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21th August 1864.*

No. 496. Read the following letter from Captain J. BEAN, R. E., Officiating Superintending Engineer, 6th Division, to Major J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, R. E., Deputy Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Combaconum, 10th August 1864, No. 1,042:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to bring to the notice of Government that the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts has struck out an item of Rupees 11 from my Appropriation Return for May 1864 on account of the "Establishment for the conservancy of Nanul plantation along the northern bank of the Coleroon river," on the plea that the work is debitable to "Establishments."

2. On my pointing out that a similar Estimate had been passed in June 1863, the Controller replied that the Establishment then provided for was only for two or three months and of a temporary nature, whilst the one now objected to appeared to be a yearly charge, and was therefore inadmissible. Captain Rodgers also, who was acting for Lieutenant-Colonel Wilkieson, on the 29th ultimo, requested me to refer the matter to Government, and I now beg to do so, as it is one which very closely concerns the efficient conservancy of the irrigation works in the Tanjore District.

3. It has been the custom for many years past to carry out such Estimates for temporary Establishments, which are employed on various duties, from the repair allotments of this Division. In almost all cases where extensive plantations of Nanul grass in the river banks and beds have been established, and large defensive works such as Vaganies, Modasils, &c., erected, as well as extensive repairs to the principal river banks effected, it has been the custom to appoint Sibbundies or watchmen to take care of these works, and to prevent the grass from being stolen by the villagers and destroyed by cattle. The duty also of the watchmen is to water the plants and to ensure their growth.

4. In some cases these Establishments may, as the Controller states, be re-employed from year to year, and it is an established custom to sanction an Estimate yearly in many of the Ranges for the watchmen required to maintain the general works of irrigation, but the Establishments are not considered permanent and the men may be dismissed at any moment.

5. The Neeranecum Establishment, which is provided for under a separate head in the Budget, is for the protection and preservation of the large masonry works of the District, such as the Coleroon Anicuts, and the Monegar and Cotans employed have a defined duty assigned them of working the sluices and locks, but the temporary Establishment provided for in Estimates, which if added to the Neeranecum, will increase the required allotment considerably, may be employed on emergent duties of any nature wherever required, and they may be dismissed, as they often are, after two or three months, when the necessity for their services has ceased.

6. It is essentially necessary that these petty Establishments should be kept up, otherwise the proper conservancy of the river banks and channels cannot be secured, and most of the labour bestowed on planting the protective Nanul grass will be thrown away. The late heavy floods have shown to what use these men can be put on emergency, and to what advantage their labour has been applied in protecting the river banks and in preventing dangerous breaches.

7. Since the organization of the present Control and Audit Office very many of such Estimates have been passed without exception being taken to them, and I can point to four such Estimates which have already been sanctioned by the Controller in the Appropriation Returns of the Trichinopoly and Tanjore Districts for the months of May and June 1864.

No. 497. ORDER THEREON, 24th August 1864, No. 2,433.

The necessity for the Establishments referred to is clearly stated in this letter, and as it would appear from Captain Bean's explanation that they are strictly temporary, and that the men

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Camp Coimbatore 10th August 1864
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From,

Captain J. Dean R.E.
Offg. Super Engineer to D-

To,

Major J. H. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.
Deputy Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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Your most obedient servant

Wm. C. C. R. E.

Offg. Super Engineer to Govt.

Public Works Department
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No. 2433-24th Aug 1864
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Mean Capt R E
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Public Works Department
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 Under date the 21st August 1864

Read the following letter

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H.E. 10th August 1864 No. 1042

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 Bean's explanation that they
 are strictly temporary, & that the
 men employed are nothing more than ordinary
 labourers, there is no objection, under
 the ruling of the Govt in Pro.
 of 17th Sept: 1863, to 2718, to
 charges on that account being
 met as hitherto from the
 repair allotment, in common
 with others of a similar character
 to which the Controller

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appears not to have objected to the same.

Gen. A. S. Thompson 25.13.

1. The first thing I should mention is that the weather was very nice today. We went for a walk in the park and saw many beautiful flowers. The children were very happy and played for hours. We also had a picnic under a big tree. The food was delicious and everyone enjoyed it. We spent a very pleasant day and will definitely go back soon.

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Pro. of all Genl^r in the
Public Works Dept^r
Dated 24th Aug^r 64

The change of the
Establishment for the Genl^r.
way of Naval Plantation
along the northern bank of
the Cleburn river, Tangier
District. authorized to be
met as hitherto from the
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