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No. 495. Read the following letter from Captain A. deC. SCOTT, R. E., Under Secretary to Government, (for Chief for Irrigation,) to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 8th July 1871, No. 38 :—

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith an estimate received from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for the maintenance of the line of telegraph along the Company's canal during the current year 1871-72, amounting to Rupees 4,000, and I beg to recommend that the expenditure for the materials included therein should be sanctioned, but that the employment of the establishment of line runners and lascars as detailed should only be admitted for six months (reducing the amount of the present estimate to Rupees 2,812) for the reasons stated below.

1 Letter, in original, from the Agent, dated 27th June 1871, No. 277.
1 Estimate.

2. An estimate for Rupees 4,000 for completing and placing the line in good order was forwarded to Government on the 1st May 1871, and sanctioned in their G. O., No. 1,377, of the 19th May 1871, but I gathered during my recent inspection of the works that it was not at present in very good repair, and that there was difficulty in working it in consequence.* The establishment now asked for to keep the line in proper condition seems to me to be excessive and only to be sanctioned on the understanding that it is in bad condition, and that consequently the work which will fall on the establishment at first will be exceptionally great. It should be observed that the estimate for the lascars and line runners during the past year amounted to Rupees 1,200 as against Rupees 2,376 for the current year. The establishment now proposed can be revised at the end of the limited period for which sanction is recommended.

* 24 men to 157 miles.

3. The number of stations provided for in the estimate under review is seven, namely :—

1st Class	...	...	2
2nd ,,	...	...	2
3rd ,,	...	...	3

This is the number contemplated in G. O., No. 1,377, of the 19th May 1871, above referred to as sufficient after the construction of the works.

4. It is presumed that the outlay proposed will be debitable against Revenue.

From the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Madras, 27th June 1871, No. 277.

I HAVE the honour to submit for sanction an estimate for the maintenance of the Company's Telegraph for the year 1871-72.

The Chief Engineer remarks, with reference to the item of Rupees 1,183 for the upper section and the like sum for the lower section for labour and superintendence, that expenditure under these heads will probably be diminished as the line improves in stability.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th July 1871.

No. 496. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1871, No. 1,087.

IRRIGATION, No. 29.

THIS letter gives cover to an estimate for the maintenance of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's line of telegraph during the current official year amounting to Rupees 4,000, of which Rupees 1,624 are for the purchase of materials and contingent charges, and Rupees 2,376 for the establishment of line runners and lascars. Captain Scott recommends the estimate for purchase of materials for sanction, but suggests that the entertainment of the establishment on the scale proposed be authorized only for six months, subject to revision at the end of that period.

2. The Government observe that the salaries of line runners are fixed at Rupees 15 each per mensem. No information is furnished regarding the nature of the duties which they will be required to perform. If they are to be merely head lascars some explanation is necessary as to why they should be paid at such unusually high rates.

3. Subject to such further orders as may be passed on the receipt of the information now called for, the Government sanction the estimate submitted by Captain Scott to the extent of Rupees 2,812 as a charge against Revenue. The scale of the establishment now sanctioned will be subject to revision after the expiration of six months.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, with two enclosures.
,, Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Office of the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation and Canal
Secretary to Government.

No. 38. Madras. 8th July. 1871.

From

Capt. R. de C. Scott. R.E.
Under Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

To.

The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.

Enclosures. 2.
1 Letter in original from the Agent of 27 June 71 No 277.
1. Estimate.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an estimate received from the Agent and Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company for the maintenance of the line of Telegraph along the Company's Canal during the Current year 1871-72. amounting to Rupees 4,000 and I beg to recommend that the expenditure for the materials included therein should be sanctioned but that the employment of the Establishment of line runners and Lascars as

detailed should only be admitted for six months (reducing the amount of the present estimate to Rs 3812) for the reasons stated below.

2. An Estimate for Rs. 4000 for completing and placing the line in good order was forwarded to Government on the 16th May 1871 and sanctioned in their G. O. No 1377 of the 19th May 1871. but I gathered during my recent inspection of the works that it was not at present in very good repair and that there was difficulty in working it in consequence*. The Establishment now asked for to keep the line in proper condition seems to me to be excessive and only to be sanctioned on the understanding that it is in bad condition and that consequently the work which will fall on the establishment at first will be exceptionally great.

It should be observed that the Estimate for the Lascars and line runners during the past year amounted to Rs 1200 as against Rs 2376 for the Current Year. The Establishment now

* 24 miles of 187 miles.

proposed can be revised at the end of the limited period for which sanction is recommended.

3. The number of stations provided for in the Estimate under review is seven, viz:-

1st	Class	2.
2nd	"	2.
3rd	"	3.

This is the number contemplated in G. O. 1377 of the 19th May 1871. above referred to as sufficient after the construction of the works.

4. It is presumed that the outlay proposed will be debitable against Revenue.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your most Obedt Servt
Adl Scott.
Capt R.E.
Under Secy. to Govermnt.
D. P. W.

P. W. Department

No. 1987

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 28th July 1871.

Read the following.

From

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

No. 196. E. dt. No. 3898. 24th July 1871.

This letter gives cover to an estimate for the maintenance of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's line of telegraph during the current official year amounting to Rs 4000 of which Rs 1624 are for the purchase of materials and contingent charges and Rs 2376 for the establishment of line pioneers

A/A.

P. W. D. Office 18th July 1871.

No. 3278.

From The Under Secy. to Govt.

To The Secy. to Govt.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith (1) Estimate for the maintenance of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's line of telegraph during the current official year amounting to Rs 4000 of which Rs 1624 are for the purchase of materials and contingent charges and Rs 2376 for the establishment of line pioneers

I have &c.

Sd/- [illegible]

Under Secy.

No. 1987 - 28 July 1871.

Copy forwarded for information to the Superintending Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

By order &c.

Sd/- [illegible]

Under Secy.

and Lascars. Captain Scott recommends the estimate for purchase of materials for sanction but suggests that the entertainment of the establishment on the scale proposed be authorized only for six months, subject to revision at the end of that period.

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Subject to such further orders as may be passed on the receipt of the information now called for, the Govt sanction the estimate submitted by Capt Scott to the extent of Rupees 2,812 as a charge against Revenue. The scale of the establishment now sanctioned

will be subject to revision
after the expiration of
Six months.

17th July

To

The Chief Engr for Liverpool
& Birkenhead

Manager &c
Comptr

Recd 29/7/71.

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Chief Engineer Nagapatnam

Dated

Read.

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