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Public Works DEPARTMENT.
On 8/3/38

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No. 96. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th March 1859, No. 8413.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 17th February 1859, No. 8009, I have the honor to forward the accompanying original letter from the District Engineer, Tanjore, under date 2nd Instant, No. 303, reporting that he had forwarded to the Collector of that District, the Statement

1 Original letter from the District Engineer, Tanjore, No. 303, dated 2nd March 1859.
1 Do. From the Collector of Tanjore, No. 65, dated 1st March 1859.

called for in para. 4 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 14th February 1859, No. 379, and pointing out that pending the receipt by the Collector of authority to make further advances of cash, there would not be "as far as he knew a single Rupee available" after a few days, and that consequently all work would come to a stand still, although the absolutely necessary repairs requiring to be performed during the Current month were estimated at Rupees 82,000.

2. The Statement when received will be instantly forwarded, and I trust that in the mean time immediate orders will be issued, as was done in the case of Trichinopoly, in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 25th February 1859, No. 432, authorizing the Collector to furnish the District Engineer with such amount as the former Officer may consider necessary for expenditure within the month.

3. With reference to the remark made in para. 2 of Extract Minutes Consultation of the 14th February 1859, No. 379, that in applying for additional funds, I had overlooked, having previously sanctioned the repair of the Upper Annicut at a cost of Rupees 14,500, I would call attention to para. 6 of Captain Moberly's letter, which explains that although the work was authorized by me, as an absolutely indispensable repair, funds for it had to be provided out of the additional sanction applied for.

4. Since writing the above, the accompanying letter from the Collector has been received, report that the statement above alluded to, having reached him without the signature of the District Engineer, and that it had therefore been returned to that Officer, and giving his opinion that about one lac of Rupees would be as much as can be well expended upon Irrigation Repairs within the short period which remains of the Current official year, instead of Rupees 1,80,000, which would appear to be the amount at which the value of work to be done in the two months, is estimated by Captain F. J. Moberly.

Letter from Captain F. J. MOBERLY, Acting District Engineer, Tanjore ; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Coombaconum, 2nd March 1859, No. 303.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that a concise statement of the expenditure, &c., of the District was forwarded to the Collector, on the 26th Ultimo, agreeably to instructions, Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 379, dated 14th Ultimo.

2. I must however press upon you that we are nearly without funds, in fact except the balance in hand on the 28th Ultimo, there will not, as far as I know, be a rupee available.

3. The indent for March amounts to Rupees 82,000, but I am afraid that in spite of his best wishes to assist us, the Collector will not be able to sanction any of this money with the restriction in para. 4.

4. I beg to assure you that the repairs for which estimates have been sanctioned by the Collector and myself jointly, to be solely intended for preservation ; all plans of improvements or restoration have been refused, but the amount required for these repairs is actually more than the sum estimated by Major Birdwood, and I believe the District is quite able to work out that value.

5. In a very few days more, I fear that we shall be at a perfect stand still at the most valuable period of the year, and just when the people returning from the harvest will be most eager for employment, which they know is for the preservation of their lives and property.

6. I beg to point out that your sanction of Rupees 14,500 for the Upper Annicut is useless, since the order is drawn on an exhausted Cash Chest.

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

7. I trust therefore, that I shall be favoured with early orders for the further supplies of money, without which I believe the whole Revenue of the District will run more or less risk.

Letter from W. M. CADELL, Esq., Collector of Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 1st March 1859, No. 65.

SIR,

1. The Officiating District Engineer has forwarded for my information and for such remarks as may occur to me the report and Statement called for by Government, in Extract Minutes of Consultation, under date the 14th Ultimo; but the Statement having accidentally been omitted to be signed, I have been obliged to return it to that Officer to be forwarded by him along with the report instead of by myself as originally intended.

2. I have, however, countersigned the Statement as required by the orders of Government, but in doing so, I deem it my duty to state, that I am not of opinion so large a sum as Rupees 1,80,000 can be efficiently expended by the Department of Public Works within the 30th April next. The District Engineer's Report and Statement only reached me last evening and as under the orders of Government, I am precluded from passing any fresh Indents till the receipt of further instructions, it follows that some delay must unavoidably take place, and that the remaining short portion of the current official year be thus further reduced.

3. With reference to para. 19 of Captain Moberly's Report, I have also to state that Estimates for the repairs of Roads which were ordered in Extract Minutes of Consultation, dated the 4th January last, to be carried out by this Department, and amounting in the aggregate to nearly Rupees 43,000 in 10 Talooks are now before me. Of this sum about 8,000 Rupees has been expended up to the 10th February, and it cannot but be expected that the further prosecution of these repairs will to a certain extent, interfere with the execution of those works which are being carried out by the professional Department.

4. I ought also to add that previous to my assuming charge of the District, and with the approval of Government, a sum of about Rupees 20,000 has been expended by this Department in the closing of breaches, &c., and for which accounts will be shortly submitted.

5. With reference to para. 3 of the Minutes of Consultation, above referred to, in which my opinion is required as to the cost of the necessary repairs, and the amount of money that can be efficiently expended during the remaining short period of the official year, I beg to state, that having so lately assumed charge of the District, I do not feel competent to hazard an opinion as to the cost of the repairs. In my judgment, however, and looking to the Reports which have reached me of the amount of works done in the months of January and February, I do not think that more than a Lac 100,000 Rupees (if indeed so much) can be efficiently and satisfactorily expended by the 30th April next.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, No. 524; dated 8th March 1859.

It would have been better if the Collector had sent up the Report and Statement of the District Engineer, notwithstanding that Officer's inadvertent omission to sign the latter document. Even in the absence of those papers, however, the Governor in Council thinks it proper to pass orders on the present application, as both the Collector and the District Engineer represent the want of funds as pressing.

2. The District Engineer states, that he requires 1,80,000 Rupees for expenditure on repairs only, during the current and succeeding month; while the Collector thinks that no more than a lac of Rupees can be satisfactorily expended in that time. The Governor in Council resolves to authorize the Collector to make advances to the larger amount, on requisition by the District Engineer, provided, however, that the repairs undertaken, as in other cases, must have the approval of the Collector.

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

N^o 8413

Central Office of Mr.
Lat St George
8th March 1859.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works (Department)

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Enclosed 2
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forward the accompanying original letter from the
District Engineer Tanjore under date 2^d Instant,
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Collector of that District the Statement called for
in para 4 of E. M. C. of the 14th February 1859,
No 379, & pointing out that finding the receipt
by the Collector of authority to make further
advances of Cash, there would not be "as far as
he knows a single rupee available" after a few
days, & that consequently all work would come
to a stand still, although the absolutely necessary
repairs requiring to be performed during the current

Month

Distress

Months were estimated at Rs. 82000.

2. The Statement when received will be instantly forwarded & I trust that in the mean time immediate orders will be issued, as was done in the case of Trichunopoly on E.M. C. of the 25th February 1859, No 432, authorizing the Collector to furnish the District Engineer with such amount as the former Officer may consider necessary for expenditure within the Month.

3. With reference to the remarks made in Para 2 of E.M. C. of the 14th February 1859, No 379, that in applying for additional funds I had overlooked having previously sanctioned the repair of the Upper Arment at a cost of Rs. 14,500, I would call attention to Para 16 of Capt. Moberly's letter which explains that although the work was authorized by me as an absolutely indispensable repair, funds for it had to be provided out of the additional sanction applied for.

Since writing the above the accompanying letter from the Collector has been received.

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reporting that the Statement above alluded to having reached him without the signature of the District Engineer & that it had therefore been returned to that Officer, & giving his opinion that about one lac of Rupees would be as much as can be well expended upon irrigation repairs within the short period which remains of the current official year, instead of Rs. 1,00,000, which would appear to be the amount at which the value of work to be done in the two Months is estimated, by Capt. F. J. Moberly.

Central Office of M. }
8th March 1859. }

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.
Wm. Fisher Col.
Chief Engineer.

P.W.D.

N^o 524

Extract from the Minutes of Cons.
Under date the 8th March 1859.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

(Where entered 8 March/59
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At

By

R. M.

JOHN W. 1159 High
Lancaster.
Jm. N^o 536

Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt

At 8th March/59
No 8 }

N^o 84/13
Cecil, 8th March
5-4-59

I enclose letter from
the Mr. W. & Collier of Lancs
& request that the latter offer
may be made to advance
sums for the current month
pending the receipt of the Sta-
ment called for in Ch. C
14th Feb. 59. No 379.
C. N. 524. 8th March 1859.

No 96.

District Engineer re-
present the want of
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2. The District Engineer
states that he requires
150,000 Rupees for expen-
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the collector.

Copy to the Chief Engr
for the Govt of Bengal
and the Engrs. to do.

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From the Chief Eng^r 29th March
Cus: 8th March.

Authorizing the
Collector of Customs to make
advances and requisitions to
the District Engineer to the
amount of £1000/18/0
for the repairs undertaken
provided they be the
Collector's approval.

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