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No. 318. Read the following:—

No. 25.

Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

One letter from Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, No. 3,733, dated 24th Jan. 1870.
One Memorandum of Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, No. 11, dated 12th January 1870.

THE Memorandum to which the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division refers, is herewith transmitted for the consideration of Government. I found it necessary to return Captain Ryves' Delta estimates to the Division, after that officer had left for England in July last, as they were not sufficiently complete to allow of their submission to Government, and in returning them I sent the Superintending Engineer such instructions as would, I hoped, with the local knowledge possessed by the Range Officers, allow of their being retransmitted in a complete shape, and with full information, in the course of a few months. It will be seen from the Memorandum that I have not in any way sought to prevent the present Superintending Engineer from making such suggestions or alterations in the arrangements proposed by Captain Ryves, as he may be able to show to be advantageous; but, on the other hand, I do not think that those arrangements should be upset, except upon tolerably clear demonstration that Captain Ryves, whose knowledge of the Delta was very considerable, had not fully considered the circumstances therewith connected.

2. I would suggest that Major Fischer be requested to complete the estimates as early as possible in accordance with Captain Ryves' intentions, and with the instructions conveyed from this office.

3. Captain Ryves did not prepare any estimates for the central section of the Godavery Delta, and the Acting Superintending Engineer is, therefore, quite at liberty to cause those estimates to be prepared according to his own views of the work required to make the canals there thoroughly efficient; but he should bear in mind that the general arrangements should be the same throughout the Delta.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
2nd February 1870.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Major, R.E.,
Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

From Major J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation, Madras, dated Dowlaishweram, 24th January 1870, No. 3,733.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum, No. 11, dated 12th instant, from which it would appear I am to be entirely guided by Captain Ryves' views in preparing the Delta completion projects; but as that officer did not communicate to me one single word regarding these projects, and as his papers, returned to me from your office in Madras, are very incomplete, I beg respectfully to submit, for the consideration of Government, the advisability of postponing the progress of this matter till that officer's return to India.

2. Until the several Delta schemes were returned to me, in obedience to Colonel Orr's verbal wishes, I abstained entirely from interfering in any matters connected with those projects; but on being instructed to take up the Central Delta,

and to revise the others, I at once assumed the responsibility of the work, and it is hardly fair to myself, therefore, to be now told Captain Ryves' ideas are to be my guide entirely, when these have been so imperfectly conveyed to me.

3. I regret to say the Nundamoor Lock is so totally ruined, it is impossible to repair it; I am preparing a scheme, therefore, to avoid the Weyairoo navigation, and to join at the Doovah bifurcation with the Venkiah.

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 16th February 1870, No. 539.

IRRIGATION, No. 17.

THE Government regret that the Acting Superintending Engineer should have thought it necessary to make this reference. The estimates of the western section of the Delta were returned for revision as far back as July last, and they ought, ere this, to have been retransmitted for sanction. The Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation has pointed out the proper course to be adopted with regard to the estimates of the Western and Eastern Sections of the Godavery Delta, and the Government expect that Major Fischer will deal with those estimates accordingly, and will use every exertion to have them prepared for submission to Government at an early date.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exd. J. Wright.

No 3733 Supt Engineer's Office, 1st Dn
Doolaiswaram 24th January 1870

From Major J. T. Fischer R.E.
Actg Supt Engineer, 1st Division

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A.S. Supt Engineer 1st Dn

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From
The A.S. Chief Engineer
1st Division

To
The S. Chief Engineer
for Irrigation
Madras

Dated 24th January 1870
Rec'd 26/1/70

Requests the Government will be informed the progress of the Delta completion project till the return of Captain Rundall to Madras although the entire data required in preparing the same be the views of that Officer, who has not given any information in the matter.

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Note by the Acting Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

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Fort St. George
2nd February 1870

Colin Lindsay Major RE
Asst. Chief Engr. for Irrigation

P. W. Department.

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