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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th April 1859.

No. 68. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 14th April 1859, No. 9538.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward, in original, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Kurnool, under date the 5th Instant, No. 709, pointing out the very great inconvenience to the Public Service, and more especially to the progress of the Hindree Bridge, that will result from the removal of Lieutenant Beckley from that District at this time, and earnestly soliciting that he may not be deprived of that Officer's services and assistance at the Bridge.

2. As Lieutenant Beckley from his knowledge of past operations at the Bridge and his experience in the Kurnool District, will be able to do essential service not only in completing, in a satisfactory manner, the large structure in question, but likewise in conducting the general superintendence under Captain Stewart, of a portion of the District, which has been considerably enlarged by the recent additions of Talooks from Cuddapah and Bellary, without a corresponding increase of its professional staff, I would recommend that Lieutenant Beckley may for the present at least, be allowed to remain in Kurnool, and acting on the authority conveyed to me in your note of the 12th I have Telegraphed to Captain Stewart to retain him pending further orders.

Letter from Captain J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, District Engineer of Kurnool; to the Chief Engineer, dated 5th April 1859, No. 709.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the very great inconvenience to the Public Service which will result from the sudden removal of Lieutenant T. Beckley from this District, and I would earnestly request that, if possible, the order for his transfer to Cuddapah may be cancelled.

2. From his intimate acquaintance with all matters effecting the present state of the Hindree Bridge, his assistance to me would be invaluable, especially at the present time, when there is every chance of the work being soon re-commenced. In winding up the accounts of the late Contractor, it will be of the greatest importance that Government should have the benefit of his service. Indeed, in the event of his sudden removal, I cannot but anticipate very considerable difficulty in coming to any satisfactory arrangement with the late Contractor.

3. On general grounds too, I would also beg for the services of an additional Executive Engineer in this District. At present there is only one Departmental Officer in this District, Mr. Leggatt, who is in charge of the large Talooks of Cumbum and Doopaud. From their isolated position, it would be very unsatisfactory to place them under the charge of a mere Subordinate. This leaves the remainder of the District, including the whole of Kurnool proper, with the lately added Talooks of Koilgoontla and Punchapollem, to be superintended by Subordinates. I would earnestly urge, on this ground too, the continuance of Lieutenant Beckley's services in Kurnool.

4. I would also press upon your notice the greater importance of the works now in progress in this District, than of those which Lieutenant Beckley would be called on to superintend in Cuddapah. I have Captain Hemery's permission to say that he agrees with me in thinking that it would be more advantageous to the interests of Government that Lieutenant Beckley should remain for the present here, than that he should be transferred to Cuddapah; and that no objections would be raised on his part.

No. 69. ORDER THEREON, No. 963; dated 21st April 1859.

The course taken by the Chief Engineer is approved.

2. The Chief Engineer will separately report on the arrangements which it will be advisable to make for the efficient administration of the North Arcot District where the existence of great abuses has been lately brought to light.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

N^o 9538

Central Office of Public Works,
Fort St George, 14th April, 1859.

From,
The Chief Engineer.

To,
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

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Enclosure 1
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the Lt. Col. Munnell
N^o 709 of 15 April 1859.
(to be returned)

Sir,

I have the honor to forward, in original, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Munnell under date the 5th instant N^o 709, pointing out the very great inconvenience to the Public Service, and more especially to the progress of the Hindree Bridge, that will result from the removal of Lieutenant Beckley from that District at this time, and earnestly soliciting that he may not be deprived of that officer's services and assistance at the Bridge.

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Your most obedient servant

Central Office P.W.
Fort St. George
14th April 1859

J. H. D. Smith Esq. Colonel.

Chief Engineer.

To

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The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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