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No. 159. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., C. E., Special Executive Engineer, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Red Hills, 25th February 1864, No. 82:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to draw your attention to a source of great annoyance and delay in our surveying operations here, viz., the destruction of our bench marks.

2. Whenever we can get permanent marks, of course we adopt them, but we must generally use pegs. These are driven securely and numbered, but in the course of a few days they are generally removed, and when they cannot be got out their heads are chopped off, making them useless as bench marks.

3. Yesterday morning and this morning I was delayed a considerable time, because of the removal of the pegs near Cholavaram lake. You know how provoking it is when one levels up late, in the dry, to where he believes he can close upon a bench mark, to find it removed, and that he must go on in search of another. Yesterday I had to level more than a mile to the nearest permanent bench mark, as the pegs had been deliberately dug out.

4. I believe there was an Order of Government passed, with reference to the protection of the marks left by the Revenue Surveyors; could not this be extended to our marks?

I think that there would be no use in trying to punish directly the actual offenders, who are, I believe, little boys and girls who are herding cattle or gathering firewood.

If however the heads of the several villages were fined, the mischief would very soon be put a stop to.

5. Should you deem it necessary to have any order passed on this subject, I would suggest that it be translated into Tamil and Telugu, and a sufficient number of copies furnished to me or to the Collector for distribution amongst the villages. This alone would probably have the effect of stopping the wholesale destruction which is at present going on, and I should be satisfied with this, as I do not expect that anything would lead to the preservation of all our marks.

No. 160. ORDER THEREON, 7th March 1864, No. 686.

The Governor in Council observes that Mr. Fraser should address the Collector of the District on the subject of the foregoing letter, in view to his issuing the necessary instructions to the heads of villages.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES, A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To W. Fraser, Esq.
To the Collector of Madras.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 82. 3rd Red Hills.
25th February 1864

From
W. Fraser Esq^r L. E.
Special Ex. Engineer

To
Colonel C. A. Orr R. E.
Secretary to Govt. P. W. D.

Sir

I have the honor to draw your attention to a source of great annoyance and delay in our Surveying operations here;—namely the destruction of our Bench marks—

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Your most Obedient Servant

William Fraser C. E.

Special Ex: Engineer

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