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My dear Fraser

Adverting to our conversation of a few days ago, I have again to impress upon you, how very urgently I consider rest from labor & change to a more bracing climate necessary for you at the present juncture.

You have, of late, been taxing your strength & endurance of climate most unduly - the result of which was the warning you had the other day, that you had almost reached the traditional straw which, at any moment, might permanently disable you. — I wish you in all seriousness to consider what I now say, and without delay, act on the advice given you; Viz: to apply for leave of absence for some months, to visit some of our Hill Sanitaria, and in a more bracing temperature, with repose, seek that strength and vigour of which you, at present

so much stand in need:—

I would, as you know, at once send you Home, if I thought there was anything organically wrong with you, but as I believe you require only rest and a better climate than that of the Plains to restore you, I am content to urge upon you the course above indicated.— I shall be glad to hear, you have acted on my recommendations, feeling assured of their favourable issue, if promptly complied with.—

Yours Sincerely
(signed) C. M. Duff

Egmore
September 20th 1866

To
William Fraser Esqre
Civil Engineer

(True Copy)

No 116

E. C. Canal Office 34
Church Park, Mount Road
11th March 1867

From
W. Fraser Esqre C.E
Executive Engineer

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

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of the Madras Government No 703 dated the 8th instant.—

When I wrote the Memorandum No 673 dated the 11th June 1866, I intended it to contain all the information I could give on the subject, and which would be useful to any one resuming the enquiry: In Para 9 I explained that of the Sites Surveyed, the Plans were completed of only two, No 31 on the Nilagiries, and that at Palavur on the Bhovany.—

When I read the order on this Memorandum I brought the Plans of those two sites to you and explained that those were the only documents that would be of any use to Colonel Walker, but you agreed with me in opinion that it would be better that I should Complete them

myself.—

2— I may have been wrong in the view I took of the order of Government: I could have complied with the strict letter of the order by sending up a parcel of documents and unfinished papers, but I considered it useless to do so, as I knew they could be of no value to Colonel Walker; That they could give him no more information than was contained in my Memo=randum and Sheet 61 of the Atlas, both of which were forwarded to him:—

I think Colonel Walker is himself aware that I have always been desirous of giving him every information I could, on this or any other matter connected with the Coimbatore District; as I wrote to him to this effect more than 2 years ago.—

3— Mr Brosnahan Assistant Engineer Madras Water works, was one of the Surveyors employed on the sites in the Moyar Valley; and who was withdrawn before he had finished his work: (See Para 9 of the Memorandum): When he was appointed to the water works I arranged with him that, so soon as he had leisure after the close of the current official year, he should, if possible, complete the surveys so far as he had surveyed: When this is done a short visit to the Moyar would enable me to complete the Plans of those two sites, or if they were in a sufficiently forward state they might be sent to Colonel Walker.—

4— There has, I regret to say, been great delay in the completion of the Plans of these Reservoirs, but I could hardly have prevented it: Soon after the date of the order alluded to there was a desire to get ready works on which the Starving poor could be employed, and I was directed to lay out the Madras water works,— The Junction Canal, The Mount Tank &c— On these works myself and my whole party were employed, and up to the middle of last month, with the exception of a few weeks my assistant was engaged on the Water works as the Assistant Engineer was, for a long time, incapable of doing anything

Another of my best hands was also

employed there, principally, until some time in December:—

Then again I was very ill for a great part of the time, and am still far from being well; but, knowing how anxious the Government were to provide works for the poor, I remained at works contrary to the advice of my Doctor, a copy of whose letter, written in September last, I have the honor to forward: You are aware that I was desirous of getting leave in October last, but that, on your informing me that the Government would wish to include the Chembrambakkam project in the Budget for 1867-8, I at once proceeded to prepare the Plans, though I was really quite unfit to do so.—

5— On being relieved from the charge of the Madras Water works, I ordered my party in and commenced the systematic completion of the projects I have in hands, beginning with the Chembrambakkam Tank: But my Assistant Corporal Pimm, immediately resigned, in the expectation of getting employed on the water works:— As he was familiar with the works I had in hand his resignation was very inconvenient:—

After some time I was able to replace him, and we are now completing the Chembrambakkam project, which will be sent up in a few days: One Set of Reservoir Plans I can send up by the end of this month; and the other about the middle of next month.—

6, The other projects I have in hands are all more or less forward:

Being relieved of the charge of the Water works I can now devote my own time and that of my whole party to the completion of these projects in succession; and if the Government will kindly wait for two or three months, I think they will be satisfied with the quantity of work sent in, as I hope to have most of the projects in hands completed by that time.—

7— My original report on the Reservoirs I will have copied immediately and sent up.—

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obt servant
William Fraser. CE
Exc. Engineer

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 15th March 1867.

Read the following

From H. Fraser Esqr. C.E.
Executive Engineer
E.C. Canal.

(Here enter No. 116 dated 11th March 1867

The Governor in Council is glad to learn from this letter that the plans and estimates for the enlargement of the Chembrambakkam Tank and for the formation of Reservoirs at Manal Kava on the Pallythonies and at Polaveram on the Bhovany are nearly ready for submission, and that good progress will now be made in the completion of the other projects which

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D.

Dated 11th March 1867
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Madras, 15th March 1867

have been entrusted
to a Mr. Fraser.

The Government
expect to receive the
designs and estimates
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those of the latter
by the 30th June next
at the latest.

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Dd 15th March 1867

Projects entrusted
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— Instructions issued for the
submission of the designs &
estimates for the enlargement
of the Chembrumbacum
tanks, and the formation of
Reservoirs on the Coiglerries
by the 15th April & Sept, and
for those for the Limeton Canal &
and other projects by the
30th June 1867.

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