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22nd May 1867.*

No. 535. Read the following letter from W. FRASER, Esq., C. E., Executive Engineer, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Mount Road, Madras, 20th May 1867, No. 29 :—

1. I have the honour to inform you that I resumed the field work of the Junction Canal three or four days ago.

2. Before completing the plans, it would be satisfactory to me if the line which I have selected were examined and approved of by two or more other persons, as it would be very unpleasant after the plans were finished if any doubt should arise as to the line being the best one.

3. You are aware that the line I have decided on differs altogether, not only from the one formerly sanctioned, but from every other line proposed, and this makes me the more desirous that it should be examined by some one else.

4. In deciding on a line for a canal through a country such as this, there are many questions to be taken into consideration besides the engineering one. For this reason I would suggest, should the Government agree to my proposal, that some of those appointed to inspect the line should be non-professional.

The following gentlemen take an interest in the project, and, on many points, their opinions would be valuable :—

Mr. J. D. Sim of the Revenue Board.

The President of the Sanitary Commission.

The Collector.

The President of the Municipal Commissioners.

No. 536. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1867, No. 1,553.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 60.

1. His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason for nominating a Committee of the kind suggested by Mr. Fraser in this letter.

2. The Government are most anxious to have the plans and estimates for the Junction Canal before them at as early a period as possible, and they desire that Mr. Fraser will furnish them in a complete form without any further delay, together with his proposals, accompanied by plans and estimates, for the deepening of the Cooum to connect the navigation of Cochrane's and the Junction Canals.

3. It is observed that in paragraph 6 of Mr. Fraser's letter of the 13th March last, No. 122, he states that it will take him but a short time to prepare the plans in question, and the Government expect that he will now make every exertion to hasten their completion, temporarily suspending, if necessary, the preparation of all the other projects on which he is engaged.

(True Extract.)

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

To W. Fraser, Esq., C. E.
To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 29. *E. C. Canal Office*
Mount Road
21st May 1867

From

W. Fraser Esq. C.E.

Esq. Engineer

To

Colonel G. A. O. Esq. C.E.

Secretary to Government

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Your most Obedt

William Fraser Esq

Esq: Engineer

No. 1553 Civil Works to
Public Works Dept

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 22nd May 1867
Read the following

W. Fraser Esq^r CE
Executive Engineer C.C. Canal (Here enter 20th May 1867)

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the navigation of Cochin's

To Mr. Fraser Esq^r
Executive Engineer C.C. Canal

The Secy. Engineer
C.C. Canal

To Mr. Fraser Esq^r
Executive Engineer C.C. Canal

Secretary of Govt.
C.C. Canal

To Mr. Fraser Esq^r
Executive Engineer C.C. Canal

W. Fraser Esq^r

Requesting to appoint
certain persons to examine
the line of the proposed
junction Canal.

No. 1553-22nd May 1867

and the junction Details -

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W. H. Prosser

To W. H. Prosser Esq. C.E.
S. Sup. to Govt

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By S. Sup. to W. H. Prosser Esq. 12/5/67
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Passing orders on a
letter from Mr. Madras E.
suggesting that a Committee
be appointed to inspect the
proposed line of Junction
Canal at Madras.

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