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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 18th March 1862.

No. 287. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel F. H. RUNDALL, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort Saint George, dated 4th March 1862, No. 85:—

SIR,

1. The Agent has requested me to submit the accompanying letter* from the Chief Engineer, who considers that in Proceedings of the 11th February 1862, No. 187, orders have been passed reflecting on the manner in which he has conducted the business of his office, whereas the fault he thinks lay in mine.

* No. 141, dated 19th February 1862.

2. The documents to which he refers were some Abstract Estimates for which I called on the *12th November*, just prior to starting on my tour. These were despatched from the Chief Engineer's Office on the *21st December*, but were forwarded by the Post Office authorities direct to Calcutta, and reached me only just as I was about to return.

3. The letters soliciting orders about the sites for Reservoirs in the Mysore country, and a re-consideration of the prohibition of the Nellore works have already been before Government and replied to in Proceedings† of the 16th November 1861 and 11th February 1862.

† Nos. 2,131 and 187.

4. Since my return I have received two letters on the same subject, but as the one, viz., that of the 29th November had been addressed to the Agent with a request that it might be laid before Government, I concluded it had already been submitted and the other has only lately come to hand.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 18th March 1862, No. 473.

1. With this letter the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company submits with his observations a letter from the Chief Engineer, having reference to the remarks made in the Proceedings of Government No. 187, dated 11th February 1862.

2. The Chief Engineer states that the revised estimates for the 4th and 5th portions of the 1st section of the main Canal which were called for by the Consulting Engineer on the 11th November 1861, and which were stated not to have been received by that Officer up to the date of the order above quoted, were actually submitted by him on the 21st December 1861. The Consulting Engineer explains the difference by stating that the packet in which the estimates were enclosed was forwarded to him by the Post Office authorities direct to Calcutta (where he was on special duty), and that they reached him only on the eve of his return to Madras.

3. The Indents for Stores and Machinery, which the Chief Engineer states were for a long time unnoticed in the Consulting Engineer's Office, are shown in the Proceedings of Government already quoted to have been received only on the 7th January 1862, and to have been under examination on the date of that order.

4. The delay which has taken place in the settlement of the question of the sites for Reservoirs in the Mysore country rests entirely with those authorities. The Commissioner has on two separate occasions been requested to favor this Government with an early reply to the letter noted in the margin, but up to this date no reply has been received. It is observed that the first of the reminders quoted above was upon the letter from the Consulting Engineer, No. 42, dated 16th October 1861.

No. 12, dated 22nd October 1861.
No. 1, dated 3rd February 1862.
No. 1,424, dated 31st July 1861.

5. With respect to the remarks contained in paragraph 4 of the Chief Engineer's letter, the Government observe that in their Proceedings No. 354, dated 4th March 1862, they have in supercession of the orders marginally noted, consented to permit such modifications in the sanctioned establishment as that Officer may represent to the Consulting Engineer to be necessary for the efficient conduct of the works, provided such modifications do not entail any excess over the amount authorized for establishments in Proceedings No. 2,490, dated 31st December 1861.

26th November 1860, No. 2,440.

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6. Finally, the Government would observe that their orders No. 187, dated 11th February 1862, were not intended to cast any blame upon the Company's Chief Engineer, but simply to point out, as far as was practicable, the cause of the delay in the disposal of the several subjects alluded to in the Agent's letter No. 25, dated 17th January 1862.

7. The Consulting Engineer, Lieut.-Colonel Rundall, having been deputed on special duty to Calcutta under the orders of the Governor General of India, no blame attaches to that Officer for the delay which has arisen, consequent on his absence, in the transaction of the business of the Company.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

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No 473. Public Works Dept.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date 18th March — 1862.

Read the following letter
from the Consulting En-
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Canal Company.

Submits for the consideration
of Govt a letter from the
Chief Engineer on the
points referred to in the
Proceedings of Govt dated
11th February 1861. No 187.

} H. E. dated 4th March 1862
No 55.

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No 12 dt 22d Oct 1861.
No 1 dt 3d Feb 1862.

No 1424 dt 31st July 1861

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Engineer No 12, dated 16th October 1861.

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To Consulting Engineer
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of the Correspondence
of Land Co Comm.rs

Public Works 1852 ; Dist.ts
Disp.s of Crown Lands

Ret.d 4/53

Disp.s of the Clergy Lands

Ret.d 18 March

Letter from Consulting
Eng.r for Land C.o.s forwarding
Letter from Chief Eng.r Fremon
stating reasons why certain
Valuations made by Comm.rs
with regard to the Conduct
of business in his Office with
those of Threau

No 257 1853.