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14th September 1864.*

No. 287. 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 Madras, 5th September 1864, No. 91 :—

SIR,

With reference to paragraph 1 of the Order of Government of the 15th August 1864, No. 1,099, 2nd September 1864.

No. 2,333, I have the honor to submit the letter as per margin, from the Agent to the Irrigation and Canal Company, from the letters attached to which it will be seen that the Chief Engineer attributes the high rate required for return bunds to difficulties in obtaining soil. There is a scarcity of soil at a part of the 53rd mile (but no difficulties, I think, elsewhere), which would render so large a rate only prudent. From the last sentence of the Executive Engineer's letter it would seem that Mr. Cotton thinks that banks ten yards high and upwards have a depressing influence on average rates, which is not to be expected where low banks only have to be constructed.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 14th September 1864, No. 2,670.

1. Upon the 5th of August last, the Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company forwarded for sanction a supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees 65,900, for the completion of the earthworks in the fourth section of the Main Canal. This estimate the Government declined* to sanction, until furnished by the Chief Engineer with explanation as to the necessity of certain rates, which seemed to them exorbitantly high.

2. With the letter recorded above, the Consulting Engineer forwards a communication from the Chief Engineer, attributing the high rates in question to the difficulty experienced in obtaining soil.

3. Though by no means satisfied as to the necessity for the very high rates entered in it, the Government sanction the supplemental estimate now before them. They trust that all possible care will be taken by the Officers of the Company to keep the expenditure on the work as low as possible.

(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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When the 5th of August last, the
 Consulting Engineer for the Navigation
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 a Supplemental Estimate, amounting
 to \$5,500, for the completion of the
 cuttings in the front section of the
 main canal. This section of the
 canal was declined to be cut, with
 the exception of the 100 feet in front
 of the cuttings in the front section of the
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 The difficulty experienced in obtaining
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