Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 26th January 1874.

No 357A. Read the following letter from Mr. T. VANSTAVERN, C.E., dated 6th January 1874.

No. 357B. ORDER THEREON, 26th January 1874, No. 179A.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 26.

His Excellency the Governor in Council sanctions the supply to Mr. Vanstavern of the Manilla Rope required in connection with coal explorations, for which duty his services have been made available by the Government of India. The District Engineer, Godavery, has already been authorized by telegraph to place at Mr. Vanstavern's disposal such funds as may be needed, the sum of Rupees 1,000 being probably sufficient for the remaining portion of the current official year.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, ,, Kistna.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Account.
,, Public Department

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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No. 358. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 14th January 1874, No. 6,585:—

WITH reference to my letter, No. 5,899, of the 10th December 1873, I have the honour to report that, owing to a special arrangement (of which I was not aware when I wrote), the value of the copper therein referred to is not included in the ordinary *stock balance* of the General Store Department, and therefore, as the suggested transfer of the copper would not affect (reduce) the stock balance, the purchase of other stock in substitution of the copper, as mentioned in the 3rd paragraph of my letter above quoted, will not be practicable. This, however, does affect the proposal to transfer the copper, if possible.

No. 359. ORDER THEREON, 27th January 1874, No. 180.

ACCOUNT, No. 31.

ORDERED that this letter be forwarded to the Government of India in continuation of docket No. 3,083, dated 30th December 1873, with an expression of the opinion of His Excellency the Governor in Council that the circumstance now reported should not affect the purchase of the stock of timber referred to, the want of which is much felt.

(True Extract.)
(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 360. DOCKET No. 181, dated 27th January 1874.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Dumagudem 3/
6th January 1874.

Dear Sir,

I duly received the Copy of the Resolution of the Madras Government about Coal explorations which you kindly sent me.

I suppose the Govt of India will soon pass an Order on the subject. When such orders are passed I have no doubt you would wish the work to go on as soon as possible.

In view of this I have addressed you on the subject direct, as this district had not as yet been transferred to Madras and placed under Colonel Fischer, District Engineer, G.; and he would not be able to pass any order on the subject, and leaving it to

to the last may cause delay.

The first necessary to be provided will be a Coil of 4½" or 5" Manilla rope - or hard laid untarred hemp.

These you will be able I think to get in the Arsenal; if not, the Manilla will have to be procured from Calcutta the untarred hemp rope is not procurable there - no other rope will stand the work.

I have trained men here, employed on the Maintenance Works now, who have worked under me in boring and shaft sinking: they are -

1 Maistry —— Rs 50 per month
5 Lascars at 10/p/p . 50 —— " —
1 Blacksmith —— 16 —— " —
1 Hammerman —— 10 —— " —

The Maistry is a good fitter and can also level - the Blacksmith is also a good fitter.

With these men - 2 or 3 holes can be kept going - and work commenced at once, without loss of time in teaching, and probable expenditure in loss of rods. I have also a box of tools which will be necessary for the repair of boring-tools - these can be got on transfer from the Central Provinces.

The most economical way of working is to have two or three holes at work at once, as the same superintendance and blacksmith will do the work, and the area is sooner explored.

I have sent a Copy of this letter to Colonel Fischer L.G.

I am
Dear Sir,
Your most Obed Servant
(Signed) T. Vanstavern
C.E.

Colonel G.W. Walker RE
Chief Engineer
Madras.

No 174 Public Works Depart.t
Civil Work

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From W.J. Vanstavern Esq. E./H.E. No -- 776 Jany 1/74

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Yours

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To The Dist. Engr. Godavery
" " Do Kistna
" Controller P.W.A.
" ~~Mily Deptt.~~
" ~~Public Deptt.~~

Dft. 17 Jany 1874. 24.
Ltr. 19 Jany 1874.

Ld. S. dept. & Dt. Engr. Godavery 26/1/74.
P. C. — to all 11/2/74.

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The District Engineer

Godavery

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 26 Levy, No. 179 A

No. 357 A-357 B

Coal Explorations. Sanctioning the supply to Mr. Executive Vaudrevern of the Manilla Rope required in connection with coal explorations & observing that the Godavery Dist. has already been authorized to place funds at the disposal of Mr. Vaudrevern.