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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd February 1877. No. 593.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 525. REPORT of Mr. J. C. JOHNSTON, Assistant Engineer, on Special Duty, Cumbum Tank Works, for the Week ended 3rd February 1877.

I HAVE completed the plans and estimates of the town water-supply and drainage (with exception of a small drainage channel and culvert), and two plans of the Gundlacomma river scouring sluices raising gear—one copy for Government and one as an office copy. The plans and estimates for the latter I hope to submit next week.

2. The Overseer has been absent on privilege leave on urgent private affairs. He was obliged to be present at a wedding shortly to take place in Bangalore, but I expect him back about the middle of the month.

3. The Surveyor has run the line of levels I wanted for the drainage and irrigation channel east of the town, and has handed over to me a large roll containing the plotted sections of the Pedda Cumbum channel. These sections I shall have to ink out and complete. His services ended on the 31st January 1877.

4. After the submission of the Gundlacomma river scouring sluices plans next week, those for the town drainage and water-supply will be attended to and completed. The estimates for the Pedda Cumbum channel will next claim my attention.

5. I have had slight touches of fever all through the week, the Draughtsman also has been suffering with fever, but the rest of the staff have enjoyed good health.

6. I received this morning a copy of telegram sent by the Chief Engineer to Mr. Goodchap, ordering me to be placed under the orders of the Collector for Famine Relief Works. I beg to send a copy of a letter addressed by me to the District Engineer with reference to that telegram. The scouring sluices plans and estimates are now ready and those for the town works will be ready in a few days, and I respectfully beg to be allowed to complete what I have commenced if there be no objection. I hope I shall not be misunderstood in asking the above, for I know nothing of the intentions of Government beyond what was contained in the telegram. I am quite ready to go wherever I am ordered, but, in my humble opinion, if I am to be engaged on Famine Relief Works I shall have no leisure to attend to the tank works, till it is too late to repair the sluices except at great cost. With the tank full again, the heaviest items of repairs will be the ring-bunds.

No. 525-A. From W. A. GOODCHAP, Esq., District Engineer, Kurnool, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 10th February 1877, No. 11.

In forwarding an extract from Assistant Engineer Mr. Johnston's letter No. 102, of the 5th instant, I have the honor to request, as you will at once see the necessity of his services being entirely confined to the improvements of the Cumbum tank and channels, that you will be good enough to cancel the telegram received on the 2nd instant, placing Mr. Johnston under the orders of the Collector for employment on Famine Relief Works.

Sd/- To Govt P.W.D.

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Extract from a letter from the Assistant Engineer
on Special duty Fumbar, to the District Engineer
Kurnool, No. 112, dated 5 February 1877.

With reference to copy of Telegram sent
by the Chief Engineer to you, ordering me to be
placed under the orders of the Collector for Famine
Relief Works, I have the honor respectfully to
state that I shall be unable to expend the grant
of Rs 17,900, placed at my disposal for the Fumbar
Tank by Government in their Telegram dated
31st January 1877.

2. Under the orders of Mr Farmer I know I
shall have no time whatever to devote to the
Fumbar Tank Project, and all the labor hitherto
spent upon this Project will thus I am afraid
be rendered comparatively useless.

3. When deputed by Government to this
Special work in Fumbar, I might easily
have procured a Medical Certificate from
the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool vouching for
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my bad state of health, and he would have testified that I was the last man to use his own words to be sent to Fumbum. I have however kept my health hitherto pretty well, because the season has been exceptionally healthy with regard to fever.

4. It is not that I at all object to be placed on Famine Relief Works, that I write the above and following but simply because having been placed here and after having worked hard and just succeeded with great difficulty in getting matters into train. I am particularly anxious to complete what I have commenced as expeditiously as possible before my health obliges me to apply for removal.

5. The Fumbum Tank sluices have to be repaired and regulated before the Channels below them can be reformed, and this season will afford a splendid opportunity of doing the work and one which will not occur again till the next famine. Mr Farmer, I know, wants me, should I be placed under his order, to travel about the

the Section, to make myself acquainted with its wants and to send in estimates for more than a dozen irrigation works; all this will fully occupy my time outside for the some months to come, and therefore I shall be totally unable to carry out the repairs to the sluices expeditiously as ordered in G.O. No 277 dated 29 January 1877-

By J. C. Johnston
Capt. R. on Special Duty
(True Extract)

Kurnool
10th February 1877 - Dist. Dy. Commr.
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 District Engineer
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 Chief Engineer

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District Engineer's Office
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 From The District Engineer
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To The Chief Engineer
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I have the honor to be
 Sir
 Your most obedt Servant

L. H. Goodchap
 District Engineer

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From;

The Assistant Engineer

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Sir; Edward

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possible before my health obliges me to apply for removal. B. J. N. D.

5. The Kumtum Spoke sluices have to be repaired and regulated before the channels below them can be reformed, and this work will afford a splendid opportunity of doing the work and one which will not occur again till the next famine. Mr. Harmer, I know wants me, should I be placed under his orders, to travel about the section, to make myself acquainted with its wants and to send in estimates for more than a dozen irrigation works; all this will fully occupy my time outside for some months to come; and therefore I shall be totally unable to carry out the repairs to the sluices 'expeditiously' as ordered in G. O. No 279 dated 29th January 1877.

6. I have written the above on the supposition that the Telegram is genuine.

but on my inspection of the Enceps in
which the 'copy' of telegram was enclosed
I am in hopes there is some little mistake.
The Enceps is apparently franked by

your Head clerk but it is "On Ser. M.
Service" while the Stamp is not a service
one. Further the copy is issued from
your office without your signature.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

(Signed) J. C. Johnston

Assistant Engineer

on Special duty

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(True copy.)

J. C. Johnston

Assistant Engineer

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John Johnston

Assistant Engineer

Special duty bundle from

P.W.D.
12 FEB 1877
NO 1452

the Special Officer
Cumbum

Dated 5th Feb 1877

Dated 8th Feb 1877

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Report on the
drainage works
for week ending 8th
February 1877.

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 22 Feb 77.
Read the following:—

Report on the Cumbum
Drainage Works for
week ending 3rd Feb 1877

(H.C. d. 8th Feb 1877)

From The Dist Engineer
Kurnool

(No. 11 d. 18th Feb 1877)

Mr Goodwin

has been posted to Kurnool
for employment in the
Cumbum Subdivisions,
and on his arrival Mr
Johnston will revert to
his regular departmental
work, and will in addi-
tion be required to aid
the Head Assistant Collector
only with professional

Ans. 15.2.77

Advice on matters con-
-nected with Cumbum
and its immediate vicinity.

Aug. 17/2

~~James~~

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Ch. for Surg. ✓
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Collector of Karnool ✓
Revenue Dept. ✓
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Dated - 10.3.77

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Mr. D. A. Neely ✓
Resd. - 11.3.77