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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. 56 of 1860.

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDIA.

RIGHT HONORABLE SIR,

1. In continuation of our letters in this Department, dated 4th and 25th April 1860, Nos. 13 and 23, we have the honor to lay before you a Report from Captain Rundall, our Consulting Engineer, of his tour of inspection in Kurnool and Hyderabad, in connection with the works projected by the Madras Canal and Irrigation Company, together with our Proceedings thereon. The Report is an interesting one, and shows the energy with which the operations of the Company have been commenced; but there was no occasion for lengthened comments on our part.

2. In paragraph 4 of our Despatch of the 25th April, we mentioned that Captain Rundall was about to proceed to Hyderabad, to confer with the authorities there regarding such of the works as might affect His Highness the Nizám's territories. You will observe from paragraphs 8 and 9 of his present Report, that his intercourse with the Resident was very satisfactory. Colonel Davidson is fully convinced of the importance of the undertaking to the Hyderabad State, and has promised all assistance required for the furtherance of the works.

3. Allusion is made, both in the Report and in our Proceedings, to a proposal on behalf of the Canal and Irrigation Company, to purchase from us a small river Steamer named

“Thistle.” We take this opportunity of laying before you the correspondence on the subject; the facts being briefly as follow: This little Steamer, which was one of the tugs sent out for use with the Dredges, was placed by

Sir Charles Trevelyan at the disposal of the servants of the Irrigation Company for the purpose of exploring the Pennair river and testing its fitness for navigation. The season, however, was already late when this proposal was made to our President while on his Northern tour in October 1859; and before the vessel reached the river, the monsoon, which was unusually scanty, was over, and she was unable to get higher than Nellore. Subsequently it was proposed by Colonel A. Cotton, that the vessel should be made over to the Company on their paying her cost and expenses; and we called upon our Chief Engineer for a report both on the proposed transfer and the cost of the Steamer and subsequent charges. After some delay, Colonel Horsley has intimated to us that he is unable to supply this information at present, owing to the want of some necessary information from the District Engineer of Nellore and the Accountant General.

4. In our Proceedings of the 14th July we resolved that unless the Company purchased the vessel she could not be further employed for their advantage in the exploration of the river.

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But in a subsequent Order (July 31st) we relaxed this resolution to some extent. On the recommendation of Captain Rundall, we assented to Colonel Cotton's proposal to let the question of purchase lie over until after the season of the freshes in the Pennair had passed, and in the mean time to permit the vessel to be used in the prosecution of the experiment, but on the distinct understanding that her entire expense until her return to the Krishna, should be borne by the Company, and that the Company should be responsible for any damages that might be sustained by the vessel while employed in their service.

We have the honor to be,

Right Honorable Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servants,

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
10th August 1800.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Letter to the Right Honorable
the Secretary of State for India,
Dated 10th August,
No. 56 of 1860.

Forwarding a Report from Consulting Engineer of the
Irrigation and Canal Company, of his tour of inspection
in Kurnool and Hyderabad in connection with the works
projected by that Company, as also the correspondence
on the subject of purchasing a small river Steamer named
"Thistle."

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To Secretary of State
Capt. Hamilton report of
his inspection of the situation
concerning the

McLachlan

W.H.

Fort George
10 August 1860

For the Secretary
of the War

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Letter to the Vth the
Secretary of State
for India

Dated 10th August 1860

Original Steamship via Marseilles
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Forwarding a report from Consulting
Engineer of the Irrigation & Canal Company
of his tour of inspection in Pennool &
Hyderabad in connection with the works
projected by that Company as also the
correspondence on the subject of purchasing
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Reply received 27th Oct 1860