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14th June 1873.*

No. 187. Read the following letter from Major R. F. OAKES, R. E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tiruvappadi, 22nd May 1873, No. 174:—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 1,144, dated 21st ultimo, I have the honour to forward a report* by the Range Officer of the work executed for the protection of the town of Tranquebar in 1872-73, and to request that a sum of Rupees 2,350-15-7 may be allotted for the work.

* No. 39 of 12th May.

2. As a good deal of stone is lying at Negapatam, and the Railway Department insist upon its removal, as this is the period at which stone can be conveyed to Tranquebar as the current is favourable, as, after the expense of conveying the stone so far, it appears undesirable to let it lie uselessly at Negapatam, while there can be no doubt that the bastion wall should be protected to the extent provided in the estimate, even if there may be a difference of opinion as to the further extension of the new groyne, and as work is being carried out notwithstanding the prohibition conveyed in G. O., No. 1,144, I have deemed it right to forward the enclosed report, incomplete as it is, at once, and, if necessary, will furnish a more complete report after I have examined the work, as I expect to be able to do some three weeks hence.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., Executive Engineer, No. 3 Range, Tanjore District, to Major R. F. OAKES, R. E., District Engineer, Tanjore, dated Tranquebar, 12th May 1873, No. 39.

In reference to your endorsement on G. O., dated the 21st April 1873, No. 1,144, calling for a report on the nature and extent of the work executed up to date for the protection of the King's bastion at Tranquebar, and its effect during the north-east monsoon of 1872, I have the honour to state that of the 60 feet groyne proposed for the northern end of the bastion 37 running feet has been completed; about half of the stone proposed to be laid along the face of the bastion has been put in; the repair to the masonry of the bastion has been completed, and there remains about 358 cubic yards of stone at Negapatam which is now being removed to Tranquebar by sea.

2. I was not here in 1871, and I cannot state by comparison the effect of the work during the monsoon of 1872. I am told by some residents of Tranquebar that its effect has been very satisfactory, and, so far as my own judgment enables me to speak on the matter, I believe that the work was indispensably necessary, and that it has answered its purpose very well.

3. I am of opinion, however, that it is not necessary to carry out the groyne to the extent provided for in the estimate. I believe that the quantity of stone now at Negapatam will be quite sufficient for the further extension that is actually required, and for completing the rough revetment in front of the bastion wall. The repairs to the wall itself that were executed last year have been injured, and require to be renewed in a few places.

4. The total expenditure up to the end of the last official year amounted to Rupees 9,149-0-3, leaving a balance of the estimate, amounting to Rupees 5,850-15-7, unexpended; of this sum Rupees 2,350-15-7 will be sufficient to complete the work to the extent indicated above, and which is all I consider necessary. The balance of the sanctioned amount, Rupees 3,500, may be cancelled.

5. Under the provisions of G. O., No. 131, dated 18th March 1873, the work is still in progress; the expenditure is, however, very small, being in April only Rupees 16-2-8. The expenditure will be larger in the current month, and as it is desirable to remove the stones from the

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railway premises at Negapatam as well as to continue the work to the necessary extent, I shall proceed with it in anticipation of sanction and re-allotment of funds.

No. 188.

ORDER THEREON, 14th June 1873, No. 1,560.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in these papers the sum of Rupees 2,351, stated to be sufficient for the completion of the works in progress for the protection of the fort at Tranquebar, will be provided when orders are passed allotting funds for incomplete works of 1872-73 now in progress. The balance of the estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,500, which is stated not to be required, is cancelled.

2. The District Engineer will report on the works when completed, but no additional funds will be available for them this year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.

.. Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Read the following:

From the Dist. Engr. Tanjore (P. M. A. No. 174 of 22 May/73)

Under the circumstances brought to notice in these papers the sum of Rs. 2351 stated to be sufficient for the completion of the works in progress for the protection of the Fort at Tranquebar will be provided when orders are passed allotting funds

funds for incomplete
works of 1872/73 now
in progress.

The balance of
the estimate amount-
ing to Rs. 3500, which
is stated not to be
required is cancelled.

The District Engineer
will report on the work
when completed, but
no additional funds
will be available for
them this year.

Y.M.W.

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To the District Eng.
Tanjore

Dated

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Nos. 1874/85

at Tranquebar.

Orders on letter
to the District Engineer,
Tanjore,
submitting a report on
works in progress
the protection of the
at Tranquebar.

To the District Engineer
Tanjore
Controller
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