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No. 657. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 15th October 1866, No. 78 :—

1 Letter in original from Agent, No. 220, dated 10th September 1866.
1 Do. in do. from Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, No. 2,021, dated 8th Oct. 1866.

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, a letter No. 220 of the 10th ultimo, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, bringing to notice that a report has reached him that the Public Works Department are about to commence, as a famine work, a channel nearly identical with part of the Company's upper Bellary project.

2. I replied at the time to this letter that I thought the Agent must have been mistaken, but I promised to obtain information from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and from Major Moberly's letter, now enclosed, it will be seen that a channel is being dug to convey to Bellary the drainage from the high ground west or north-west of the station, and that this channel, for a length of about one and a half miles, is identical with the line selected by the Irrigation Company.

No. 2,021 of the 8th instant.

3. The work thus reported by Major Moberly to be in progress would be rendered useless by the Company's Canal, and I have no doubt that it is intended to meet, to some slight extent, the present wants of the station of Bellary, as regards water supply ; and that the Government have no wish whatever to interfere with the project which the Company have been investigating, and which may, four or five years hence at the earliest, have made sufficient progress to be able to supersede the channel now under construction.

4. At the same time there will not, I think, be any objection to the Company's Resident Engineer being furnished with a trace of that part of the channel which occupies the line of the proposed canal, in order that it may be arranged between that Officer and the Superintending Engineer, that the construction of the channel may not be so carried out as to make the execution of the canal any more difficult than it would otherwise be.

5. I suppose Mr. Henslowe, in paragraph 2 of his letter, means to say that the Government are precluded from executing irrigation works in the Bellary District, which would render unnecessary or impracticable those works which form a part of the Toombuddra project; and they have said as much in their Order of the 20th August last, No. 2,606, which has recently been communicated to the Agent; but the Toombuddra project cannot affect more than a comparatively small portion of the Bellary District, and cannot, therefore, in any way preclude the Government from constructing works of irrigation in other parts of the District.

Proceedings Madras Government, No. 3,200, dated 9th October 1866.

From the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 10th September 1866, No. 220.

1. It has been reported to me that the Public Works Department are about to commence, immediately, a channel nearly identical with part of our upper Bellary project, as a "famine Work."

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
29th October 1866.

2. Inasmuch as the Secretary of State in a Despatch addressed to the Government of Madras, somewhere about May 1864, explained to that Government, I believe, that the provisions of the Contract entered into by the British Government with this Company, precluded the Government of Madras from the construction of any works of irrigation in the District of Bellary, I take it for granted that the work now undertaken by the Department Public Works, upon an exceptional emergency, is intended to be executed on behalf of the Company, a course which however it may be justified by the emergency of the present crisis, appears to me to be open to some objections.

3. At all events, I deem it my duty to request that you will move the Government to issue such instructions to their Officers, as may ensure their working upon such plans as may be approved by our Resident Engineer, and may in no way eventually affect either the line upon which the Company may decide, or the rights secured to the Company by the Contract.

4. I have every reason to believe that not only have the surveys of the upper Bellary project been brought to a very forward state of maturity, but that all the masonry works have also been designed.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Bellary, 8th October 1866, No. 2,021.

In reply to your letter No. 52, of the 21st ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the work referred to by the Agent and Manager of the Irrigation and Canal Company must be the channel which is being dug from Bellary westwards to intercept the drainage from the hills to the south. This channel for about one and a half miles is identical with the Irrigation Company's line, but after that it strikes more south, and is merely being constructed in order, as I said before, to intercept the drainage. There is no idea of taking it up to the Toongabuddra river.

No. 653. ORDER THEREON, 29th October 1866, No. 3,438.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 123.

Mr. Henslowe is mistaken in supposing that the concession by the Secretary of State of the Toongabuddra project to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company precludes the Government from undertaking works of irrigation in the District of Bellary, but there is no objection to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division furnishing the Company's Resident Engineer with any information he may require regarding the work now in progress for intercepting the drainage of a certain tract of country near Bellary and conveying it into that Station. Major Moberly will accordingly give the information if it be asked for.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
,, Manager for do. do.
,, Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

H°. 2021. Supdg. Engrs Office 3d Division
Bellary 8th October 1866.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3d Division

To,
The Consulting Engineer
Irrigation & Canal Company

Sir

In reply to your letter H°. 52 of the 21st Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that the work referred to by the Agent and Manager of the Irrigation and Canal Company must be the channel which is being dug from Bellary Westwards to intercept the drainage from the hills to the South. This channel for about one & half miles is identical with the Irrigation Company's line but after that it strikes more South, and is merely being constructed in order, as I said before, to intercept the drainage. There is no idea of taking it up to the Toongabuddra River.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

A. Moberly Major R.E.
Supdg. Engineer 3d D.

No 220

Mr. I & C Co.
Madras 10 Sept 1866

From

The Agent & Manager
Mr. I & C Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer
Mr. I & C Co.

Sir

It has been reported to me that the Public Works Department are about to commence immediately a channel nearly identical with part of our Upper Bellary Project, as a "Famine Work".

2 Inasmuch as the Secretary of State in a dispatch addressed to the Government of Madras somewhere about May 1864 explained to that Government, I believe, that the Provisions of the Contract entered into by the British Government with this Co. precluded the Government of Madras from the Construction of any works of Irrigation in the District of Bellary, I take it for granted that the work now undertaken by the P. W. D. upon an exceptional emergency is intended to be executed on behalf of the Co., a course which

however

however it may be justified by the
exigency of the present crisis appears
to me to be open to some objections.—
3 — Of all events I deem it my duty to
request that you will move the Court
to issue such instructions to their Offi-
cers as may ensure them to exert every
effort such Persons as may be offered
by our Revenue Cutters, or may
in any manner by assist either the
Line upon which the Co. may be sitted,
or the Rights secured to the Co. by the
Contract.—
4 — I have every reason to believe that
notwithstanding the Survey of the Upper
Bellamy Pier has been brought to a
very forward State of Materials headed at
all the Necessary works have also been
designed.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obed. Servt
W. Hunter Mayor
Genl. Superintendt

Consulting Engineer's Office,
Irrigation Canal Company,
Madras, 15th October 1866.

No. 78.

From,

Captain J. C. Mullins, R.E.
Cons. Engr. for I.C. Co.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works.

Sir,

1. I have the honor to forward for the consideration of Government a letter No. 220 of the 10th instant from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, bringing to notice that a report has reached him that the Public Works Department are about to commence, as a famine work, a channel nearly identical with part of the Company's Upper Pal- lany project.

2. I replied at the time to this letter that I thought the Agent must have been mistaken, but I promised to obtain information from the Superintending

No. 220.

From
The Agent & Manager,
Madras Irrigation Co.

To
The Cons. Engineer
Pallaveram.

Dated, 10th October 1866.

Received 11th — 1866.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to public notice, and through you to Government, that a channel is being cut at Chamiah Mullah Tank, in the Chingleput District, which is nearly identical with part of the Company's Upper Pallany project.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Signed) [illegible]
Agent & Manager.

Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, and from
Major Moberly's letter, now enclosed, dated the 2nd inst.
ceed that a channel is being dug to convey
to Bellary the drainage from the high ground
West or North west of the station, and that
this channel, for a length of about 1½ miles,
is identical with the line selected by the Irri-
gation Company.

3. The work thus reported by Major Moberly
to be in progress would be rendered useless by the
Company's Canal, and I have no doubt that it
is intended to meet, to some slight extent, the
present wants of the station of Bellary, as
regards water supply; and that the Government
have no wish whatever to interfere with the
project which the Company have been investi-
gating, and which may, for some years hence
at the earliest, have made sufficient progress
to be able to supersede the channel now under
construction.

4. At the same time there will not, I think,
be any objection to the Company's Resident Engineer
being furnished with a trace of that part of
the channel which occupies the line of the
proposed canal, in order that it may be arrang-
ed between that officer and the Superintending
Engineer that the construction of the channel
may not be so carried out as to make the ex-
cavation of the canal any more difficult than
it would otherwise be.

5. I suppose Mr. Henslowe in para: 2 of
his letter means to say that the Government
are precluded from granting irrigation works
in the Bellary District, which would render
unnecessary or impracticable the works
which form a part of the Comabudda project;
and they have said as much in their order of
the 20th August last No. 2606, which has re-
cently been communicated to the Agent, but
the Comabudda project cannot affect more
than a comparatively small portion of the Bel-
lary District and cannot therefore in any way
preclude the Government from constructing
works of irrigation in other parts of the
District

Public Works Dept.

No. 3138

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 29th October 1866

Read the following

From the Consulting Engineer

for Canal Companies

Fort St. George the 15th October 1866

No. 178

Mr Hercules comments as follows on supposing that the concession by the Secretary of State of the Tungabudra Project to the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company precludes the Government from undertaking works of irrigation in the district of Bellary, but that is no objection to the Acting Engineer of the 3rd Div. furnishing the Company's Resident Engineer with any information he may require regarding the works in progress for excepting the drainage of certain tract of country near Bellary and consenting that Mahomedan Mosques will accordingly the information if

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2 Managers do do
To E 3 Div

Despd 30 October

Have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Wm Underwood Capt. R.E.

Consulting for A.M. Company.

Public Works Dept.

The Consulting Engineer
for Canal Companies

Fort St. George

To
The Secretary to Govt.
Public Works Dept.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government a letter No 2139 of 1866 with plans from the Agent, Tungabudra Project, stating that a Bund has reached him for the P.W.D. to attend to Conservancy, and Drainage works, & channel and Lieutenant with Mark of the Engineer in Chief Madras & Bellary respectively

Fort St. George
the 22nd October 1866

Wm Underwood
Capt. R.E.

Rec'd read for —

C.P.

No 1866 Despatch
Post offices Oct 1866

No 3438

Post of Pondicherry

Dated 29 Oct 1866.

The Consulting Engr
for the Madras R.y Co. informs
that there is no objection to
the Surveying Engrs of the Dr
furnishing the Company's
Resident Engineer with any
information he may require
relative to the Channel & more
in progress for the drainage
of Cocelady Beach & country
near Bellary &c.

Ans 657. 658.

Rec'd Oct 25 1866