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No. 43. Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Nellore, 20th July 1864, No. 42:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit, for the information of Government, a further communication, No. 657 of the 13th instant, from the Agent and Manager, Irrigation and Canal Company, on the subject of the Order of Government No. 1,203, 27th April 1864.

2. Mr. Henslowe, it will be seen, does not ask for information regarding the subject of that Order, but he desires that he may, whenever the Government may feel dissatisfied with the proceedings or operations of the Company, be placed in a position which will enable him to remove such dissatisfaction and re-establish confidence.

3. The Government usually enter at length in their Proceedings the letters and reports from this Office, and these, together with the orders made thereupon after a perusal of the letters of the Agent and Chief Engineer, are communicated to the Agent, who has therefore, I think, ample opportunities of ascertaining what the opinion of Government may be, and in what particulars and respects, if any, this opinion is unfavourable.

From F. H. HENSLOWE, Esq, Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company,
to Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company,
dated Madras, 13th July 1864, No. 657.

SIR,

1. A communication recently received from the Board of Directors has drawn my attention to a correspondence which took place in April last, between my predecessor and the Government, relative to an Extract from a Despatch addressed by Government to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State, which appears to have been surreptitiously abstracted and published in a newspaper.

2. Government expressed the opinion (in G. O. No. 1,203, 27th April) that this abstraction and publication gave the Agent of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company no ground on which to base a *claim* for information regarding that record.

3. That opinion I do not attempt to dispute, but assuming the Government to have expressed a want of confidence in the operations of this Company, the Board is naturally desirous of knowing the grounds for such want of confidence.

4. On my own part, too, I trust I may be permitted to submit that, having come to India for the purpose of aiding in carrying out a great and most interesting work intended to benefit a considerable section of the population of this Presidency—a work which I never doubted would be cordially entered into by all concerned in a spirit of generous and candid unanimity—any opportunities of advancing the work which my position as Agent might give me, must be seriously checked and compromised by feeling that anything like antagonism exists between the Government and the Company.

5. I came here fully impressed with the conviction that the interests of the Government and of the Company are identical, whether considered merely from a financial point of view, or upon the higher ground, that the great object of the work is to improve the condition of the people, who exist within the influence of our proposed operations; and as the interest I take in my work must be greatly influenced by the prospect of success or otherwise, I trust I am not asking too much, when I venture to express the hope that Government will communicate with me freely and unreservedly, upon all matters connected with those operations.

6. It will be obvious that great discouragement will be cast upon my efforts by the knowledge that Government look with an unfavourable eye upon them, and therefore, if for no other reason, I trust that Government will favour me with their views, and if any grounds of mistrust do exist that they will be pleased to explain them to me, so that in any exertion which I may be able to make, I may labour to remove them, and adopt that course which, by securing the cordial co-operation of Government, may give the Company the best hope of success.

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2nd August 1864.

No. 49.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1864, No. 2,205.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To the Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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13 July

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J. H. Winslow Esqre
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To
Captain J. Mullins
Consulting Engineer
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2. Government expressed the opinion in G.O. No 1203 - 27 April that this abstraction & publication gave the Agent of the Irrigation & Canal Company on which to have a claim for information regarding that record.

3. That opinion does not attempt to dispute, but affirming the Government to have expressed a want of Confidence in the operations of this Company the Board is naturally desirous of knowing the grounds for such want of Confidence.

4. On my own part too I trust I may be permitted to submit that having come to India for the purpose of aiding in carrying out a great & most interesting

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Have the honor to be
your most obedt servant
Tr: Vincente Ramon

Agent & Manager

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Consulting Engineer's Office,
Irrigation & Canal Company,
Sellers, 30 July 1864.

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From, Captain, J. Mullins, P.E.
Consulting Engineer for I.C.C.
To, The Secretary to Government, D.D. Works.

- Sir,
1. I have the honor to submit for the information of Government a further communication N^o 657 of the 13th instant from the Agent and Manager Irrigation and Canal Company on the subject of the order of Government N^o 1203 - 27 April 1864.
 2. Mr. Stenhouse it will be seen does not ask for information regarding the subject of that order, but he desires that he may, whenever the Government may feel the proceedings or operations of the Company, be given in a position which will enable him to remove such dissatisfaction and reestablish confidence.
 3. The Government naturally interest length in their Proceedings the letters and reports from this office and there together with the notes made thereupon after a perusal of the letters of the Agent and Chief Engineer, are communicated to the Agent, who has therefore, I think, ample opportunities of ascertaining what the opinion of Government may be, and in what particulars and respects, if any, this opinion is unfavorable.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
John Mullins, Captain,
Consulting Engineer for I.C.C. Company.

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In Reply to Manager
I.C.C.
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