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No. 131. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 3rd November 1860, No. 6,644 :—

SIR,

1. In my letter as per margin, I proposed that Rupees 20 should be fixed as the limit of value of labor to be required from Ryots in all cases of ordinary repairs to tanks and water courses, and in their Order thereon Government remarked, that no separate order was necessary, as the rules respecting village labor, which had been proposed to be introduced into the new Code with the amendment suggested by the Board of Revenue had been approved.

No. 1,805, dated 20th June 1860.

No. 2,066, dated 5th October 1860.

2. I observe, however, that the amended rules do not prescribe any amount to which such labor is to be limited, and which was the object of my letter, I have therefore the honor to request that you will be good enough to bring the subject again under the consideration of Government. The object in view would perhaps be effected by inserting the words " to the value of Rupees 20" after the word repair in the 2nd line first paragraph of the rules amended by the Board of Revenue, which would then read thus :—

" It shall be the duty of the village authorities throughout the Presidency to enforce the performance of those minor works of conservancy and repair, to the value of Rupees 20, which are sanctioned by local custom in each District as ascertained and defined by the Collector."

3. Unless some limit for such work is fixed by Government, it will be difficult, if not impossible, to ensure the observance of the rule equally throughout the several Districts of the Presidency.

No. 132. ORDER THEREON, 8th November 1860, No. 2,307.

Referred to the Board of Revenue with reference to the Order of July 5th, No. 1,435, which appears to have been overlooked by the Chief Engineer.

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

Central Office of C.E.
Chepauk
3 November 1860.

Public

No. 6644

From
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Morley
Chief Engineer D. P. W.

To
J. D. Bourdillon, Esqre.
Secretary to Government P.D.
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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No 2066 dy 5 October 1860.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obt Servt
E. H. Bonnelly Lt Col.
Chief Engineer & O. W.

Central Office of P. W.
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To
C. D. Bourdillon Esqre
Secretary to Government
P. W. Dept.

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From

Lieut. Colo. H. A. Horsley
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

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To

C. D. Bourdillon Esqre
Secretary to Govt. of N.D.
Fort St. George

Dated 3
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Requesting with reference to the proceedings of Government dated 5 October 1860 No. 2066 that the subject of Village labour may be again placed before Govt. for consideration with a view to the words "to the value of 20 Rupees" being inserted in the New Code after the word repairs in the second line, first para of the rules, as unless some limit is fixed by Government it will per haps be impossible to ensure the observance of their orders.

Wetton Order &c.

No. 2307 / No. 2307.

Referred to the Board of Revenue with reference to the order of July 5th No. 1435, which appears to have been overlooked by the Chief Engineer.

[signature]

Dy Sec. Rev. 5
Dy Engr. 10

From Fort St. George
8th Nov. 1860

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