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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department
27th April 1864.

No. 629. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 16th April 1864, No. 185 :—

Read the following letter from R. L. BRUNTON, Esq., Interim Acting Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Major General S. O. E. LUDLOW, Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 4th April 1864, No. 2,521B.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to address you with reference to an article which appears in the "Madras Athenæum" of this day.

2. In the margin you have a brief extract from the article in question, and I should esteem it a favor if you would inform me at your earliest convenience to what Government record the writer refers.

As it is however, the following passage from a Government record will show that it will be useless to expect the Irrigation Company as at present conducted to meet the requirements of this Presidency. In writing to Sir Charles Wood, the Madras Government says: "We have only to add "that the experience we have had of the Company's proceedings up to this "time has failed to remove from our minds the doubts we have entertained of the results of its operations, or to inspire us with confidence, "and we think it necessary to express in the strongest terms our decided "conviction of the impolicy of entrusting to the Company the execution "of any works, but those for which sanction has already been granted."

From Major General S. O. E. LUDLOW, Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to R. L. BRUNTON, Esq., Interim Acting Agent, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated 8th April 1864, No. 659.

SIR,

In reply to your letter No. 2,521, of the 4th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I know nothing of the Government record which the "Madras Athenæum" refers to.

From R. L. BRUNTON, Esq., Interim Acting Manager for Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Major General S. O. E. LUDLOW, Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 12th April 1864, No. 2,571 :—

SIR,

1. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 659 of the 8th instant, 1864.

2. May I trouble you to notice, that your letter under acknowledgment, however true it may be, does not convey the information obviously sought, neither can it be regarded as an answer to the question proposed.

3. I did not ask if you knew anything of the record in question, but if you would inform me, presuming that you might endeavour, as a favor, to obtain some information, even if you were not already in possession of any.

4. I beg now to ask you as explicitly as I can, to be so kind as to forward this letter and my previous one to Government, soliciting the favor of a reply.

5. I would not thus trouble you again, but in forwarding your reply to the Board, it is just possible it might deceive them, provided any record of the kind under notice has really been made by Government; and I feel sure you cannot object to my refusal to mislead the Board alike by what is true or by what is untrue.

(True Copies)
(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Major General,
Cons. Engr. Irrigation and Canal Company.

Submitted to Government for orders

(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Major General,
Cons. Engr. Irrigation and Canal Company.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th April 1864.

No. 630. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1864, No. 1,203.

The Government record referred to in this letter appears to have been surreptitiously abstracted from the Government Office and unauthorizedly communicated to the publishers of a local newspaper, but the Government do not see that this gives the Agent of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company any ground on which to base a claim for information regarding that record.

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
" Agent for do. do.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Madras Irrigation & Canal Comp.ʸ,
Madras, 4th April 1864.

№ 2,521B.

From,
The Interim Acting Manager
Madras Irrigation & C.ᵒ

To,
The Consulting Engineer
Irrigation & C. Compʸ.

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Record the matter refers.—

I have the honor &c
Signed R. L. Brumton
Interim Acting Manager.—

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Irrigation & Canal Company,
5th April 1864.—

No. 659.

From,
Major Genl. S. C. R. Ludlow,
Consulting Engineer for I. & C. Co.

To,
The Interim Acting Agent,
Madras Irrigation & C. Co.

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter No. 2521, of the 4th instant I have the honor to inform you, that I know nothing of the Government Record which the "Madras Athenaum" refers to.—

I have &c
Signed S. C. R. Ludlow M. G.
Consulting for I. & C. Co.—

No. 2571.

Madras Irrigation & C. Co.
Madras, 12th April 1864.

From,

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The Interim Acting Manager,
Madras Irrigation & C. Co.

To,
The Consulting Engineer
Irrigation & C. Company.—

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 659, of the 5th instant, 1864.—

2nd. May I trouble you to notice, that your letter under acknowledgment, however true it may be, does not convey the information obviously sought, neither can it be regarded as an answer to the question proposed.—

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Signed R. L. Brunton
Interim Acting Manager.
(True Copies)

Major Genl.
Consulting for L.B.C. Company.

No 185
Submitted to Government for orders.—
Consulting Office
Irrigation L.B.C.
16th April 1884.

L. D. Swidton
Major Genl.—
Consulting for L.B.C. Company.—

To
The Secretary to Government
D. P. Works.—

Ed. Bro. P.

No 1203

P.W.D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 27th April 1864.

From the Consulting Engr. I & C Company

Submits for orders copies of Correspondence between the Agent & Consulting Engr. I & C Co. regarding an Article which appeared in the Madras Athenaeum of the 16 inst.

Read the following letter

(Here Enter 16 April 1864 No 185)

The Government deem the opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown unnecessary to be taken on the present occasion, but they direct the Consulting Engr. to communicate to the Proprietors of the Local Newspaper, that the Government do not consider that this gives the Agent of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company any ground on which to base a claim for compensation regarding that Canal.

To the Com Engr
To the Agent

Dated 28th April.

(P.W.D. Proceedings dated 27th April 1864 No 1203 From the Consulting Engr. to Govt. Submits for orders copies of Correspondence between the Agent & Consulting Engr. I & C Co. regarding an Article which appeared in the Madras Athenaeum of the 16 inst.)

Dated 16 April 1864.
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Superintending Engineer's Report on the Correspondence between the Agent & Consulting Engr. I & C Co. regarding an Article which appeared in the Madras Athenaeum of the 16 inst.

WD
HB
Mc
GP

Dated 29.

No 1203 - 27 April 1864

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Request of the Agent
Mc. I. & C. Co. that he may
be furnished with infor
mation regarding the
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says that it will be
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meet the requirements
of the Treaty declined
to be acceded to.

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