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1st July 1865.*

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No. 1. 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, 19th June 1865, No. 31 :—

SIR,

3 Letters in original from Agent and Manager  
General Nos. 120, 145 and 163.

1 Indent

2 Copies of letters to Agent Nos. 52 and 64.

\* No. 73, dated 2nd instant, with an Indent  
Rupees 7,000.

+ To Agent No. 52, 5th instant.

From do. „ 84, 5th do.

To do. „ 64, 12th do.

From do. „ 101, 15th do.

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government the letter\* as per margin from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, together with the subsequent correspondence† which has taken place.

2. It will be seen that Mr. Henslowe wishes to purchase, at once, 3,500 Casuarina poles for Telegraph purposes, in anticipation of the sanction of the estimates for the Telegraph, which are now under preparation, in order that these poles may have time to season, before they are used on the line of the Canal.

3. I transmit for inspection the slab of Casuarina wood, which was received with the Agent's letter No. 84.

4. It appears to me that Mr. Henslowe is quite right in desiring to try whether Casuarina poles are well adopted for Telegraph posts, and that, should they be found durable, the cost of constructing the Company's line of Telegraph will be much less than would be the case with supports of the description hitherto used in this country; but for the reasons stated in my letter No. 64, it would appear to be hardly prudent to make a very large purchase of an, as yet, untried material, and even the probability of the price or rate of a smaller quantity being higher would not counterbalance the advantage of a preliminary trial on a scale large enough to afford practical results, but at the same time not so large as to possibly lead to any considerable waste of money. These considerations induce me still to recommend that authority be given for sanctioning the Indent to the extent of 1,000 poles, or enough for 50 miles of the line, rather than that the full number (3,500) of the Indent be passed.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st July 1865, No. 1,835.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 1.

1. The Government will defer the consideration of the proposal submitted by the Consulting Engineer until the subject of the construction of the proposed line of Telegraph for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company is brought before them with plans and estimates of the probable cost of the work.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

*Secretary to Government.*

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company.  
„ Manager for do. do.

E. d. S. T. Augustin.

Consulting Engineer's Office  
Irrigation and Canal Company  
Madras 19 June 1855.

Enclosures N<sup>o</sup> 31

3 Letters in reply from,  
from Agents N<sup>os</sup> 120,  
125, 145 & 163.

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2. Copies of letters.

to Agents N<sup>os</sup> 52 & 64.

Captain J. Mullins R.E.  
Consulting Engineer for I & C Co.

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.  
Secretary to Government (D. P. W.)  
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Under date the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1865  
Read the following

From the Commr. Engrs & C. E.

Forwards for the consideration of Government a letter from the Agent together with the subsequent correspondence which has since entered 19<sup>th</sup> June 1865 No 31) taken place from which it will be seen that the Agent wishes to purchase 3500 Casuarina poles for telegraph purposes in anticipation of the sanction of the Estimates for the Telegraph which are now under preparation.

The Government will defer the consideration of the proposal submitted by the Consulting Engineer until the completion of the construction of the proposed line of telegraph for the Madras Div. & finally it is brought before them with plans and estimates of the probable cost of the work.

To The Commr. Engrs with 6 enclos.  
To The Manager  
Despatched 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 1865

W. B. S.

No. 1835 Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1865-1866

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Pro. Secy to Govt

The Commr. Engrs

To The Secretary to Govt.

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 1865

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