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No. 247. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th September 1872, No. 2,552:—

In acknowledging receipt of G. O. No. 2,073 of 30th August, I beg that I may be excused for submitting the following remarks with reference also to G. O. No. 1,671 of 11th July, and No. 2,071 of 29th August.

2. I hoped to have been able to reply to the former of those more satisfactorily from returns which I asked for from the 2nd Division, but in their absence I beg to point out that a very large part of the increased grant was made in March, when I was at a distance from my head-quarters; that the inferior postal communication in the division delayed the transmission of the information as to the grant to Range Officers, and consequently they could not draw and pay it out before the expiration of the year.

3. I have reason to believe that more work was done than was paid for; but the rules as to examination of work, retention of money till it is all measured by Range Officers, etc., are so strict that they could not disburse the money within the period allowed.

4. Further, I beg to observe that large new works, Irrigation and Communication, are in progress as well as increased repairs, and that many people enriched by the easy supply of water in both the Kistna and Pennair deltas have given up labouring on public works as derogatory to the dignity of ryots. Other districts, and especially the Burman Provinces, are also carrying on works and take up all the labour that their local markets will supply. In Burmah rates are so high that crowds of people go from all the parts of Kistna and Godavery. It appears to me very bad policy for us to raise our rate to stop this emigration, particularly as, if we carry on the anicut works very rapidly, we shall surpass the means of the cultivators to keep up with our supply of water.

5. I beg to point out that from the latest returns I can procure there are only 104 souls to the square mile in Nellore, and 139 in the Kistna, whereas there are 542 in Tanjore.

6. The Government have apparently overlooked the fact that the submission of estimates for the complete projects of the Godavery and Kistna was insisted upon by the Government of India. Both Colonels Anderson and Winscom, my predecessors in the Kistna, urged the advisability of limiting our work of surveying, etc., to the amount which we could reasonably execute within a short period of time, and with reference to the wants of the people. The Government of India preferred to have the whole plans, and these have been in progress under the Range Officers (who had only special subordinates' aid in the form of surveyors and lascars) but had to carry on their executive duty at the same time.

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No. 248. Order thereon, 15th October 1872, No. 2,420.

IRRIGATION, No. 12.

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2. From a reference to the tabulated statement printed in G. O. No. 1,671, it is observed that while the original allotment for the Kistna District was Rupees 75,000, the expenditure was only Rupees 69,615; it is clear, therefore, that the Range Officers were unable to expend the original grant, and hence the provision of a supplemental grant was superfluous and the non-receipt of intelligence relative to the latter by the Range Officers immaterial.

3. His Excellency the Governor in Council while recognizing the fact that there is some difficulty in obtaining labour in the Kistna District cannot but regard the short expenditure both on Agricultural Repairs and Extraordinary Works in 1871-72 as due to defects in Colonel Moberly's administration, inasmuch as there has been a marked increase in expenditure since he was relieved of the charge of the 2nd Division.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,
*Acting Joint Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineers, 2nd and 4th Divisions.

Ed. E. C. Shunker.

No 3552. Supdg Engrs Office 4th Dn.
Madras 7. September 1872.

From
Colonel F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 4th Dn.

To
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govemment P.W.D.

Sir

In acknowledging receipt of G.O. No. 2073. 30th August. I beg that I may be excused for submitting the following remarks with reference also to G.O. No. 1671. 11th July and 2071. 29th August.

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Your Most Obedient Servant
J. Hewett Lt Col R E
Supdg Engr 4 Dn

No 2420 Public Works Department

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