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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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By

No. 378. Read the following letter from the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Camp at Dhoor, 9th December 1867, No. 115 :—

1. I have the honor to forward, for the consideration of Government, a letter, No. 375 of the 2nd instant, from the

2 Letters in original from Agent.
1 Copy of do. from this office.

Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, applying for sanc-

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2. The estimate, Rupees 44,116, for the construction of the Company's line of Telegraph from Soonkasala to Cuddapah was sanctioned in Proceedings, Madras Government, No. 3,167, of the 23rd October 1865, and this estimate contains an item, Rupees 3,534-6-4, for plant and supervision.

From Agent, No. 20, 11th April 1867.
To do. " 12, 13th " "

3. From the correspondence marginally noted, it will be seen that, in April last, the Agent, in accordance

with the Chief Engineer's suggestion, applied for sanction for a Telegraph Manager or Superintendent on a salary of Rupees 250 and allowances Rupees 120, and in reply to this application it was pointed out that the cost of superintending the construction of the line had been provided for in the estimate, and should be met therefrom.

4. Since April there has been, until now, no further communication from the Agent on the subject, and there is no information, therefore, as to whether it was found impracticable to obtain in India a qualified Superintendent at a salary which could have been met from the provision made in the estimate, or as to the reasons which induced the Board to send out a Superintendent from England.

5. The proper course in all cases is this: sanction for all establishments which may be shown to be necessary should be obtained by the Agent in the first instance, and then the appointments in such establishments should be filled up, in India or in England, as may be considered by the Company convenient or expedient, and this is the arrangement which the Board approved, as shown by their

No. 9, dated 15th May 1860, referred to in letter No. 128, dated 18th February 1861, from this Office, vide G. O., No. 462, dated 7th March 1861.

Secretary's letter as per margin. All contemplated expenditure requires pre-sanction, and it is as necessary that the cost of establishments should be ap-

proved by Government, as that estimates for works should be submitted for their sanction. And if, as in this case, it were considered that the sanction for establishments included in the estimate was insufficient, no steps involving a greater expenditure should have been taken until that sanction had been increased.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th December 1867.

6. Under these circumstances, I beg to recommend that the Agent be informed that the sanction given in the estimate must be conformed to until supplemental sanction shall have been obtained.

7. The cost of the permanent establishment, which may be required for maintaining and working the Telegraph after completion, is a distinct question, with which the Company will be able to deal independently should their revenue exceed their working expenses. Otherwise, the arrangements proposed will need the approval of Government, and the necessary steps to obtain this sanction should in that case be taken in good time.

No. 379. ORDER THEREON, 19th December 1867, No. 3,921.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 34.

1. The Government, fully concurring in the views expressed in this letter by the Consulting Engineer for the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, must withhold their approval to the appointment of a Telegraph Engineer on the salary and allowances proposed by the Company's Manager until supplemental sanction shall have been obtained for the line of Telegraph from Soonkasala to Cuddapah.

2. Captain Mullins will ascertain and report whether any and what progress has been made with that work.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Consulting Engineer for Irrigation and Canal Company, with three Enclosures.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Co.
Camp (Shoor 9) December 1867.

From

Captain John Mullins R.E.
Consulting Engineer Sand, C.C.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government S.P.W.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
your most obedient servant,
Wm. Lambton Captain R.E.,
Consulting Engineer I.V.C.C.

Public Works Department.

No 3921

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 19th Decr/67

Read the following

From the Cons Engineer
J.E.C.

(Here enter No. 115 dated 9th December 1867)

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[Handwritten signature/initials]

No 3921-19 Decr/67
To the Secretary to Govt. of Madras
From the Cons Engineer
J.E.C.

Under 7th Decr/67
Read 13th Decr/67

Encl. 3.

Consent of the Committee.

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W.B.

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Proc. of Govt for December
No. 3921

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *Madras*

Dated 19th (December 1867)

Declining Approval
to the appointment of a
Telegraph Engineer proposed
by the Manager Madras
Irrigation & Canal Company
until supplemental sanction
is obtained for the line of
Telegraph from Loanthasala
to Buddapah.

No 378-379