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No. 212. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., District Engineer, Tanjore, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Tanjore, 10th March 1874, No. 1,120 :—

In G. O., No. 2,972, dated 16th December 1872, it is directed that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation shall, month by month, allot funds for Repairs Agricultural and for Minor New Works. I have the honour to report, with regard to Repairs Agricultural, that the Budget allotment of this district is Rupees 1,55,000, that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, month by month, allotted funds as asked for up to the end of January, by which date the allotment was Rupees 1,00,000, the expenditure being Rupees 97,314-13-0; he never, however, mentioned any intention of reducing the allotment of the district for Repairs Agricultural from that allowed in the Budget, and I therefore in December sanctioned and directed many important works to be carried on as fast as possible, thinking that I had a large balance available.

2. On the 4th of February I received from him memorandum No. 98,* as I considered it referred to no money being available to increase the Budget allotment of the district, I, in answer to it, informed him that I supposed it referred to Budget allotments and that I was prepared to spend the whole of it. In memorandum No. 132† I learnt that it was actually proposed by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to reduce the Budget allotment of this important district by more than one-third, and this six weeks before the end of the official year, when there was a large quantity of work done but unpaid for, and because the average monthly expenditure had been for ten months of the year about 10,000 Rupees, to allow nothing for the two important working months of February and March.

* Copy enclosed.

† Copy enclosed. Received February 15th.

3. I protested against this, and earnestly requested that the district might be treated more fairly; however, in memorandum No. 185, received 8th March, copy enclosed, in which he allows that two lakhs a year could be well spent in the district, I am told that no money whatever can be given for February and March; I cannot but consider that Tanjore District has been sacrificed to more favoured districts.

4. I have of course nothing left now but to issue orders for all expenditure on Repairs Agricultural to be stopped,* this is very hard upon contractors and upon coolies, etc., and it must be bad in every way; however I have done so and the work done will have to be paid for in April out of next year's grant.

* And this I have done on the 9th March.

5. The allotment made by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation of one lakh has been already greatly exceeded. I will, as soon as I know the amount, report it to you, and I request that I may be granted sanction for it, and I trust that I may not be blamed for not having stopped expenditure before I did. Had I done so on the 15th February, the earliest date I could have, (the allotment of one lakh had then been exceeded,) there would have been a large number of important works stopped, as it would have been impossible to have carried them on for six weeks without money, and the loss would have been heavy. I also did think that Colonel Mullins

would support me and allot back to Tanjore money that had been taken, I must say, in my opinion, without consideration, from the district.

6. With regard to Minor New Works the case is similar, the Budget allotment is Rupees 10,000, it is reduced by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to 7,000, and this is done without notice, six weeks before the end of the official year, when I had arranged for the collection of materials, etc., and for the whole allotment to be spent.

7. I have not thought it necessary to explain why in this district comparatively little or no work can be or is done in August, September, October, and November, and also that work done in December and January is paid for chiefly in February. But I earnestly request that Government will issue orders that in cases of the Budget allotments being reduced by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation or by Inspecting Engineers that at least four months' notice may be given, and that it may not be done, as it has been in this case, with no notice whatever.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 12th June 1874, No. 1,546.

IRRIGATION, No. 23.
Account.

His Excellency the Governor in Council regrets equally with the District Engineer of Tanjore that he has been disappointed of funds wherewith to operate as extensively as he could have desired in carrying out Irrigation Repairs and Minor New Works in that important district. There appears to have been some misapprehension on his part of the full scope of Government Order No. 2,972 of 16th December 1872, and his reference on the subject was made too late to admit of any remedy within the official year. He has now been informed by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation of the real state of affairs, and of the process regulating the allotment of Repair Funds; and he will doubtless take care that the district under his charge does not fail to realize its proportionate share of the funds allotted for repairs throughout the Presidency in future years.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" District Engineer, Tanjore

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No 132.

Memorandum.

The undersigned has the honor to inform the District Engineer, Tanjore with reference to this letter No 21 of the 5th Instant that no further allotments of Agricultural Repair funds are available.

2. In previous years much money lapsed owing to Divl Officers not getting their Estimates & Expenditure in good time. This year to this office was transferred the distributing the Budget grant, and funds have been provided for some Districts, after Progress has been good, out of the grants for other Districts in which Progress has been indifferent. Tanjore is one of the latter, and it would appear that the District Engineer contemplates that some Rupees 50000 have been reserved for Expenditure in the last two months of the year, whereas in the 10 months the outlay has averaged Rupees 10000 a month. It is now too late to make up for lost time, and it is hoped that next Year the Arrangements

arrangements will be more Satis-
-factory.

/signed/ John Goodwin Lieut R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Fort Saint George
9th February 1874.

/True Copy/
W.M. Reed Lieut R.E.
Asst Engineer Surveys

No 98

Memorandum.

The balance of the Agricultural
Repair Grant at the disposal of
the undersigned having been transfer-
-red to Petrel Engineers are hereby informed
that the allotments already made
to them cannot be increased.

2nd Petrel Engineers should
send their Estimates for a
Judicious Expenditure of the Grant
for 1874-75.

Fort Saint George
28th January 1874

/signed/ John Goodwin Lieut R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

/True Copy/
W.M. Reed Lieut R.E.
Petrel Engineers

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Copy of Instruction
Chief Engr Irrigation
Fort Saint George
dated 28th January 1874

Copy of Instruction
Chief Engr Irrigation
Fort Saint George
dated 28th January 1874

Rec. 185

Memorandum.

In reply to the letter Reg 1048 of the 16th Instant from the Right Hon. the Chief Secretary, the undersigned has the honor to point out that, under the Order transferring the Seeds part of the Agricultural part from Parliamentary Votes to this Office the Abstract Sheets, as they appear in the Estimates virtually cancelled, and Money has been granted to those Districts, which signified that they were ready to expend it, in some instances half of the usual annual amounts.

2. There is now no possibility of making further Allowances to Clubs, and the District Inspectors should take Care that in 1874-75 the Progress is made in the first, as well as the last, 4 months of the Year. &c &c &c

P.S. Dublin 12th March 1874
P.O. 14555/74

Chief Clerk's Office
Agricultural Department
Upper Merrion St.
Dublin 13th March 1874.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland to transmit herewith, for the information of the Commissioners of Education, a Memorandum which has been addressed to this Department by the Inspectors of Agricultural Schools.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

he will probably find that
the money which is certainly
required in Empire will have been
expended Elsewhere. The undersigned
would very likely see 2 lakhs
a year for some years to come
well spent in the Empire Delta
in getting the works Entrusted to their
order, but, whatever may have
hitherto been Customary, it will
be necessary hereafter to avoid
arrangements rendering it Excessively
difficult Early Current Office
Grant in the last month of the year
Work to that Effect Cannot be
properly supervised and Examined
and with the Section Engineers
of about 2 months, when the
freshes in the River are at Their
Utmost full height, a very great
deal of useful work Can be
done on with. I need the said
that very little Can be done
in the Kistna Delta, but
this year more than double
the

the usual Grant has been
fort through, and another 30 or 40
thousand Rupees would if avail-
-able, have been Expended.

(Signed) John Hawkins Capt. Col.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Camp at Ghepauli
27th February 1874

True Copy
[illegible] Capt. R.E.
Retnel Dugnisso

District Engineer's Office
Tanjore 10th March 1874.

No 1120

From

Major A. R. Cadell R.E.
District Engineer of Tanjore

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.

Sir.

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Receive

Received in Letter
Public Works Secretary
Dated 12th March 1874.
Rec'd 18th March 1874.

12 March 1874.
P. W. Secretary

Copy of Executive
Circular Letter, Department
Repairs dated 27th
February 1874
Ellis No: 1546. 12-3-74

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I have the honor to be
Sir
your most obedient Servant
W. Ward. Major R.E.
District Engineer

P. W. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government,

Under date the 187 .

Read the following :—

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The case needs further explanation and Govt after the D.E's letter & Col. Hamilton's is read observe thus as he may not have seen it

It is too late Hmo 24.3.74/.4 to carry the ring here Govr - We can write

P. W. D. 1874 Repairs Irrigation Tanjore

The District Engineer Tanjore

Sir

The Secretary to Government Public Department

No 1120

Dated 10 March 1874

Received 12 " "

Encl: 3

Requesting relative to the reduction made by the Chief Engineer in Irrigation Repairs for Agricultural Year 1874-75

I have &c

(Sd) [illegible]

Secretary

G.O. No: 1566. 17-6-74

No 212

Rs. Dy Chief Engr & Secy/74

Rc. 25-3-74 (R.S. 4.7.)

Rs 19 Rupees

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and minor new works in that important District. But it appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that his disappointment is due to his own misapprehension, in the first instance, of the full force of G.O. No. 2972 of 16th December 1872; which as the Chief Engineer has correctly informed him, abrogated the Old District Grants, except as a basis on which to calculate the total Budget Grant, and the amounts to

be allotted for use of the said Branch, next year which begins to-morrow week.

Col Mullens seems to have been puzzled by a certain discrepancy in the earlier part of the year. - Taking it seems towards the end of the year - and to have been a difference - if Col Mullens has been denied a share in keeping of his Money. In future beyond keeping down a

the total of Col calculating the probability of points being utilised & draining information before he draws any money. I cannot suggest to any remedy. I would not put Col Mullens hands in the very air this draft does - he cannot be held finn bound for his kin & beneficiation

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to be allotted to each District to start the season's work with. Again he neglected on the 1st February to realize the full weight and meaning of Lieutenant Colonel Mullens plain intimation that he was unable to increase the allotments already made to Districts. On calm reflection it will be evident to the District Engineer of Tanjore that the Chief Engineer for Irrigation has acted impartially towards all Districts

and

No 1455

and without intentional
prejudice to Sanjose; and
that his proper course will
be to take that Officer's
advice in future, and so
arrange for earlier progress
with Irrigation Repairs in
Sanjose, that he shall not
fail to obtain what he
conceives to be his fair share
proportionate to its im-
portance and requirements.

It seems to me (but I suspect I do not well understand the system adopted by the District Engineer) that the Divisional Engineer should be consulted in framing the Budget for the year respecting a particular District, and the District Engineer (as I take it) should frame his Budget (subject to revision by the Divisional Engineer) in accordance with it.

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Be specified in the Budget estimate

Read by Secretary

Budget estimate

had been amended -

R.C. 25.3.74

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Public Works Departt

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the allotment of Repairs
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under his charge
does not fail to
realize its pro-
-portionate share
of the funds allotted
for Repairs throughout
the Presidency, in
future years —

Govt.

To the Chief Engr for Irrigation
" D. E. Tanjore
A. C. Copies despd to both 13/1/74.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Supt. for
Irrigation

Dated

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G. O. 12th Jul 1874. No. 1546

Nos. 212-213.

Irrigation Reports and
Plans & New Works.
Sanjeevi Rotuch -

Intimating that there
are no funds available to
carry out certain
Irrigation Works and
other New Works and
that active measures
to obtain allotments in
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