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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th March 1862.

No. 423. Read the following Endorsement of the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chepauk, 11th March 1862, No. 201.

Read the following letter from Captain F. T. HAIG, District Engineer, Upper Godavery, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Dúmagudiam, 1st March 1862, No. 227 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report my arrival here on the 27th ultimo, and to submit a brief statement of the progress made up to the present time with the several works under execution in this District.

2. First Barrier.—Permanent Works. I find every thing in readiness here for commencing building the Anicut ; 200 tons of limestone broken to the proper size for burning and a large quantity of firewood are deposited beside the kiln, which when lighted will furnish a supply of lime sufficient for about 150 bricklayers, 100 of whom are ready for work. The foundations, 300 yards in length, for the flooring of the shoot at the left end of the Anicut, are cleared and sufficient stone ready quarried and deposited along the work for this part of it, and for about 250 yards more of the Anicut. This work consequently will be commenced forthwith.

3. First Barrier.—Tram-way Works. The earthwork of 6½ miles is within four days of completion, and about 3 miles more of the heaviest part of the line, where the road has to be carried on top of the Canal embankment, is in hand. The bridges and culverts in the first 6½ miles are under construction, the largest one approaching completion.

Two and half miles of sleepers laid on the formed road. This part of the work has been much delayed in consequence of the opposition and vexatious interference of the Native Civil authorities at every step, in the collection of the newly imposed taxes upon timber. I am sorry to say that the progress of the whole of the works has been most seriously retarded from this cause during my absence. I will not, however, further allude to it now until I have been able to make further enquiries respecting it ; suffice it to say that I find all my officers complaining that their temper and patience have been tried to the utmost, and wishing for a return of the Nizam's régime.

The foundations are being cleared for the Seetumpett tunnel, 2 lacs of bricks have been moulded for it, and ½ lac burnt ; 800 cubic yards of granite are quarried, and other building materials collecting on the spot.

About 2,800 work people are employed on the works permanent and temporary at this barrier.

4. I should mention that several new boats are in various stages of progress at this place, and seventeen of the tram-way goods waggons approaching completion.

5. Second Barrier.—Tram-way. The earthwork of seven miles completed, I cannot exactly ascertain what length of the road work is laid, but I think about three miles. The Sub-Engineer in charge speaks hopefully of the completion of the whole line by next freshes, but a fresh outbreak of fever during my absence caused him the loss of 400 out of 1,000 Coolies, and laid himself up twice with many of his best men. About 700 Coolies besides Carpenters present.

6. Third Barrier.—Tram-way. The earthwork of about three miles finished. Timber is being collected. About 600 Coolies on the works besides Carpenters. Boats in progress, but I have no information to what extent.

7. Mr. DeGronsilliers in charge of the work in the river bed below Baddrachellam reports very little progress made as yet. The Sappers were busy hutting themselves when he wrote.

8. I am sorry that this Report of progress is so meagre and imperfect, but I believe the Government would rather have it so than wait until I shall have been able by means of correspondence, or a visit to the different localities, to ascertain more precisely the condition of the several works. Fever has continued very prevalent until quite lately.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th March 1862.

1 Letter from District Engineer Upper Godavery, No. 227, dated 1st March 1862.

Submitted for the information of Government.

(Signed) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Acting Depy. Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.

No. 424. ORDER THEREON, 24th March 1862, No. 543.

1. The Government are glad to observe the progress thus far made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers notwithstanding the drawbacks mentioned in Captain Haig's report.

2. The Commissioner of Nagpore will be addressed regarding the interference of the Native authorities in connection with the Timber tax alluded to in paragraph 3.

3. A transcript of Captain Haig's Progress Report will likewise be furnished to the Government of India together with copy of these Proceedings for their information.

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

Ordered that the following letters be despatched.

No. 425. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George, to the Commissioner of Nagpore, dated 24th March 1862, No. 544.

SIR,

* Dated 1st March 1862, No. 227, recorded in G. O. dated 24th March 1862, No. 543.

1. I am directed by his Excellency the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a report* received from Captain Haig, District Engineer Upper Godavery, of the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers in that river, and to request your attention to paragraph 3, in which he brings to notice the delay caused by the vexatious interference of the Native officials in the collection of the Timber tax.

2. His Excellency in Council would be obliged by your taking such steps as you may consider necessary with a view to put a stop to the evil complained of.

No. 426. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, Fort Saint George, to the Secretary to the Government of India, dated 24th March 1862, No. 545.

SIR,

1. I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a report* received from Captain Haig, District Engineer Upper Godavery, of the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers in that river, and to draw their attention in particular to paragraph 3, wherein that Officer shows that the works have been most seriously retarded by the vexatious interference of the Native Civil authorities in the collection of the newly imposed Timber tax.

* Dated 1st March 1862, No. 227, recorded in Proceedings dated 24th March 1862, No. 543.

2. The Commissioner of Nagpore has been addressed on this subject, and requested to take steps as he might consider necessary to put a stop to the evil complained of.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th March 1862.

No. 544.

From

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. H. HORSLEY,
Secretary to Government, D.P.W., Fort Saint George,

To

The Commissioner of Nagpore.

SIR,

* Dated 1st March 1862, No. 227, recorded in G. O. dated 24th March 1862, No. 543.

1. I am directed by his Excellency the Governor in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a report* received from Captain Haig, District Engineer Upper Godavery, of the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers in that river, and to request your attention to paragraph 3, in which he brings to notice the delay caused by the vexatious interference of the Native officials in the collection of the Timber tax.

2. His Excellency in Council would be obliged by your taking such steps as you may consider necessary with a view to put a stop to the evil complained of.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Dept

No. 1544.

To

The Commissioners
of Nagpore,

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Govr in Council to forward the accompanying copy of a report received from Capt Haig, Dist Engr Upper Godavery, reporting the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the bar-rier in that river, and to re-quest your attention to para-graph 3, in which he brings to notice the delay caused by the vexatious interference of the native officials in the collection of the timber tax.

× dated 1st March 62, No 227.

2. His Excellency in Council must be obliged to you to make any enquiry into the matter and to put a stop to the evil complained of.

by your taking such steps as you may consider necessary with a view to put a stop to the evil complained of

5th Oct 1841 George
24th March 1842

Lord Stanley

To

Nagpore.

Interference of Native Offrs
in collection of timber tax
at Godavery Barriers.

Copy sent to Lt.-Col. E. Horsley, Secy. to Govt. P.W.D. April 1862 No. 23.

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Public Works 1862 Dept.
Proc. of Govt. for March
No. 544

To The Commissioner of Nagpoor.
Dated 24th March 1862

Forwarding to the Commissioner of Nagpore Copy of Captain Haig's Report on the progress of Works at the Barriers of the Godavery and requesting him to take such steps as may put a stop to the vexatious interference of the Native Officials in the Collection of Timber Duty.

No. 426.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Public.
FORT SAINT GEORGE,
24th March 1862.

No. 545.

From

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. H. HORSLEY,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D., Fort Saint George,

To

The Secretary to the Government of India.

SIR,

1. I am directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to forward for the information of the Government of India, the accompanying copy of a report* received from Captain Haig, District Engineer Upper Godavery, of the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers in that river, and to draw their attention in particular to paragraph 3, wherein that Officer shows that the works have been most seriously retarded by the vexatious interference of the Native Civil authorities in the collection of the newly imposed Timber tax.

* Dated 1st March 1862, No. 227, recorded in Proceedings dated 24th March 1862, No. 543.

2. The Commissioner of Nagpore has been addressed on this subject, and requested to take steps as he might consider necessary to put a stop to the evil complained of.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Lieut.-Colonel,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Dept

No. 1545.

To

The Secretary
Govt of India,

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Gov: in Council to forward for the information of the Govt of India, the accompanying copy of a report received from Capt Craigie, District Engr Upper Godavery, of the progress made in the temporary and permanent works at the Barriers in that river, ~~to gether with the Cost~~ ~~imps of Govt thereon~~. and to draw their attention in particular to para 3 wherein that Officer shews that the no of Rs

* Dated 15th March 62, No 227.

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have been most seriously retarded by the vexatious interference of the Native Civil authorities in the collection of the newly imposed timber Tax-

The Commissioner of Navigation has been addressed on this subject and requested to take steps as he might consider necessary to put a stop to the evil complained of -

To
Secretary of Madras
Capt Bayly's report &c.
Steps in Upper Godavery.

Fort St George
24th March 1862

Copy sent a Ltr. No. to E
of 11th April 1862. No. 23.

Public Works 1862 Dept.
Pro: of Govt. for March
No. 845
To
The Secretary to the Govt.
of India.
Dr. 25th March 1862

Forwarding to the Govt.
of India Copy of Captain C.
Haig's Report on the progress
of Works at the Barriers
in the Godavery River.

No. 426.

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Central Office Fort St. George
the 11th March 1861

No. 201.

Endorsement

Submitted for the information of Government.—

Enclosure-1
Letter from Section
A. L. Dyer
dated 27th January
& 1st March
1862.

Lieut. Colonel
Secretary

Lieut. Colonel
Acting Dy. Chief Engr. & Secy.

To
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

Forwarded to Govt. of India
Govt. April 1862 No 23.

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Public Works 1862 Departt
Govt. of Govt. for March
No: 708.

From

Lieut. Colo. J. Anstruther
Offg. Dy. Chief Engr. N.W.
To Lieut. Colo. W. H. Baily
Secretary to Govt.
N.W.P.

Dated 11th
Recd 17th March 1862

No. 201.

Forwards letter from the District Engr. & papers & drawing submitting a brief statement of the progress made up to the present time with the several works under execution in his District.

No 543 & 24 Enclosures

With an order

these proceedings for their information

W.H.S.

No 423 & 424

No. 543

The Govt. are glad to observe the progress thus far made in the temporary and permanent works at the barriers notwithstanding the drawbacks mentioned in Captain Nairn's Report.

The Commissioner of Tagpore will be addressed regarding the interference of the native authorities in connection with the Timber Tax alluded to in para 3.

Fort St. George
21st March 1862

W.H.S.

To the Dy. Chief Engr. 1st Circle

A transcript of Captain Nairn's Progress Report will likewise be furnished to the Govt. of India together with copy of