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30th October 1875.*

No 528 Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation,
dated Fort St George, 20th October 1875, No 1,235 —

From the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, No 1,294, dated 6th July 1875.

To	do,	do,	„ 757,	„ 13th „ „
From	do,	do,	„ 1,819,	„ 10th Aug „

SUBMITTED for the information of Government with reference to G. O , No 1,594, 5th June 1875 The Superintending Engineer, it will be observed, states that, owing to his not being in possession of the details of the outlay expected under the provision for land compensation and distribution respectively in the Madras Water Works Estimate, he is unable to afford the information which in G O , No 1,594, of the 5th June last, it was pointed out was necessary to a satisfactory demonstration that the almost entire absence of progress on this project in 1874-75 was due to causes beyond Colonel F Moberly's control

2 To the undersigned, the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 10th August appears to contain no explanation of any value The project works consist of the following sections —

- 1 Anicut and head-works on the Cortihar.
- 2 Supply Channel, Cholaveram Tank.
- 3 Cholaveram Tank
- 4 Supply Channel. Red Hills Tank.
- 5 Red Hills Tank
- 6 Distribution

These sections each consist of a number of items of work, some of which have been completed, others are more or less advanced, and others are not now intended to be carried out or will be modified In some cases, moreover, additional works are required.

What the Superintending Engineer should have done was to show what items could or could not have been gone on with, and for what the provision of Rs 30,000 was made in his Budget Estimate, with the reasons which made it impracticable to carry out even approximately the programme of work for the season As it is, no light has been thrown on the matter

3 With regard to land compensation, Colonel Moberly should know much more than he appears to be acquainted with There is certainly no need for him to be helpless in the matter He has Proceedings of Madras Government, No 60, of the 10th January 1871, to refer to, and any additional information could probably readily be obtained from the Collector or Controller Moreover, he has not stated what part of the Rupees 30,000 provided for expenditure in 1874-75 was intended to meet claims for land compensation, on what his estimate on this account was based, or how far the actual fell short of the anticipated demand therefore.

4 Similarly, with regard to distribution, the Superintending Engineer had, or should have had, some notion of what he intended to do, and it was open to him to explain what difficulties interfered with his programme That there may have been some such difficulties is probable enough, but that such a very simple matter as ascertaining the lie of the ground over a few miles of country should take any considerable length

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of time cannot be deemed reasonable. The waste of time and money incurred on the survey referred to in paragraph 5 of the Superintending Engineer's letter ought to have been put a stop to much earlier, and this officer is not without his share of responsibility in the matter. The mistake made was in contouring with great and unnecessary detail, and that too before the general levels and features of the ground had been determined, but this mistake might have been corrected the first time the Surveyor's work was looked at.

(Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lt-Col, R E,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

No. 529.

ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1875, No 3,085

IRRIGATION, No 49.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R E,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Exd. E C Shunker.

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Under date the 30 Oct/75
Read the following:-

From

The Chief Engineer } (C.E. No 1255 d/20 Oct/75)
for Irrigation

Recorded with reference
to G. O. of the 5th June 1875
No. 1544. The Honorable
the Governor in Council ob-
serves that the Superintend-
ing Engineer has been afford-
ed ample opportunity of
explaining for what particu-
lar items of work connect-
ed with the Madras Water
Works project the provision
made in his Budget esti-
mates of 1874-75 was inten-
ded, ~~to~~ and why
little or nothing could be
accomplished

I concur.

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accomplished during that year.
It was further in the L.O.
above mentioned, clearly
pointed out how this
information could be given
so as clearly to show
why the programme for
the year could not be
carried out. Colonel F.
Moberly has entirely
failed to afford satis-
-factory explanation, and
the correspondence recorded
leaves the impression that
the Superintending Engineer
had no definite plan of
operations -

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G.M.W.

To the Supt Engineer
and Chief Engineer
and Controller of

7.
No 1235

From Superintending Engineer Chingleput No.
1294 - 6th July 1875-

To — do: — do: — do: — No 757 - 13th July 1875-

From — do — do — No 1819 - 10th August —

Submitted for the information
of Government, with reference to G. O.
No 1594 - 5th June 1875. - The Superin-
tending Engineer it will be observed
states that owing to his not being in
possession of the details of the outlay
expected under the provision for land
compensation, and distribution respec-
tively in the Madras Water Works
estimate, he is unable to afford the
information which in G. O. No 1594 of
the 5th June last it was pointed out
was necessary to a satisfactory de-
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absence of progress on this project in

1874-75

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2. Supply channel Cholaveram Tank.
3. Cholaveram Tank.
4. Supply channel Red Hills Tank.
5. Red Hills Tank.
6. Distribution.

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What the Superintending Engineer should have done was to show what items could or could not have been gone on with, and for what the provision of Rupees 30,000 was made in his Budget estimate, with the reasons which made it impracticable to carry out even approximately the programme of work for the season. As it is no light has been thrown on the matter.

3. With regard to land compensation Colonel Moberly should ~~certainly~~ know much more than he appears to be acquainted with. There is certainly no need for him to be helpless in the matter. He has Proceedings Madras Government No. 60 of the 10th January 1871 to refer to, and any additional information could probably readily be obtained from the Collector or Controller. Moreover he has not stated what

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part of the 30,000 Rupees provided for expenditure in 1874-75 was intended to meet claims for land compensation, on what his estimate on this account was based, or how far the actual fell short of the anticipated demand. therefore.

4. Similarly with regard to distribution the Superintending Engineer had or should have had some notion of what he intended to do, and it was open to him to explain what difficulties interfered with his programme.

That there may have been some such difficulties is probable enough, but that such a very simple matter as ascertaining the lie of the ground over a few miles of country should take any considerable length of time cannot be deemed reasonable. The waste of time and money incurred on the survey referred to in para 5 of the Superintending

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Fort St. George
20 October 1875

Voluntarius Lieut. Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer for Irrigation

To,
The Secretary to Government
(P. W. D.)

The Chief Engr.
for Irrigation

E. S. No: 1235

Submitting letters of the
Supergr. Chingleput, re-
porting his inability to give
any information called for
as to items of work executed
and remaining to be executed
in the Chembambakam
and Madras Water Works
Projects.

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Dr. J. C. Smith

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G. O. 30th Nov. 1875

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Chemburam

Chemburam and Madras
Water Works Projects. Lupton
Engineer, Chemburam reporting his
inability through the Ch. Engg. for
Brigade, to give any information
regarding the work executed, and
remaining to be executed in the