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Read the following letters:—

No. 78. 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, dated 6th March 1862, No. 86.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letters of 18th and 24th ultimo Nos. 81 and 82, I have the honor to forward another received from the Chief Engineer, requesting that certain points may be again laid before the Government, with a view to their early adjustment, and a re-consideration of his original estimate, the sufficiency of which he maintains, provided he is allowed to carry it out promptly.

2. The points urged by the Chief Engineer are—

First.—Sanction to the fourth and fifth portions of the 1st section, at all events to those portions where the question of submerged lands is not affected.

Secondly.—An answer to his representations, regarding the sites for Reservoirs in the Mysore Territory, forwarded with my letter of the 16th and 18th July 1861, Nos. 15 and 17.

Thirdly.—To the importance of not deferring the Nellore works. The Chief Engineer concludes with observing, "that while he holds himself responsible, both to the Company and "to the Government, for the correctness of his general estimate, while the conditions subsist "under which he framed it, viz., prompt proceedings, and the most suitable establishments for "the various stages of the operations, he cannot be responsible for losses or extra expenditure "arising from delays, over which he has no control"—and that consequently he trusts the Government will allow him "to proceed at least, with all unexceptional parts of the scheme."

3. The delay to which the Chief Engineer alludes, refers, I presume, to the estimates for the fourth and fifth portions of the 1st section of the Canal. As I have before explained to Government, the abstract estimates for these portions were not despatched from the Chief Engineer's Office till the 21st December, and only received by me while in Calcutta. In the meantime, the Government had called for further information regarding the submerged lands in the second and third portions Pending their decision therefore, of the mode of construction to be adopted, I have not considered it expedient to forward the estimates for the succeeding portions, and had, meanwhile, called for estimates of the expense which a different mode of construction would entail, purposely with a view to prevent further delay, in the event of the Government disapproving the Chief Engineer's present proposals. It is these estimates which the Chief Engineer considers are prematurely called for, and the non-submission on my part of the first estimates, as causing an unnecessary delay.

4. I trust, however, the Government will not consider the subject in the same light, especially as only a month has elapsed since my return, and I have barely had more than time to go carefully over the estimates in question, though I am now ready to forward them to Government as soon as I receive their permission to do so.

5. I would urge, however, that some reply regarding the site for Reservoirs in the Mysore Territory should be furnished to the Chief Engineer, and that the attention of the Mysore Government be again requested thereto, as it will be necessary for him to select some definite sites at an early date, as the estimates for the rest of his scheme will soon be completed.

6. With regard to the Nellore works, the Government in their Proceedings of 11th February 1862, No. 187, seemed to call for some further opinion from myself. I have already suggested that the plans and estimates, which the Chief Engineer has stated are ready, may be forwarded for my examination, as if the Government permit their eventual submission, so much time will be saved, and if not, the plans can meanwhile be recorded in the Consulting Engineer's Office, until such time as the Government may see fit to call for them.

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No. 79. 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, dated Fort Saint George, 10th March 1862, No. 92.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter of the 6th instant, No. 86, I have the honor to forwad a letter* since received from the Agent, and to inform you that the plans and estimates of the fourth and fifth portions of the 1st section of the Canal shall be at once submitted to Government.

* No. 64, of 5th March 1862.

No. 80. ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1862, No. 673.

1. With reference to the points submitted in the above letter the Consulting Engineer will be informed that the Government are prepared to consider the plans and estimates for the fourth and fifth portions of the 1st section of the Canal, the submission of which was properly withheld until the subject of the submerged lands in the previous portions had been re-considered.

2. The Government regret that no reply has yet been received to their references to the Mysore authorities relative to the sites of the proposed Reservoirs. Their attention will be again requested to the subject.

3. The course recommended by the Consulting Engineer in the concluding paragraph of his letter appears unobjectionable, and the Government will be prepared to take the estimates for the Nellore section into their consideration after they have undergone the requisite examination.

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

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Under date the 4th April 1862.

Read the following papers from the Con. Engr. Canal Company.

Forwards a letter from the Chief Engr. requesting that certain points may be again laid before Govt. with a view to their early adjustment and a reconsideration of his original Estimate Vizt. Vizt.

R. E. 6th March 1862.

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R. 10th March 1862. No. 92.

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Secretary - it bears
date in addition
with the Diagram

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Consulting Engr. I & C Comps. with 2 Encls. Dispatch No. 5
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for the 4th and 5th portions
of the 1st Section of the
Irrigation Company's
Canal.



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Dated 4th April 1862

Transmitting Consulting Engr. for P.W.D.
dated 13 June 1862 Ct. 1548 in Do

Informing Consulting Engineer that Government are prepared to consider the Plans and Estimates for the fourth and fifth portions of the 1st Section of the Canal, and Calling the attention of the Mysore Authorities with regard to the sites of the proposed Reservoirs.

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