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20th March 1873.*

No. 492. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Lockinsula, 24th February 1873, No. 81 :—

From the Acting Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and Joint Secretary to Government, dated Madras, 14th February 1873; No. 31.

WITH reference to your letter No. 110 of the 18th ultimo, I have the honour to hand you the Chief Engineer's report therein called for.

2. As the Chief Engineer in this document has quoted me, and referred to my views as communicated to him, I think it well to explain that I have *long* been of opinion that a concentration of the Chief Offices at Kurnool or elsewhere on the canal (perhaps preferably at or near Cuddapah) would be productive of economy and very much facilitate the prosecution of business; but that I was induced to propose such concentration again at this particular time, as I informed the Chief Engineer, chiefly by the conviction that the views of the Board in the appointment of that officer as the Company's Manager could be carried out effectively only by the adoption of that proceeding, inasmuch as if the Accounting and Finance Office were maintained in Madras some of the most important functions of the managership must be performed there.

Report called for by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in his No. 110 of 18th ultimo, in reference to G. O., No. 44, of 7th ultimo.

AFTER receipt of the letter of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,* I lost no time in obtaining full information from the Acting Manager as to the relative cost of maintaining separate offices and of uniting them.

* Acting Manager, No. 44, of 23rd ultimo.

2. At the same time I obtained from him an able resumé of the advantages of uniting the offices, and of the difficulties in the way in reference to the transactions with Government and with the Banks. I am glad to find his opinion clear that, even in reference to these, economy and convenience will both be increased by the transaction of the whole Management at the headquarters of executive operations. I consider this decisive so far as the interests of the Company go in favour of the immediate union of the offices. I will now compare the monthly saving to be expected, with the cost of moving, and then add some suggestions for the conduct of business.

3. The staff affected will be the accounting staff now engaged in Madras, and the correspondence staff in Madras and Kurnool and the accounting in the Upper Sections Office. On these an annual saving of Rupees 3,600 will be effected by the change. The cost of moving and repairing

the hospital building so as to make it secure for records would be perhaps Rupees 1,100,* but I may mention that the Civil and Sessions Court is to be shortly moved to the former

Military Barracks, the Telegraph into the present Court, and the present Telegraph Office left vacant; and it might suit the views of Government to allow the Company to occupy the Court-house, which is a well secured building, on condition of their paying the rent, Rupees 50, of the present Telegraph Office, and so saving the cost of that removal. I have inserted Rupees 50 a month as the cost of lodging the office in Kurnool, and then the charge for repairing the Hospital will not appear in the comparison.

4. Assuming that there are strong objections both to placing the Government Examiner, or a Deputy, in Kurnool, and to transacting business with him by letter only, the Acting Manager suggests that he (the Acting Manager) should visit Madras once every two months at a cost of

* Moving, say	...	...	...	Rs. 640
Repairing Hospital...	...	...	...	360
Securing windows...	...	...	...	100

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Rupees 100, or an average cost of Rupees 50 a month. His absence need not exceed five days. If this proposal be adopted, the annual saving would be reduced to Rupees 3,000 a year.

5. In reference to the stock of stores in Madras, the Acting Manager proposes that a Government Officer should be first appointed to make a selection of such articles as can be utilised in the Governmental establishments, at such a per-centage below the price at which the articles can be imported by Government as may be consistent with their condition. The remainder—reserving some useful machinery—might be sold by public auction. I recommend this course; many of the stores now in stock will never be useful to the Company, others are deteriorating and even becoming valueless, and the present time is favourable for securing good prices in consequence of the universal rise in the prices of manufactured articles.

6. I need not enlarge on the beneficial effect to the Company's operations of having the Head Accountant and Storekeeper here. He would take charge of the Company's stores and cash in Kurnool, and by his presence a vast amount of correspondence would be saved and difficulties overcome.

(Signed) J. H. LATHAM,
Chief Engineer.

Expected monthly saving effected by uniting the Manager's Office.

	Present.	Proposed.	Saving.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
<i>Correspondence Staff—</i>			
Madras	185	250	125
Kurnool	190		
<i>Accounting Staff—</i>			
Madras	483	520	48
Upper Sections	85		
<i>Rent of Office—</i>			
Madras	120	50	110
Kurnool	40		
<i>Contingencies of Office—</i>			
Madras	50	85	19
Kurnool	54		
Total	1,207	905	302

Or a saving of Rupees 3,612, say Rupees 3,600 a year.

(Signed) J. H. LATHAM,
Chief Engineer.

SUBMITTED for the orders of Government.

The responsible officers of the Company in these papers report, with reference to G. O., No. 44, of the 7th ultimo, the measures proposed for giving effect to the arrangement under which the Chief Engineer has become the Manager of the Company's affairs in India and their representative. It will be seen that Mr. Latham and Mr. Badham are in accord as to the advisability of removing the Head Office at once from Madras to Kurnool. The cost of the transfer is estimated at Rupees 1,100, and it is anticipated that there will be a saving of Rupees 3,600 a year if this change be made.

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2. I think that Mr. Latham cannot efficiently conduct the duties of Manager unless the Head Office be transferred to his head-quarters, and after talking over the matter with him I am of opinion that, at all events until the operations of the Company are extended to the eastward of Cuddapah, Kurnool will be the proper head-quarters for the Chief Engineer. Under these circumstances I recommend that the transfer of the Head Office to Kurnool be sanctioned.

3. With regard to the disposal of the stores not required by the Company, and now at Madras, I would suggest that the General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, be instructed to inspect them, and to report what portion of them can be usefully taken over at a fair price by Government. A list of the remaining articles, with their value on the Company's books, should then be submitted by the Manager in order that sanction for their sale by auction may be obtained.

4. The transfer of the Head Office to Kurnool will make it less easy than at present to arrange for the examination of the Company's accounts by the Government Examiner, but his Accountant would go to Kurnool with the Head Office, and an occasional personal visit to Kurnool, like that now made by him to Negapatam in connection with the Great Southern of India Railway, would appear to be all that will be necessary.

5. The Chief Engineer is anxious for the early transfer of the office, and I accordingly request that the orders of Government on the subject may be communicated as soon as possible.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 493. ORDER THEREON, 20th March 1873, No. 877.

IRRIGATION, No. 22.

THE Government sanction the transfer to Kurnool of the Head Office of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company,

which has heretofore been established at Madras.

2. The General Superintendent, Public Works Stores, will arrange with Mr. Badham to inspect at an early date the stores of the Company at Madras which are available for sale, and he will report what portions of them can be taken over by Government for the use of the Public Works Department at prices to be agreed upon between Mr. Badham and himself; he will show in his list the cost price of such stores, exclusive of store charges in India, as well as the price proposed to be given.

3. As soon as possible the Manager of the Company should report what portion of the Madras stores he would propose to sell by auction, and he should show in the list of such stores their value on the Company's books, and the upset price, if any, at which they are to be offered for sale. A list of the stores and plant to be transferred from Madras to Kurnool, or to other stations on the canal where they can be stored, should likewise be furnished.

4. The proposal of the Chief Engineer to rent the present Court-house at Kurnool, on the transfer of the Court to the Barracks, will be referred to the Judicial Department for consideration.

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5. The arrangements to be made by the Government Examiner of Accounts in connection with the transfer of the Head Office of the Company will be referred to that officer for report.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

- „ Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.
- „ General Superintendent, Public Works Stores and Workshops *through the Lt. Supy. Secy*
- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Judicial Department.
- „ Examiner, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company's Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

N. 81.

Submitted for the orders of Government.

The responsible officers of the Company in their papers report, with reference to G.O. N. 44 of the 7th Ultimus, the measures proposed for giving effect to the arrangement under which the Chief Engineer has become the Manager of the Company's affairs in India, & their representation.

It will be seen that Mr. Latham & Mr. Badham are in accord as to the advisability of removing the head office at once from Madras to Kurnool. The cost of the transfer is estimated at Rupees 1,100, and it is anticipated that there will be a saving of Rupees 3,000 a year, if this change be made.

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Enclosures.

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 Proceedings of the Madras Government
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 From The Chief Engineer for Irrigation. } A.E. No. 81 of 24th Feb/73/

The Government sanction the transfer to Kurumool of the head office of the Madras S & Canal Company, which has heretofore been established at Madras.

2. The General Supt. P.W. Stores will arrange with Mr. Badham to inspect at an early date the stores of the Company at Madras which are available for sale, & he will report what portions of them can be taken over by Government for the use of the P.W. Dept. at prices

W.C.

On 7 January 1873 No. 850 of 87.

On 7th March 1873 No. 81 of 24th Feb/73.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Dated 24th Feb/73. } No. 81 of 24th Feb/73.

No. 81.

Encl. 3.

Submitting

with remittance

to the proposed

transfer of the

Madras Irrigation

Canal Company's

head office from

Madras to

Kurumool.

No. 87 of 20th March 1873.

On 7th March 1873 No. 87.

No. 87 of 20th March 1873.

prices to be agreed up
on between Mr Bedham
& himself: he will show
in his list the cost
price of such stores,
exclusive of store charges
in India, as well as
the price proposed to
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Mr. 24/2/73
C.M.M.

To the Chf Engr for Hurnool
--- Manager M. S. C. Co.
--- Genl Supt. P. M. Stores & Workshop through
--- Controller M. S. C. Co. & the Chf Engr, Hurnool
--- Judicial Dept.
--- Examiners M. S. C. Co. Accounts.
Recd. 24/3/73.

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The Chief Engineer for
Irrigation

Date

From

To

20th March 877.

No. 492 & 493

Madras ~~Office~~ Head Office.

The transfer ~~from~~ to Kurnool,
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