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No. 44. Read the following letter from Captain J. PENNYCUICK, R.E., District Engineer, North Arcot, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Banavaram, 2nd September 1873, No. 1,779 :—

I HAVE the honour to forward herewith an estimate for repairs to the Polayapolliam Mootary Tank, amounting to Rupees 1,230, or nearly nine years' revenue of the tank.

1 Estimate.

2. The estimate was originally submitted last January, with the remark by the Range Officer that "this tank might be given up." Colonel Moberly wrote to the Collector asking his opinion on the point, but no reply appears to have been received.

3. Shortly after taking charge of the district my attention was drawn to the fact that expenditure had been incurred on this work, and I ordered it to be stopped pending inquiry; on my asking for explanation, the Range Officer reported that, although the estimate was large, no expenditure had been incurred on the tank for the last fifty years, and that its abandonment was inadvisable, as it would deprive the inhabitants of that part of the taluq of nearly all the cultivation they had.

4. The first statement is correct, so far as can be ascertained; the second is, somewhat of an exaggeration. Nevertheless I consider, and the Collector agrees with me, that it would not be advisable to abandon the tank, and as the work had been begun, I have ordered it to be resumed.

5. I consider that the Range Officer was in error in commencing the work without orders, in the face of his own suggestion that the tank should be abandoned, but the time was one of great pressure, and a slight error of judgment may well be overlooked.

6. Some further delay has taken place in the submission of the estimate owing to its having to be returned for revision. As now forwarded it provides only for bringing the bund to an uniform section, five feet above high water level, and for turfing the slopes. Certain improvements to sluices and calingulah contained in the original estimate have been struck out, and will be provided for separately as Minor New Works.

7. No sections are given, and the omission cannot now be supplied, but after personal inspection I am of opinion that no unnecessary work has been done.

8. The tank is not marked on the survey map. It lies to the south-east of the village which is shown as Pollypaucum, about three miles north of Banavaram, or Sholinghur Railway Station.

No. 45. ORDER THEREON, 3rd October 1873, No. 2,425.

IRRIGATION, No. 3.

As the work of repairing the Polayapolliam Mootary Tank in the North Arcot District was commenced in anticipation of the sanction of an estimate, and as the District Engineer, after

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consultation with the Collector, reports that it is deemed advisable that it should be thoroughly repaired, the estimate, amounting to Rupees 1,230, is sanctioned: but the Government consider that, in a district in which there are hundreds of important tanks needing repair, it was not necessary that so small a tank as this should have been gone on with, but rather that full inquiry should have been made in the first instance, and that all the facts should have been laid before Government, in order that a proper decision, as to whether it was advisable to incur so large an outlay in proportion to the revenue involved, might be given.

2. It is to be remarked that the District Engineer gives no information as to the cause of the breaches, and the Government have no assurance that all the requirements of the tank will be met by this estimate, and by the improvements to the sluices and calingulah which Captain Pennyenick proposes to carry out as Minor New Works.

3. The District Engineer will take care that no estimates are sent forward by him for the future without full information, and it must be added that he should not in any case sanction estimates without much better evidence of their sufficiency, necessity, and propriety, than has been in the present case adduced.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Exl. W. H. French.
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No 1779

North Arcot

From,

District Engineer's Office
Camp. Banavaram 5th September
1873

To, The District Engineer,
North Arcot.

The Chief Engineer,
For Irrigation.

Sir,

Madras

Enclosure 1.
1 Estimate

I have the honour to forward herewith an Estimate for repairs to the Pollyapallam Mootary tank, amounting to Rupees 1230 or nearly nine years' revenue of the tank.

2. The Estimate was originally submitted last January, with the remark by the Range Officer that "this tank might be given up." Colonel Molesey wrote to the Collector asking his opinion on the point, but no reply appears to have been received.

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7. No sections are given, and the omission cannot now be supplied, but after personal inspection I am of opinion that no unnecessary work has been done.

8. The tank is not marked on the Survey Map. It lies to the South east of the Village which is shown as Polly-paucum, about three miles North of Banavaram, or Sholinghur Railway Station.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your Most Obedt. Servant.

Ben Pungui / Captain R.E.,

District Engineer,
North Arcot.

Ayacucho Cawies 22-154 Rs. 144-12-8

Average of 5 years - 138 4-2

Date of last repair & cost not known.

Abstract

Carried

Description of work	Date	Per	Amount	Total
1149 cubic yds of Earth work	13	Exp.	871	" 3
9567 sq yds of Surfing	7	Exp.	348	12-9
Sundries & Venenon Stones			10	3

Total Paper. 1230

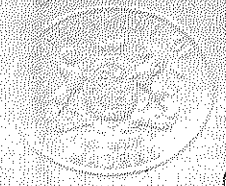
No 100 Drallage Camp
Received 21st January 1873

Signed J. S. Smitton Sub Engineer
in Ch. Drallage Camp

Wm. S. Smitton
Captain R.E.
District Engineer, North District.

Dist. Engineer's Office
at Aresbello
9th Aug 1873

L. P. Whiting
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Read the following

From the Dy. Magr. H. A. A. (H. A. 1779/8
2nd Sep/73)

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Chief Secy. to Govt.

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by 13/9/73

G.W.

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To The District Engineer ✓
Controller ✓
Chief Engr. for Works ✓
S. C. subd
9/10/73

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The District Engineer
North Arcot

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Palayapollur Mookary
Tank, North Arcot Dist.

Paying orders on letter
from the Dist. Eng. in
writing an Est. for
the repair of the tank.

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