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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th January 1869*

No 364 Read the following letter from W FRASER, Esq, C E, Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Mount Road, 18th January 1869, No 180 —

1 I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the Order of Government, No 105, dated 14th January 1869, and to make the following explanation of the delay which has arisen in sending up the plans of the reservoirs alluded to, a delay which I regret more than any one else can do

2 It was arranged, at my request, that Colonel Anderson, R E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and I should visit the site of the Palavur reservoir before I completed the estimates, &c, as I was desirous of seeing the place again myself, and I considered it would be satisfactory if the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and I could see it together, as no one else could so well explain the nature of the basin. Subsequently, however, Colonel Anderson found that he could not make arrangements for the intended visit, and I determined then to complete the estimates with the information I had

3. I was then very busily engaged in personally surveying the extension of the canal to Kistnapatam, as just then I was obliged to dismiss the only establishment I had for such work.

Being authorized, in last July, to re-employ such hands as I might require, I advertised in the Presidency and Local Gazettes for two Surveyors; I applied to the Civil Engineering College, the Gun Carriage Factory, the Superintending Engineer, and wherever I thought there was a chance of getting Assistants, but there were none to be had, except one man in Madras, a Serjeant of Sappers, who would have suited me very well, and whose employment would have enabled me to have completed these plans and others before this, but he was not allowed to come to me

4 It was not until the 15th of last month that I succeeded in getting a man who could assist me in these matters. I at once put the reservoir plans into his hands, and, with the exception of the holidays, he has been busy with them since one set, with estimates, &c, complete, will be sent up on or about Friday next, and the rest will be completed immediately after

5 Under this explanation, I trust the Government will consent to allow me to complete these plans and estimates myself, the more especially as there will be a saving of time by this arrangement, for whether the Government will or will not approve of what I propose, the designs and estimates being complete, there will be something tangible to go upon in case of any modification being considered desirable

If the Government will kindly consent to this arrangement, I shall send up the entire plans, estimates, &c, by the end of this month, and, as I before stated, one set by Friday next.

No 365. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1869, No 182.

IRRIGATION, No 29.

Under the explanation afforded in this letter, and on the assurance that Mr. Fraser will furnish one set of the

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plans, surveys, and estimates, connected with the proposed reservoirs on the Cauvery within the time specified by him, the Government accede to his request to be allowed to complete and submit the remaining plans, estimates, &c, by the end of the current month

(True Extract)

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

To W. Fraser, Esq, C. E

Exd. S T. Augustin.

No 180

East Coast Canal Office
Mount Road
18th January 1869

I have

W. Fraser Esq C. E

Executive Engineer, E. C. Canal.

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Col. C. E. P. R. E.

Secy to Govt P. W. Dept

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the order of Govt No 216 dated 14th January 1869, and to make the following explanation of the delay which has arisen in sending up the Plans of the Reservoirs alluded to, a delay which I regret more than any one else can do.—

2. It was arranged, at my request, that Col. Anderson R E Chief Engineer

Engineer for Irrigation, and I should visit the site of the Palawan Reservoir before I completed the Estimates ^{as} as I was desirous of seeing the place again myself, and I considered it would be satisfactory if the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and I could see it together as ^{one} else could so well explain the nature of the Machine:—

Subsequently, however, Col. Anderson found that he could not make arrangements for the intended visit— and I determined then to complete the Estimates with the information I had:—

3. I was then very busily engaged in personally surveying the extension of the Canal to Distapattam, as just then

I was obliged to dismiss the only establishment: I had for such work:—
Being authorised in last July to re-employ such hands as I might require, I advertised in the Presidency and Local Gazette for two Surveyors; I applied to the Civil Engineering College, the Gun Carriage Factory, the Superintending Engineer, and wherever I thought there was a chance of getting assistants, but there were none to be had, except one man in Madras, a Sergeant of Sappers, who would have suited me very well, and whose employment would have enabled me to have completed these plans and others before this, but he was not allowed to come to me.—

4. It was not until the 15th of last month that I succeeded in getting a man who could assist me in these matters: I at once put the Revision Plans into his hands and with the exception of the holidays he has been busy with them since: Our set, with Estimates &c. Complete, will be sent up on or about Friday next, and the rest will be completed immediately after.

5. Under this explanation I trust the Govt will consent to allow me to complete these plans & Estimates myself; the more especially as there will be a saving of time by this arrangement. For whether the Govt will or will not approve of what

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I propose; the designs and Estimates being complete, there will be some-
thing tangible to go upon in case of any modification being considered desirable.

If the Govt will kindly consent to this arrangement I shall send up the entire Plans, Estimates &c., by the end of this month: and as I have the honor to be

Sr

Your most Obedt. Servant
William H. Mason C.E.
Executive Engineer

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Under date the 20th June/69
Read the following
Mr Fraser Esq. C.E. (H.E. No 188 D) 18 Jan/69

Under the explanation
afforded in this letter, and on
the assurance that Mr Fraser
will furnish one set of the
plans, survey and estimate
connected with the proposed
reservoirs on the Cannary
within the time specified
by him, the Govt. accede
to his request to be allowed
to complete and submit
the

18th 1869
Govt. of Madras
19th 1869

From

Mr Fraser Esq. C.E.

To

Mr. Secy. to Govt.

No 182 - 20th June 1869

18th 1869

Respecting the
cases of the delay in
the submission of the
plans for sites for
reservoirs on the Cannary
and suggesting that he
may be allowed time
till the end of January
1869 to complete the
whole of the designs for
the project

Asst. Secy.

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W. Fraser Esq. C.E.

Dated

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6. 10. 20th Jan'y 1870

Nos. 364 & 365

Memorandum on the Caumery

The arrangements proposed
by Mr. W. Fraser C.E. from
the submission of plans,
surveys & estimates con-
-nected with the proposed resur-
-veys on the Caumery, appended.