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Government of Madras.

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

No. 98. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 8th March 1859, No. 8414.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward with reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, under dates the 14th and 25th February 1859, Nos. 379 and 432, letters from the Collector* and District† Engineer of Trichinopoly, submitting Statements of the expenditure incurred in that District from the 1st May 1858 to 31st January 1859, and of the amount required for carrying on, during the remainder of the present official year, the heavy repairs rendered necessary by the flood of last October.

2. These Statements are not very clear, but I gather from that marked No. 2, that deducting from the total sum of Rupees 2,16,331, drawn by the District Engineer, the amount shewn in columns 1 and 2 to have been spent on New Works, the outlay on repairs had reached on the 1st February 1859, Rupees 1,51,648 out of the Rupees 1,52,626 allowed in the Budget.

3. The limit of that sanction having therefore been almost attained while the work still to be performed to complete the repairs which both the Collector and District Engineer consider absolutely necessary to preserve the Revenue of the Province, and the property of the people is estimated at Rupees (83,000) eighty-three thousand more, I would strongly recommend that that sum be at once granted and placed at the disposal of the District Engineer.

Letter from J. BIRD, Esq., Collector of Trichinopoly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Trichinopoly, 3rd March 1857, No. 46.

SIR,

Para. 1. In compliance with your Resolution, No. 8008 of the 17th Ultimo, and also agreeably to the request of the District Engineer, I do myself the honor to transmit you an original letter to your address from Captain Oakes, together with the several Statements required by Extract Minutes of Consultation, No. 379, under date the 14th February 1859.

2. These several Returns I have duly countersigned in token of my full concurrence in their entries, as to the cost of the necessary repairs, and also as to the amount which it may be practicable to lay out during the remainder of the present Official year.

3. The District Engineer has by no means overstated the amounts that may be required for the restoration of works damaged by the recent floods. And it is essential for the prosperity of this Province that the funds be at once forthcoming and sanctioned. The working period is already far advanced, and unless the Channels, River banks and Tanks are put into thorough repair and working order, the loss both to the Ryot and the Government will be great.

Letter from Captain R. F. OAKES, District Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Trichinopoly, 28th February 1859, No. 1691.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward a Statement exhibiting the probable expenditure on Public Works during the months of March and April, and to inform you that the delay in its submission is attributable to the fact of my absence from Trichinopoly during the last 10 days, where documents required for the preparation of the statement had been left.

Statement No. 1 exhibits the amounts of works sanctioned during the year 1858-59. The amount drawn from the Collector up to 31st

January inclusive of the balance in hand on the 30th April 1858, is Rupees 2,16,331-1-3 the amount sanctioned for repairs and New Works is Rupees 2,83,653-10-0.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount drawn.....	1,96,871	1	3
Balance.....	19,460	3	1
	2,16,331	4	4

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The amount of expenditure on New Works has fallen and will fall within the limit sanctioned, for the vast damages done to the country by the late floods demand the undivided attention of the Department, and even what were formerly termed ordinary repairs will necessarily be in a great measure neglected; the cost of repairs will exceed the amount sanctioned by Rupees 73,156.

No. 3 is by no means an exaggerated statement of the amounts required to restore the works in the District to their original state before the floods. Work to at least $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount must be executed in March and April if possible, but if not, and the River banks especially, are not restored before the floods of this year, a very ordinary flood may deluge the country, destroy property to a large amount, and render extensive repairs again necessary. The cost of re-constructing Bridges destroyed has not been included in the Statement.

If the Channels are not cleared and the breaches in the bunds of Channels and Tanks are not closed in time, not only will the revenue necessarily fall off, but there will also be great loss to the Landed Proprietors, and much distress among the poorer classes.

If the amounts sanctioned for New Works, which are not required for expenditure in this year may be alienated and expended upon repairs, a sanction of only Rupees 35,812 in excess of the sums already sanctioned will be required, but if not, a special sanction of Rupees 73,156 for repairs is required.

New works.....	Rupees 28,000	The expenditure from 31st January to 30th April 1859 will, it is anticipated be Rupees 1,11,000, making an aggregate expenditure of Rupees 3,18,465 during 1858-59.
Repairs.....	83,000	
	<u>1,11,000</u>	

Should the sanction solicited in my letter No. 1672, dated 24th instant, be granted a further sum of Rupees 23,000 will be required for expenditure in 1858-59, but a great portion of that sum could be brought forward as an advance for 1859-60, and be debited to the expenditure of 1859-60, as explained in my letter quoted above.

No 99. ORDER THEREON No. 525; dated 8th March 1859.

The Governor in Council authorizes the Collector of Trichinopoly to make advances to the District Engineer, on requisitions from him, to the amount of (1,11,000) one lac and eleven thousand Rupees, for the repair of damage caused by the late heavy floods. The amounts sanctioned for New Works, but not required for them, will not be advanced at all.

2. The repairs undertaken will have, as in other cases, the previous approval of the Collector.

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

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George.
8th March 1859.

No 8414
From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Public

Sir, I have the honor to forward, with reference to G.O. No. 1672, under dated the 14th & 25th February 1859, Nos 379 & 432 letters from the Collector and District Engineer of Trichinopoly, submitting statements of the expenditure incurred in that District from the 1st May 1858 to 31st January 1859, and of the amount required for carrying on, during the remainder of the present official year, the heavy repairs rendered necessary by the flood of last October.

2. These statements are not very clear, but I gather from that marked No. 2 that deducting from the total sum of Rupees 2,16,331, shown by the District Engineer, the amount shown in columns 1 & 2 to have been spent on new works, the outlay on repairs had.

+ No 1673 P.W.D.
* No 1674 P.W.D.
with 3 statements.

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I have the honor to,
 Sir,
 your most obedt servt

Chas. Rogers.

To the Secretary of
the Government P. B. & Co.

N^o 525. O.W.D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Held on the 8th March 1859.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer

(Here enter 8th March/59 at 8.11.14.)

The Governor
in Council authorized
the Collector of Erich-
-napoly to make ad-
-vances to the Dist^t
Engineer requisitions
from him, to the
amount of ^(11,000) one lac
and eleven thousand
Rupees, for the repair
of damage caused by
the late heavy floods.

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W. H.

Mr. Comr: 15th Feb/59 159835257
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at the residence of
the District Engineer

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Public Works Dept
Box: 82. Newark.

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Arthur Chesley Cove;
Dorchester, Mass.

From the Chugwig 8.8/22 March
@ 400 530 m. low
down the Col of Chickungy
2/28 May/09 422/14 m. a.

authorizing the City of
Dickinson to make a
survey or requisition to the
U. S. Dept. of Ag. to the amount of
\$20,000 for the repair of said
-magi caused by the late flood;
provided they were approved
by the Mayor, and stating that
the amount sanctioned for
new works will not be
advanced at all.

No 8499.