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12th June 1865.

No. 269. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 24th May 1865, No. 12 :—

Read the following letter from F. H. HENSLOWE, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Captain J. MULLINS, R. E., Consulting Engineer for Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 23rd May 1865, No. 49.

Sir,

1. With reference to the Order of Government No. 1,342, of the 17th May 1865, and your letter No. 34, of the 19th instant, requesting me to express an opinion on the subject of that Order, I must premise any observations which I may have to make on this subject by informing you that every thing that is being done at present, is with the object carefully kept in view, of reducing our current expenditure by every available means.

2. When I was at Nellore, I requested Mr. East to submit a scheme for reducing his establishment, and I have now agreed to a plan by which the Pennair and Nellore Divisions will be amalgamated, and a saving of Rupees 2,076 per mensem effected; while a general revision of the establishments is under consideration with a similar view to reduction.

3. But to break up suddenly the surveying parties in the Divisions of Bellary, Nellore, and Cuddapah would, I am well aware, be productive of very great embarrassment to the Board, and would, I believe, tend greatly to impede their endeavours to raise the additional capital which is required for completing the works that have been undertaken.

4. The scheme of works undertaken by the Company was the Toombuddra scheme, estimated to cost two millions, or more properly speaking the Company were authorized to raise two millions towards its completion, the Government guaranteeing the first million. The Government restrict our expenditure on works to a portion of the scheme, and this the contract empowers them to do, but in equity I submit that the Government is not authorized to restrict our works in such a manner as to cripple us in the completion of the Toombuddra scheme.

5. It will undoubtedly discredit the whole scheme, and most seriously impede the operations of the Directors, if a dismembered portion of the scheme being partially finished (for irrigation only) no evidence be collected as to what the other parts of the scheme are, and how they will join on.

6. I trust the Government will allow us great latitude in obtaining full and reliable information to be collected in regard to the other portions of the scheme, supposing the establishments of Bellary, Cuddapah, and Nellore to be suddenly broken up, with the ostensible object of concentrating them upon the eight sections now under construction. I believe (of course I speak not as an Engineer but from common sense observation) that those eight sections would not afford employment for such an increased establishment, and we should in all probability lose the services of the best and most experienced officers now engaged on the surveys; while this concentration would have the effect of exhausting the remnant of the capital subscribed upon this fragment of the scheme, which being completed, in what position would the Board be in reference to the shareholders, or the Company in reference to the public? They would have a fragment of a work, not yet producing a revenue, the first portion of their capital exhausted, and no sound data to lay before the public whereon to ground a proposal for raising fresh capital.

7. I have reason to believe that the Bellary surveys will be completed in a very few months, and the eastern examination is also progressing rapidly, and it is highly satisfactory to me to learn that the Madras Government will not object to the surveys now in progress being continued. In the meantime I will communicate with the Chief Engineer and with the Board, who I trust will be permitted to discuss and arrange with the Secretary of State the extent to which those surveys shall be carried on.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th June 1865.*

Submitted to Government for information, with reference to their Order No. 1,342 of the 17th May 1865.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer I. & C. Company.

No. 270.

ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1865, No. 1,602.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 49.

Recorded, with reference to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,342, dated 17th May 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.
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Ed. S. T. Augustin.

N^o 49.

Madras, Irrigation, I. & C. Co.
Madras, 23rd. May 1865.

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I have &c.
Sd/- J. H. Henlowe,
Agent & Engineer.

N^o 12.

Submitted to Government for inform-
ation, with reference to their Order N^o 1342
of the 17th May 1865.

Consul Eng. Office,
Madras, 24th May 65.
Whitcomb's Captain, C.E.,
Consulting Engineer, N.E.C.

To
The Secretary to Government,

Pro. 17 May 1865 No 355-556
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Mr

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Pro. 17. 1865 Dept.
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The Consulting Engineer
M.C.C.

The Secretary to Govt.
D.P.W.

Dated 24th May 1865
Received 27th

Submits for the information
of Government with reference to
his order No. 1342 of the 17th instant
letter from the Agent on the subject
of the stoppage of the Survey
operations.

No 1602. 12th June 65

With an Order

Manager - Govt. of India
12 June 1865

12 June 1865

2nd June 1865