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for the month of April 1860.*

No. 80. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer, to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Chepauk, 22nd March 1860, No. 11,582:—

Referring to the orders quoted in the margin, I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that the two present old Ferry Boats over the Collierún and Vettár rivers in the District of Tanjore were constructed at Nagore in 1853 at a cost of Rupees 429-4-1 for the former, and Rupees 252-9-2 for the latter.

2. The Boat on the Collierún on Road No. 11 broke loose from its moorings during the high fresh of November 1858, and drifted down the Collierún to the Kodambengúdi nanul* jungles "where it appears to have "bumped and finally settled upon the stump of a tree and was much injured."

3. The ribs and planking of the Boat are reported to be decayed, which Captain Oakes says† is "apparently owing to dry rot caused by neglect in the conservation of the Boat while not actually plying during the dry season."

4. The Collierún Boat was repaired in 1854, 1856 and 1858, at an aggregate cost of Rupees 179-1, and the Vettár Boat also was repaired in 1855 and 1857, at a cost of Rupees 33-6, but was found to be quite unserviceable and past repair in 1858.

5. Captain Oakes states that these two Boats are not in charge of his Department.

6. The District Engineer reports that during the past season four basket Boats were supplied for the Collierún ferry and two for the Vettár, but they were inadequate to meet the demand, and that consequently the traffic was impeded. He, therefore, suggests that the Estimates for these Boats submitted‡ to Government in November last, may be sanctioned for immediate execution, a proposition I have no hesitation in supporting, considering the importance of these communications. I beg, therefore, to recommend that Government will be pleased to authorize the construction of these Boats, the amount of the Estimates§ to be defrayed from the general repair fund in the hands of the District Engineer of Tanjore.

† In letter No. 7,726, dated 29th November 1859.

§ Rs. 1,220 Collierún Ferry.
Rs. 710 Vettár do.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1860, No. 715.

On the opinion of the District Engineer that the old Boats are beyond effective repair, the Governor in Council sanctions, for execution out of the local repair fund, the Estimates of Rupees 1,220 and Rupees 710, submitted with the Chief Engineer's letter of the 29th November 1859, No. 7,726, for constructing new ferry Boats at Níratavellúr and Kordachéri in the Tanjore District. But he resolves with reference to the large amounts of the present Estimates compared with the cost of the former Boats, to instruct the Chief Engineer to take care that due economy is exercised; that the Boats shall be neither larger nor more expensively built than efficiency and economy require.

2. The attention of the Collector will be called, through the Board of Revenue to the carelessness manifested by the persons charged with the custody of the old Boats; and the Government expect that he will take measures to ensure that the new Boats shall not be thus neglected and allowed to be spoiled.

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

Central Office of Public Works
Chepauk 22 March 1860.

N^o 11582

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Public

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N^o 2829 dated 5th
December 1859.

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* In letter No 7726
dated 29th Novr
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* Rs 1220 Collierin & Vettaur boats, the amount of the Estimates to be defrayed from the general repair fund in the hands of the District Engineer of Tanjur.

I have the honor to be
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Central Office of P.W.
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22nd March 1860. }
H. Bell Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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Dist. Chief Eng. in charge of Dist. Circle

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The Chief Engineer

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Dept^y

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