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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th October 1865.*

No. 154. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Kurnool, 22nd September 1865, No. 82:—

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, 7th September 1865, No. 310.

SIR

Malicious attempts having been made to injure the scouring sluices in the canal, as reported in Mr. Dodson's letter No. 343 of 28th August (copy enclosed), I have the honor to request the sanction of Government to the offer of rewards for the conviction of delinquents, Rupees 25 on the conviction of any one stealing bolts, &c., and Rupees 50 in cases of burning the sluices.

From A. J. DODSON, Esq., Executive Engineer, to J. H. LATHAM, Esq., Provisional Chief Engineer, dated Kurnool, 28th August 1865, No. 343.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter of the 25th, requesting a report on the malicious attempts made to injure the scouring sluices, I have the honor to state that on several occasions during the year 1864, bolts and nuts were stolen from the frame work of the lifting gear to the sluices of the 9th calingulah, but no one was detected so doing.

2. On the 10th July last, one of the bolts and cross irons of the lifting gear lately erected at Calingulah No. 10, was stolen in the night.

3. During the night of Friday the 18th instant, an attempt was made to destroy by fire the wood-work of the lifting apparatus to the same sluices in Calingulah No. 10. Chatties full of burning charcoal were placed against the frame work on the windward side of each frame with the evident intention to destroy the wood-work, so as to enable the iron work to be stolen.

4. In the morning the frames were found partially burnt through at the angles, for about one foot from the under frame work, but not sufficient to enable any iron work to be abstracted, most probably the parties were interrupted before they were able to effect their purpose.

5. The mile Peon who was on duty, and ought to have prevented this attempt, has been dismissed.

6. No clue has yet been found to lead to the detection of any the perpetrators of these malicious acts.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. W. NEWMAN,
Manager, Chief Engineer's Office.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) F. H. HENSLOWE,
Agent and Manager.

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2. Transmitted for the consideration of Government, with a recommendation that the offer of the rewards, for the conviction of the delinquents who were concerned in the stealing of iron work from the shutters of certain sluices, and in the burning of some of the shutters, with a view to remove iron work, be sanctioned.

For Recd

Wm Mullins (Chief Engr)

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5. There is at present no regularly organized conservancy establishment on the canal, but there are watchmen, and these though necessarily incapable of preventing damage everywhere, should be able to protect the larger and more important works.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Cons. Engr. for I. & C. Company.

No. 155.

ORDER THEREON, 7th October 1865, No. 2,971.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 22.

1. The Government sanction the offer of the rewards recommended in paragraph 2 of the Consulting Engineer's endorsement.

2. The proposal in paragraph 3 is approved.

3. Paragraphs 4 and 5 will be referred to the Revenue and Judicial Departments, for consideration.

(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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Enclosure 1

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Letter in reply
from agent
dated 22/9/63

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