The Punts are finished and their cost is Rupees 1,124-8-4, another considerable item is that for constructing the Iron Steam Dredge, also to be disbursed from that fund.

8. In these circumstances, if the Chief Engineer should be pleased to sanction the appropriation of the proceeds of the Sale of the Stores, it may perhaps be possible to close the yearly accounts, without being under the necessity in the present financial pressure, to apply to Government, for a sanction of excess expenditure in the Canal Repair Account, during the current year.

List of superfluous Stores on Northern and Southern Canal.

Number of Articles.	Names of Articles.
2	Cargo Boats.
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2	Mud Boats.
2	Jolly Boats, (broken.)
8	Top Boats, with sails and Masts, (incomplete.)
4	Parah measures (in bad condition.)
3	Boxes, for hand Bandies
2	Pair of wheels, for Do.
2	Axles, for Do.
2	Frames, for Do.
2	Small Packing Boxes.
	A Quantity of old Iron.
6	Old Screw Boats.
2	Old Paddle wheels.
1	Paddle wheel crank.
4	Blocks of Ballast Iron.
8	Pieces of Redwood.
1	Wooden Pump.
	A Quantity of Slabs, Boards and old Staves.
2	Tar Tubs.
	A small Quantity of Firewood.
1	Hand Bandy.
2	Paddle wheel Frames.
3	Pieces of Jungle wood.
2	Packing Cases.
5000	Parahs of shells, (about.).

E. C. Canal Office, Adyar, }
7th February 1859. }

(Signed) R. KENNEDY,
Executive Engineer 3rd Class.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 8th March 1859.

No. 72. ORDER THEREON, No. 511 ; dated 7th March 1859.

Agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council authorizes the sale of the old Stores on the East Coast Canal, represented by the District Engineer of Chingleput, to be unserviceable, and directs that the proceeds realized be carried to the credit of Government. The list furnished by Mr. Kennedy simply specifies the names and quantity of materials on hand, but does not give their probable value, which should have been shewn.

2. In regard to the 5,000 Parahs of chunam shells, which is entered in the list, but is not old Stores, the Government would wish to be informed from what funds this material was purchased what is its present market value, and whether the District Engineer could not take it at that value for the works in progress in the Chingleput District.

3. The Government would desire to be informed why the Officiating Superintending Engineer, Central Circle, communicated with Mr. Kennedy direct, instead of through the District Engineer, under whom he is placed.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

Public

N^o. 7876

Central Office of P. Works,
Fort Saint George, 14 February 1859

From,

The Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government &c.

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issue of the necessary orders to the District Engineer
being put. —

I have the honor to be,

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George,
14th February 1859.

Sir,
Yours most Obedt Servt
W. L. Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer.

J. W. B.
The Secretary to Government P.W.D.
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From, *Mr. R. Kennedy*
Executive Engineer 3rd Class

To, *Major W. Birdwood*
Offg. Superintending Engineer
Central Circle

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Mr. Kennedy
No. 7436

Sub. No. 1859 Department
No. 7436

Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government

22nd 11th February 1859

Mr. Birdwood
Enclosed 2

Recommendation that certain
useful boats and old stores

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Sd/- Mr. J. H. March 1859.

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E. C. Canal
Office, Adyar
7th February 1859.

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(Sd) R. Kennedy,
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	A Quantity of old Iron—
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2	Old Paddle wheels—
1	Paddle wheel Crank—
4	Blocks of Buoyant Iron—
8	Pieces of Redwood—
1	Wain "Jumps" —
	A Quantity of Sheds, Boards and old Staves—
2	Car Subs—
	A small quantity of Firewood—
1	Hand Bandy —
2	Paddle wheel Frames —
3	Reves of Fingle wood—
2	Packing Cases—
5000	Barrels of Shells (about)

E. S. Canal Office
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 7th February 1859.

Signed: R. Kennedy.
 Executive Engineer P. & S. C.

True Copies

W. H. Smith Major.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 7th March 1859

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from the Chief Engineer

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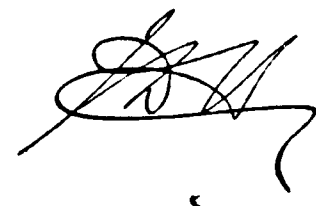
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to the Secretary to Government
Dated 14th February 1859
Received
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10 Copies to the Chief Eng^r Dated 8th
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For the Worcester Dept.
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Richard Henry Cox.
Esq. 16 March 1857.

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