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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.

28th July 1865.

No. 692. 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 Mount Road, 21st July 1865, No. 75 :—

SIR,

1. In your Official Memorandum, No. 89, dated 31st May 1865, it is directed that I should send up my suggestions for the improvement of the East Coast Canal through the Superintending Engineer; and in the Government Order No. 1,988, dated 13th July 1865, it is stated that I should send my estimates for works on the canal, through the same Officer.

I have the honor to state that, in compliance with the first Order noted above, I have sent up the necessary communication through the Superintending Engineer. With regard to the second Order, the estimates alluded to would have been sent up through that Officer, but that, in his letter No. 365, dated 27th May 1865, he requested that I would discontinue all correspondence on the subject of the canal, except with reference to the accounts. (See a copy of this letter appended.) And in a subsequent communication, No. 555, dated 12th June 1865, and referring to an estimate for Salt channels, he intimated that I should obtain the sanction of Government direct.

2. I had all along been aware that the Proceedings of Government placed the Superintendent of the East Coast Canal directly under the orders of Government, except that his accounts were to be rendered to the Superintending Engineer; but I continued to consult the Superintending Engineer, and to send estimates to him for sanction, and I was always very well pleased when he visited any of the works.

On re-perusing the Orders on the subject, Colonel Boileau wrote the letter noted above.

3. The principal Orders are :—

I. No. 1,742, dated 2nd July 1863.—This is intended to define Mr. Kennedy's duties as one of the Special Engineers, and as a Special Engineer he was by a previous Order placed in direct communication with Government.

II. No. 2,300, dated 14th August 1863.—This Order was on a letter from Colonel Boileau regarding the transfer of certain Salt works to Mr. Kennedy, and in paragraph 5, he asks if he is to "obtain from Mr. Kennedy Reports, Returns, Accounts, &c., for works carried out by him within the limits of this Division, in the same manner as from Range Offices, or whether they are to be forwarded by him direct to Government," and in a postscript he observes that although by Proceedings No. 2,022, dated 24th July 1863, Mr. Kennedy's official communication should be addressed direct to Government, it was concluded that this had no reference to his accounts of expenditure.

The Order on this letter confirms the position of the three Special Engineers, who are to be under the immediate orders of Government; "but their accounts of expenditure should be transmitted through the Superintending Engineer."

III. No. 3,725, dated 17th December 1863.—Paragraph 4 alludes to Mr. Kennedy as having been "placed in special charge of the works of inland navigation to the north and south of Madras."

4. I think that the plain meaning of the Orders quoted above is, that the Specials are quite independent of the Superintending Engineer, except as regards their accounts of expenditure on works, which accounts are to be submitted and scrutinized as are those of Range Officers.

For my own part, however, I would consider it right to consult the Superintending Engineer on all works of importance I might be engaged on within his circle, and this is the principle on which I have hitherto acted.

No. 693. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1865, No. 2,175.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 88.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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N^o 365

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Superintending Engrs Office
4th Division

From

Madras 27th May 1865

Colonel A. J. M. Boileau R.E.

Superintending Engineer 4th Divⁿ

To

W. Fraser Esq^r C.E.

Special Executive Engineer

East Coast Canal

Sir,

By a perusal of the Orders of Govt^y

N^o 1742 of 2nd July 63
" 2522 of 24th " 80
" 2500 of 14th Aug^t 63

(as per margin) I find that the only part
the Superintending Engineer of this Division
is called upon to take in connection with
the East Coast Canal is to receive the accounts
of expenditure; I have the honor therefore
to request that no more communications,
except on the subject of the accounts of the
Canal may be made to this Office.

2.

A copy of this letter will be
forwarded to the Collector and Deputy Collector
with a view to their no longer addressing

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Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Govt N.Y.D.

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On reviewing the orders on the subject, Colonel Poileau wrote the letter noted above.

3 The principal orders are —

I. No. 1742 dated 2nd July 1863: This is intended to define Mr Kennedy's duties as one of the Special Engineers — and as a Special Engineer he was by a previous order placed in direct communication with Govt.

II. No. 2300 dated 14th August 1863: this order was on a letter from Colonel Poileau regarding the transfer of certain salt works

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Sir

Your most obedient servant
William Fraser C.E.

Special Execut. Engineer

21/7/65
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Received
21/7/65
Colonel L. J. Onda
Secretary to C.E.
Special Engineer
Request of C.E. & Assistant for
the letter of 5.5.55 & 9.12.1865 the
estimate for salt & charcoal was
sent direct to you for examination
and return
21/7/65
28.7.1865