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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd October 1867.*

No. 445. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 11th October 1867, No. 95:—

1 Letter in original from Agent. 1. I have the honor to submit a letter, No. 299 of the 9th instant, from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, having reference to the Order of Government of the 4th instant, No. 3,085.

2. The view expressed in paragraph 3 of the Agent's letter that, if his deliberate and conscientious convictions are opposed to the orders of Government, he need pay no attention to such orders, appears to render it necessary that the Secretary of State should require the Board of Directors to furnish their Agent with special instructions on this point. The Board will doubtless see the necessity of impressing upon the Agent that his duty, and not his convictions, should, when these differ, determine his proceedings as Agent.

3. In the meantime it will be necessary to require that all retrenchments of expenditure should take effect immediately, such expenditure not being permitted to appear in the accounts at all, unless specially authorized to be so exhibited.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, dated 9th October 1867, No. 299.

1. Yesterday only I was favored with a copy of your letter dated 28th September, (attached to G. O. No. 3,085,) inviting my Directors to pass a vote of censure upon me in reference to certain expenses incurred by Colonel Cotton.

2. The singularly personal turn you have given to the matter in attacking *myself* has, I confess, taken me by surprise, nor do I exactly perceive how it comes within your province to suggest this particular course to the Directors; but you may depend upon my losing no time in transmitting your invitation to the Board for their consideration.

3. In the meantime permit me to repudiate emphatically the charge of "*neglect*," which you are pleased to level against me. It is my deliberate and conscientious conviction that the Company ought not to make their Chief Engineer disburse out of his own private purse sums expended in their service, this *PRINCIPLE you have uniformly admitted and acted upon most liberally* in the case of the *present* Chief Engineer.

No. 446. ORDER THEREON, 22nd October 1867, No. 3,267.

ACCOUNT, No. 45.

G. O. No. 3,383, dated 25th November 1864.
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Copies of this correspondence and of the Proceedings of Government marginally noted will be laid before the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and, pending the receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors, it will be the duty of the Manager to give immediate effect to all retrenchments of expenditure which may be ordered by Government and to remove such outlay from the Company's accounts in the absence of special authority for its inclusion.

(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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Consulting Engineers' Office,
Irrigation and Canal Co.
Madras 11th October 1867.

From

Captain John Mullins R.E.

Consulting Engineer I, and C.C.

To

The Secretary to Government
Department of Public Works.

Sir

I have the honor to submit a letter, N^o 299 of the 9th Instant from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, having reference to the order of Government of the 1st Instant N^o 3085.

2 The view expressed in para 3 of the Agent's letter that, if his deliberate and conscientious convictions are opposed to the orders of Government, he need pay no attention to such orders, appears to render it necessary that the Secretary of State should require the Board of Directors to furnish their Agent with special instructions on this point. The Board will doubtless see the necessity of impressing upon the Agent that his duty, and not his convictions, should, when these differ, determine his proceedings as Agent.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Wm. L. Miller Captain R.E.
Consulting Engineer N.C.

Under date the 22nd Oct/67.

From The Cons. Engrs. N.C.C. (Here enter No. 95 dated 11th October 1867)

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PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

of Madras

Dated 22nd October 1867

Passing orders on certain
papers relative to the inclusion
in the Company's accounts
of certain hotel charges
incurred by Col. Cotton
late Chief Engg. Madras
Irrigation Canal Company
in 1864.

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