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No. 583. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Executive Engineer, in charge of District Engineer's Office, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Cuddalore, 22nd May 1875, No. 47:—

In G. O., No. 719-A, of the 13th March 1875, Captain Ross Thompson, R.E., was deputed to advise the District Engineer in the matter of the repairs to the Pooniar bridge at Cuddalore which has already been reported to have been seriously damaged in the floods of October last. The steps taken by me were reported to Government in my No. 266 of the 11th March 1875, and I subsequently received the following information through a demi-official from Captain Ross Thompson, R.E.:—

"The District Engineer should be told that he must take no steps in the matter or incur any expenditure except in communication with, and with the concurrence of, the President, Local Fund Boards, to which he has to look for supply of funds. References for professional opinions in no way shift the liability for the cost of the work from such fund as is originally liable for it.

"Colonel Walker has also instructed me to say that the estimate for enlarging the bridge, which will become necessary on the river being embanked, must be included in the estimate for embanking the river."

2. This officer has doubtless from press of other work been unable as yet to visit the bridge, but in the meanwhile the season has now so far advanced that there really is no time to be lost. I should have ere this acted according to my own judgment, but of course being instructed to avail myself of Captain Ross Thompson's advice, I have taken no further steps.

3. The Local Fund Board have made an allotment for this work and have authorized to incur necessary expenditure.

4. I have had a great deal to do in the Virdachellum Range, and have only within this week been able to devote some of my time to works in this locality (Cuddalore), and I this morning have marked out the centre line for a ring bund to enclose the four damaged arches and secure them against the floods daily expected. This ring bund will of course be cut in the event of an unusual high flood, and in the absence of such extreme floods it is possible we shall be able to work at the repairs till October next.

5. I now write to ask whether I act on my own responsibility or still await Captain Ross Thompson's arrival.

No. 584. ORDER THEREON, 31st May 1875, No. 1,504.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 39.

RECORDED, with reference to G. O.,
No. 1,415-A, dated 21st May 1875.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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D. P. W.
SOUTH ARCOT.

No.

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DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Camp

Dated

Uddalore
22nd May 1875.

From

The District Engineer,
South Arcot.

To

The

Chief Engineer
D.P.W.

Enclosures.

Sir,

In G.O. No 79A of the 18th March 75
Captain Ross Thompson D.E. was de-
puted to advise the District Eng. in the
matter of the Repair to the Poruram Bridge
at Uddalore which has already been re-
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through a deputy official from Captain Ross
Thompson D.E.

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2. This Officer has doubtless from press of other work been unable as yet to visit the Bridge, but in the mean while, the season has now so far advanced that ^{there} really is no time to be lost. I should have ere this acted according to my own judgment, but of course being instructed to avail myself of Captain R. Thompson's advice I have taken no further steps.

3. The L. J. Board have made an allotment for this work and have authorized to incur necessary expenditure.

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5. I now write to ask whether I act on my own responsibility or still await the arrival of Ross Thompson's arrival.

I have the honor to be
Sir

your most obedient servant
Allen
Ex Engineer in Ch. D & Office

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The District Engineer

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Dated

At

31 May 1874

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Letter of the District
Engineer requesting to
be informed whether
he is to act on his own
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Thompson, recorded.