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No. 7. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. OUCHTERLONY, Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. HORSLEY, Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 8th March 1862, No. 197/V. 31 :—

SIR,

¹ Letter No. 1,251, dated 14th February 1862, with one estimate.

"Power of Collectors."

¹ Letter from the District Engineer, dated 17th February 1862, No. 370.

I. I beg permission to suggest an alteration in Chapter XXIV of the Public Works Code, Caput I. of Article 5. At the termination of the sentence, after the word "years," I propose to add the following :—

"This Rule applies equally to repairs and improvements to Salt works."

2. I may mention that I have conferred with Colonel Birdwood, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, and that he concurs in the above recommendation.

3. According to the strict interpretation of the Code (Chapter 24), in which all mention of "Salt works" is omitted, doubtless through inadvertence, estimates have to be prepared and submitted to this Office for all repairs except such as are of an emergent character. The consequence of this necessity is that great and often detrimental delay ensues especially as estimates for repairs cannot be framed till the Salt supply channels are dry, and the manufacturing season far advanced.

4. In distant Provinces, like Ganjam and Vizagapatam whence the course of post is long, the delay arising from this arrangement is especially calculated to involve a serious loss of Revenue.

5. I imagine it was always the intention of Government that the works in question should be treated as essentially revenue producing constructions, and hence I anticipate sanction for the alteration proposed in the Code.

To sanction expenditure.

Chapter XXIV Cap. I.

adding the words and Salt after "Irrigation" in Article I.

6. A similar addition had also I think better be made under the head "Powers of Chief (now Deputy Chief) Engineer"

7. A pertinent letter on this subject has been received from the Acting District Engineer Vizagapatam, which I therefore submit for perusal; a communication to a like effect has also been received from the District Engineer Ganjam.

8. The estimate which accompanied it amounting to Rupees 170, for repairs required to the Karasa Salt Pans in Vizagapatam, has been sanctioned by me in accordance with what I learn is the established practice of this Department.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1862, No. 640.

1. In the foregoing letter, the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, proposes certain additions to Clause I of Rule 1 and to Clause I of Rule 5, Chapter XXIV of the New Code, vesting the local Revenue Authorities in each District as well as the Deputy Chief Engineers of Circles with the same powers of sanction in respect to repairs of Salt works as are at present exercised by them in respect to irrigation works.

2. The present practice of submitting all estimates for repairs to Salt works, to the Central Office is doubtless attended with much delay. The Government accordingly sanction the alterations (omitting the words "and improvements in Clause I Rule 1") proposed by Lieutenant Colonel Ouchterlony, which, while preventing the delays complained of, will bring Salt and Irrigation works (which are equally treated as revenue producing constructions) under the same rules. All improvements to Salt works will be dealt with in the same manner as improvements to works of Irrigation are at present.

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3. Notwithstanding the powers vested by these orders in the local Revenue Authorities and in the Deputy Chief Engineers of Circles, the Government wish it to be distinctly understood, that as in the case of Irrigation Repairs so also in that of repairs to Salt works, the amount of expenditure in any year is not to exceed the Budget assignment under the head of "Salt" for each District.

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

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Memorandum on N^o 667.

In the accompanying letter N^o 197 dated 8th March 1862. from the Acting Deputy Chief Engineer Northern Circle, an addition is suggested to clause I of Rule 5 Chapter XXIV of the New Code.

The Rule at present stands thus.

Collectors may sanction repairs to Irrigation Works within the highest year's revenue derived from the work during the preceding 5 years.

Lieutenant Colonel Quetierlong suggests that as salt Works are treated as essentially Revenue producing constructions, and as no authority is given to Collectors in the New Code to sanction Estimates for repairs to such works, the following sentence may be added to the above (Rule) "This

"This rule applies equally to repairs and improvements to salt works."

At present every Estimate for repairs to Salt works has to be submitted to the Central Office for sanction, and thus great delay is caused.

Lieutenant Colonel Wachtelony also suggests that clause 1 of Rule 1 Chapter XXIV of the Code may be amended as shown below.

For Chief Engineer may sanction repairs to Irrigation Works without limit ~~yes~~ ~~yes~~

Recd.

Chief Engineer may sanction Repairs to Irrigation and salt works without limit ~~yes~~ ~~yes~~

As the above suggestions appear to be very necessary, a draft order on the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter

letter approving of the proposed ^(excepting the words "and improvements in clause 1. Rule 1") additions to existing Rules, has been prepared, and is now submitted for the approval of the Members of Government.

It is necessary to add that the aggregate amount sanctionable in each District for repairs to salt pans is practically limited to that entered in the Budget for such repairs, as in the case of irrigation repairs; so that whatever the Revenue derived from the salt pans in each District may be, no more could be spent upon them for repairs than the Budget allotment provides -

The anticipated revenue from salt during the next July is 84 Lacs, while the amount of expenditures provided

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provided for under that head in the
P.W. Budget for 1862/63 is Rs 27,670
being about 1/3 per cent on the Revenue

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Chief Office of P.W.
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From
Lieutenant Colonel J. Oultertony
Acting Dy. Chief Engineer R.B.
To
Lieutenant Colonel W. H. Horsley
Secretary to Government P.W.
Fort Saint George.

Sir;

By permission to suggest an
amendment 3. alteration in Chapter XXIV of the
Public Works Code, ^{Chapter} I of Article
"Power of Offrs." 5. At the termination of the sentence,
"Letting from the
Dist. Coy. 1817"
July 1862 in
370. after the word "years," I propose to
add the following:-

"This Rule applies equally
to repairs and improvements to
Salt works."

2. In my opinion that I
have conferred with Colonel Hindwood
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle
and that he concurs in the above
recommendation.

3. According to the strict
interpretation of the Code (Chapter
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4. In distant provinces like
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arising from this arrangement is
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I anticipate sanction for the altera-
tion proposed in the Code.

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Chapter XXIV
Cap 1

under the head 'Powers of Chief and
Deputy (Chief) Engineer adding the
words and Salt after "Irrigation" in
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7. A pertinent letter on this
subject has been received from the
Acting District Engineer Vizagapatam,
which I therefore submit for perusal.
a communication to a like effect
has also been received from the
District Engineer Canjam.

8. The Estimate which accompa-
nies it amounting to Rs. 710.
for Repairs required to the Harad
Salt Pans in Vizagapatam has been
sanctioned by me in accordance with
what I learn is the established
practice of this Department.

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

Chapman
8th March
1862

Archibald Smith
Acting Chief Engr. &c.

William G. H. H. H.
Secretary to Government &c.

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