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Dated 9. 2 1870.

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No. 167. Read the following letter from Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Shatiatope, 27th January 1870, No. 176:—

Estimate Rupees 55,800, No. 176, Budget of 1869-70.

On the receipt of the Order of Government of the 29th December 1869, No. 4,015, instructions to stop all new works in progress were at once sent to the Range Officers. I inspected on the 21st the Mehmatur Anicut, one of these works, and I have now the honour to report on its present state and how it has been affected by the above Order.

2. The anicut is nearly completed; all that remains to be done is about 200 feet of the body-wall and 300 square feet of stone-flooring. The channel head-sluice and some of the minor distribution works have been built, and the entire anicut might have been completed by February and considerably within the estimate.

3. About half the cubic contents of the main and branch channels have been excavated. In the first three miles of the channel the depth of cutting is from twelve to eighteen feet, and the soil is very hard. About half a mile of the deep cutting has not yet been commenced, and it is not fully completed in other parts. The present is the most favourable time for the work, the soil having been softened by the monsoon rain, and, if not taken advantage of, the channel will probably not be completed by the next cultivation season. It is, moreover, the only time during which the work can be done without loss to the contractors, as the rate allowed is very moderate.

4. Rupees 2,300 are now owing to contractors and Rupees 400 to coolies for work actually done, and I request authority to disburse these amounts at once, or there may be difficulty in getting the contractors and coolies to go on with the works in April.

No. 168. Order thereon, 9th February 1870, No. 462.

IRRIGATION, No. 5.

As from the letter of the Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division it does not appear that the Mehmatur Anicut has been endangered by the stoppage of work, the Government regret that they are unable to provide funds in the current year for its completion.

2. Adverting to paragraph 4 Colonel Foord will be informed that, on his furnishing the information called for by the Controller on the 22nd ultimo, as well as the statements of savings and demands now due in this office, the Government will be in a position to consider the mode in which the requisite funds can be provided to adjust the claims of the contractors and coolies referred to.

In Memorandum, No. 619.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. A. S. Rodgers.

No 176 — Supdg Engr's Office, 5th Dn.
Camp Shahtatope, 27th January 1870.

From
The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir,

On the receipt of the order of Government of the 29th of December 69, No 4015, instructions to stop all new works in progress were at once sent to the Range Officers. I inspected on the 21st the Mehmatir Annicut, one of these works, and I have now the honor to report on its present state, and how it has been affected by the above order.

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obdt. servant,

Lt. 3rd Colonel R.E.,
Superintg. Engineer.

D. W. Rebeiro
No 462 of 1870
Acknowledging receipt of the Madras Government
Order dated the 9th Feby 1870
Under date the 9th Feby 1870.
Read the following

From The Superintending Engr H.C. No 1705/27 dated 15th January 1870
To The Secy to Govt

Forwarding a report from the Executive Engr of the 5th Division on the subject of the Mehnathur Anicut

Submitting an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed works

Requesting that the necessary sanction may be accorded

Recommending that the sum required for the completion of the Anicut be granted

Advising to forward to Colonel Cotton for information

Colonel Cotton will be informed that no objection is perceived to the proposal

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No 1870 Dept
From Govt dated 5th February
No 396
The Supg Engineer,
5th Division.

The Secy to Government,
D.P.W.

Dated 27th
Recd 31st } January 1870.

No 176.

Mehnathur Anicut—
Reporting on the present
state of the Mehnathur
Anicut under construction
& requesting authority to
disburse the amounts
due to Contractors and
coolies for work actually
done.

No 462

No 462 dated 5th Feby 1870

called for by the Comptroller on the 22nd Ultimo In Memo: No. 619 as well as the Statements of savings and demands now due in this Office the Govt will be put to a Position to consider the mode in which the requisite Supplies each Year provided to meet just the claims of the Contractors and Officers referred to

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To The S. Engr. 5th Dw.
Chief Engr for Irrigation
Comptroller

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Superintending Engineer

5th Division

Dated

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G. O., 9th July 1870, No. 462

Nos. 167-168

Mehmattum Amunk Passing orders on the letter from Anicut Corps of the 5th Div. reporting upon the present state of the Mehmattum Amunk in the S. Arcot Dt., and requesting permission for disbursing the amounts due to Contractor and Coolies for work actually done