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for the month of March 1860.*

Read again letters from the Officiating Collector of Nellore, dated 16th and 18th February, Nos. 2 and 3, and from the Acting Session Judge of Nellore, dated 20th February 1860, No. 15, and recorded in Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 1st March 1860, No. 445.

Read also the following letters :—

No. 98. From Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Chépaúk, 5th March 1860, No. 11,026.

Referring to the Orders marginally quoted, I have the honor to inform the Government, that the new cut of the Sarvapalli channel having been sanctioned for immediate execution, the reconstruction of the bridge near the Civil Dispensary at Nellore is unnecessary, inasmuch as the old course of the channel must be entirely closed, or the large outlay about to be made would be wholly nugatory.

2. There is, therefore, no longer any question on the original point in discussion between the Judicial and Revenue Authorities of Nellore, but I believe I shall not exceed the proper limits of my duty in noticing the assumption by the Acting Session Judge that all matters relating to the Station Roads "fall under his exclusive supervision," and that in such a case as the reconstruction of a bridge, the opinions of the Collector and District Engineer are to be disregarded, for if such is to be the general Rule, it is clear that no control whatever over such works can be exercised by this Department.

3. The Rules for the management of local funds prescribe very clearly the course to be followed, and I am not aware that any exception is intended to be made of works on which Convicts are employed, nor do I suppose that the duties of the Session Judge in regard to such works, comprise any thing beyond the control and discipline of the Prisoners.

4. I think it highly desirable that all questions as to the description of works for public use in any part of a District should be determined by the Collector and District Engineer, under the approval, if necessary, of this Office and of Government. The interference of other authorities can, in my opinion, only complicate questions which are in themselves very easy of determination.

No. 99. From Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chépaúk, 26th March 1860, No. 11,725.

With reference to the Orders marginally quoted, I have the honor to forward a letter from the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 22nd March 1860, stating that the new Sarvapalli channel may be expected to be ready to admit of the closing of the old head by August next; and that the road on which the fallen bridge is situated is not a principal line of traffic, and no great inconvenience would result from its being left unbridged.

2. Captain Mullins states that, in his opinion, to rebuild the bridge now that the new channel is under execution would be a great waste of money, and that to reconstruct it as the Acting Session Judge is now doing, on the old design, would under any circumstances have been most unwise.

3. I concur in the views of the District Engineer.

From Captain JOHN MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Department Public Works, Centre Circle, dated Nellore, 22nd March 1860, No. 557.

With reference to Extract from the Chief Engineer's Proceedings, No. 11,541 of the 20th March 1860, I have the honor to inform you that it is expected that the new Sarvapalli channel

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will be sufficiently advanced to admit of the closing of the old head by August next. The work is making good progress, and were it not that the masonry works will necessarily occupy four months or so before they are sufficiently advanced to admit of water being passed down, the old head might be closed a month or six weeks sooner.

2. The road on which the fallen bridge is situated is not a principal line of traffic, and without any very great detour any portion of it can be reached by other roads; it runs from the South-west of the Station in a circuitous direction from the Trunk Road, and round the Town to the West and North, where it rejoins the principal road near the Kovur gate of the Fort. A temporary roadway might be thrown across the channel without much difficulty, so as to admit of the irrigation water passing down the channel until the new line has been opened.

3. My own opinion is that to rebuild the bridge at all, now that the new channel is under execution, is a great waste of money, and to reconstruct it on the old design, which the Acting Session Judge is now doing, would, under any circumstances, have been most unwise, as if the channel be closed there is no need of a bridge, and had this closing not been sanctioned a work of proper elevation would have been necessary. Mr. Ratliff, I should mention, in the correspondence communicated with the Order as per margin,* quite overlooked the fact that a channel may be highly efficient for good in evil when the river is in flood, and very inefficient for good in the regular supply of water for irrigation. The alternative proposals made by me were in no way inconsistent, the argument being, if the bridge be rebuilt at all, make it so that it shall accomplish all that the locality requires, but as it is not likely to be wanted at all after a short period, perhaps it may be dispensed with altogether. The sanction of the new channel, then not known, has made the no bridge alternative the proper one.

* Extract Proceedings Chief Engineer,
No. 11,025, dated 5th March 1860.

No. 100.

ORDER THEREON, 28th March 1860, No. 647.

Paragraph 1. The channel referred to in this correspondence being about to be very shortly superseded by another cut, the bridge in question need not be rebuilt.

2. The Government fully concur in the Chief Engineer's exposition of the Rules for the management of the local funds, as expressed in paragraph 3 of this letter.

3. As respects the remarks in paragraph 4, the Government observe that the District Engineer is the proper and legitimate professional adviser on questions connected with public works in all parts of his District; and his opinion on such subjects should never be disregarded without a reference to superior authority.

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

N^o 11026. Contingent Office of O. W.
Sephakham 5th March 1860.

From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

Sir. Referring to the order in
N^o 445 of 11th March 1860. originally quoted I have the honor
to inform the Government that the
New Cut of the Sarapallie Channel
having been sanctioned for immediate
execution, the reconstruction of the
bridge near the Civil Dispensary
at Nellore is unnecessary, inasmuch
as the old course of the channel
must be entirely closed, or the
large outlay about to be made
would be wholly nugatory.

2. There is therefore no longer
any question on the original point
in discussion between the Judicial
and Revenue Authorities of Nellore,
but I believe I shall not exceed
the proper limits of my duty in
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must "fall under his exclusive supervision" and that in such a case as the reconstruction of a bridge the opinions of the Collector and District Engineer are to be disregarded, for if such is to be the general rule, it is clear that no Control whatever over such works can be exercised by this Department.

3. The rules for the management of local funds prescribe very clearly the course to be followed, and I am not aware that any exception is intended to be made of works on which Convicts are employed, nor do I suppose that the duties of the Session Judge in regard to such works comprise any thing beyond the Control and discipline of the prisoners.

4. I think it highly desirable that all questions as to the description of works for public use in any part of a District should be determined by the Collector and District Engineer under the approval

approval if necessary of this Office and of Government. The interference of other authorities can in my opinion only complicate questions which are themselves very easy of determination.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient servant

H. Bell

Chief Engineer

By the Chief Engineer
Control Office
T. P. K. K. 5th, 1863

By the Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

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From: Captain John Bullins
District Engineer Belmore

To: Lieutenant Colonel, E. Crawford
off Chief Engineer 50th
Centre Circle

Sir,

With reference to Extract from the
Chief Engineer's Proceedings No 11541 of the 20th
March 1866. I have the honor to inform you
that it is expected
that the new Survaipalli Channel will be
sufficiently advanced to admit of the closing
of the old head, by August next. The
work is making good progress and were it
not that the masonry works will necessarily
occupy 4 months or so before they are
sufficiently advanced to admit of water
being passed down, the old head might
be closed a month or 6 weeks sooner.

2 The road on which the fallen bridge
is situated is not a principal line of traffic,
and without any very great detour any
portion of it can be reached by other roads:
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in a circuitous direction from the Trunk
Road and rounds the town to the west &
North, where it rejoins the principal road
near

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3 My own opinion is that to rebuild the bridge at all, now that the new Channel is under execution, is a great waste of money, and to reconstruct it on the old design, which the acting Sessions Judge is now doing, would, under any circumstances have been most unwise, as if the Channel be closed there is no need of a bridge and had this closing not been sanctioned a work of proper elevation would have been necessary. Mr. Rattiff, I should mention, in the correspondence communicated with the order as for margin quite & Mr. Chief Magistrate overlooked the fact that a Channel may be highly efficient for evil when the river is in flood, and very inefficient for good in the regular supply of water for irrigation. The alternative proposals made by me were in no way inconsistent, the argument being, if the bridge be rebuilt at all make it so that it shall accomplish all that the locality requires, but

as it is not likely to be wanted at all after a short period, perhaps it may be dispensed with altogether. The sanction of the new Channel, then not known, has made the no bridge alternative the proper one.

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22^d March 1860

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

John Muller
District Eng^r Kettur

Central Office of P.W.
Chennai
26 March 1860.

No. 11725

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Official Memo. from
Secy to Govt. No. 1174
dated 19 March 1860

Enclosure 1
Letter No. 557
dated 22 March 1860.

With reference to the order marginally quoted, I have the honor to forward a letter from the District Engineer Nellore dated 22nd March 1860, stating that the new Survapalli Channel may be expected to be ready to admit of the closing of the old head by August next; and that the road on which the fallen bridge is situated is not a principal line of traffic and no great inconvenience would result from its being left unbridged.

2 Captain Mullins states that in his opinion to rebuild the bridge now that the new Channel is under execution would be a great waste of money, and that to reconstruct it as the Acting Sessions Judge is now doing, on the old

exposition.

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From

The District Engineer

Nellore

Dated 22 March

Received 26.3.60

No. 557

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Relating to the Chief
Engineer's Proceedings
No. 11741 on the subject
of closing the Survapalli
old head.

old design would under any circumstance
have been most unwise.

I concur in the views of the
District Engineer.

Respectfully
26th March 1860

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servt.

J. S. Cole

District Engineer

J. H. Bell Colonel

Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P. M. D.

No. 647. P. W. O.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 28th March 1860.

Read again letters from
the Officiating Collector of Nellore
dated 16 and 18th Feb^r and from the
Acting Session Judge of Nellore
of 20th February 1860 No. 15-4.
and recorded in Proceedings of
the Madras Government dated
1st March 1860 No. 445.

Read also the follow-
ing letters from the Chief En-
gineer.

With reference to the orders of Go-
vernment of the 1st March 1860 No. 445
remains upon the correspondence
therewith submitted regarding the
reconstruction of a Bridge over the
Suvapalli irrigation Channel
near the Civil Dispensary in Nellore.

Here enter 26th March 1860 No. 11026/
+ 11725 & 11725.

With reference to official No. 1.
The Channel referred
to in this correspondence being
very shortly
expected date of completion of about to be ~~immediately~~ super-
seded by another cut, the bridge
in question need not be rebuilt.

2. The Government fully
concur in the Chief Engineer's
exposition

Letter from the Chief
Eng^r of 8th March 1860.
Enc. 615.

20th March 1860
Chief Eng^r of Nellore.

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Gov^t
S. H. R.

Dated 28th
March 1860.
No. 11725

Copy of the letter
from the Chief
Eng^r of Nellore
to the Secretary
to Gov^t of 8th March
1860.
S. H. R.
28 March 1860.

With reference to
Official Memo. No. 1111 dated
19th January 1860. Forwarded a
letter from the District
Engineer of Nellore regarding
the expected date of completion
of the new Suvapalli
Channel and the utility
of the bridge over the
old channel.

No. 647. 28th March 1860.

exposition of the rules for the management of the local funds, as expressed in para 3 of this letter.

3. As respects the remarks in Para 4, the Government observe that the District Engineer is the proper and legitimate professional adviser on questions connected with public works in all parts of his District; and his opinion on such subjects should never be disregarded without a reference to superior authority.

[Signature]

10 Copies Chief Engineer C.P. 22
1 - Collo of Kellore
1 - Judge of Kellore } with the two letters from the Chief Engr.

11 - Board of Revenue
4 - Court of S. A. D. } for information with the public correspondence.

By the accountants
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as per records -

