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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.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
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EXTRACT from a letter from the Assistant Engineer on Special Duty, Cumbum, to the District Engineer, Kurnool, No. 102, dated 5th 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 Rupees 17,900, placed at my disposal for the Cumbum 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 Cumbum 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 Cumbum, I might easily have procured a medical certificate from the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool, vouching for 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 Cumbum." 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 simple 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 Cumbum 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 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. 279, dated 29th January 1877.

(Signed) J. C. JOHNSTON,
Assistant Engineer on Special Duty.

No. 526. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1877, No. 593.

IRRIGATION, No. 53.
Establishment.

MR. GOODSIR has been posted to Kurnool for employment in the Cumbum Sub-division, and on his arrival Mr. Johnston will revert to his regular departmental work, and will, in addition, be required to aid the Head Assistant Collector only with professional advice on matters connected with Cumbum and its immediate vicinity.

(True Extract.)

Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ District Engineer, Kurnool.
„ Collector of Kurnool.
„ Revenue Department.

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

READ the following:—

Report on the Cumbum Drainage Work for week ending 3rd Feby. 1877
Letter from the District Engr. Kurnool
No. 11 dy 10th Feby. 1877.

FOR ORDERS.

If the Chief Engineer is satisfied that Mr Johnston cannot reasonably absent himself from Cumbum & that Mr Farmer be not likely to be held to his Cumbum Tank work

It would be very desirable if possible to give the Farmer more Assistance as Mr Johnston the Chief Engineer in mentioning with the Civil Surgeon Kurnool can arrange this

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Mr. Johnston's employment on Famine relief works generally in the Cumbum Division is incompatible with any effective progress on the Cumbum Tank Works. If Mr. Johnston's services on relief works are deemed of most importance the arrangement already made will need no alteration.

Lt. Col. R.E.
Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

FOR ORDERS.

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Extract from a letter from the Assistant Engineer on Special duty Cumbum, to the District Engineer Kurnool, No 102, dated 6 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 Cumbum 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 Cumbum 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 Cumbum, I might easily have procured a Medical Certificate from the Civil Surgeon of Kurnool vouching for my

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 Cumbum. 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 Cumbum 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

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By J. C. Johnstone
Asst Engr on Sheet duty

(True Extract)

H Woodcock
District Engineer

Kurnool
10th February 1877.

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Kurnool to the
Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

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District Engineer's Office
Kurnool 10 Feby 77

From,
The District Engineer
Kurnool

To,
The Chief Engineer
P. W. D.
Madras

No 1

Sir,

In forwarding an extract from Assist Engineer Mr Johnston's letter No 102 of the 5 Inst 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 23rd instant placing Mr Johnston under the orders of the Collector for employment on Famine Relief Works.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obed Servant

T. Goodchild
District Engineer

No 525

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No. 102 Special Engineer's Office
Camp: Kanchlapoor 5th February 77

From;
The Assistant Engineer
In Special Duty Cumbum
To;
The District Engineer
Kurnool
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To
The District Engineer
Kurnool

From
The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept.
Public Works } Telegram dated 31st
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Reports Cumbum tank
Telegram Planning Famine
Protection relief works
Proposes the employment
of the Collector in entitlement
of Famine Relief Works as
in Famine without mischief

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

but on my inspection of the cover in which the 'copy' of telegram was enclosed I am in hopes there is some little mistake. The cover is apparently franked by your Head clerk but it is "On Her Majesty's 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 Obt Servant
(Signed) J. C. Johnston
Assistant Engineer
on Special duty
Cumbum

(True copy)
J. C. Johnston
Assistant Engineer

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No 1. Report of Mr. J. C. Johnston Assistant Engineer, On Special Duty, Cumbum, Tanks 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 Gundlacumma River showing sluices Raising gear, one copy for Govt and one as an office copy. The plans and estimate 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.

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

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John Johnston
Assistant Engineer
on Special duty Cumbum

From
The Special Officer
Cumbum

Dated 5th Feby 1877

Dated 8th Feby 1877

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Report on the
drainage works
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Advice on matters connected with Cumbum and its immediate vicinity.

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A.C. Kurnool. in ref ✓ Dated 22-2-22
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To The Chief Engr & Secy Govt

Dated

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Nos. 525-26

Mr Asst Engr Johnston

Issuing instructions with regard to the relief of the famine ~~Lemicentff~~ Jamine Chief Engr on the arrival of Mr Goodsir in Cumbum Sub Division.

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Mr D. Wells

Dispd - 10-3-77