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செய்பணிபுவதற்காக எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்பட்ட நாள் 8/06

செய்பணிட்டு முடித்த நாள் 10/06

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 19th May 1857.

No. 24. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Financial Railway Department, under date the 27th April 1857, No. 224.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel T. T. PEARS, C. B., Consulting Engineer for Railways; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated 15th April 1857, No. 139.

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I have the honor to report, for the information of Government, that on the receipt of an Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 36 of the 22nd January, I addressed the Agent and Manager on the subject of Mr. Robinson's complaint of "the total disregard of the Agricultural "irrigation of the country observable throughout the Line" in Malabar.

2. The Agent and Manager in reply states, that "the Engineers of the Districts in Mala-
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4. Mr. Robinson in his reply states that he has been on the Line since he made his previous
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5. I need only observe further, that the Acting Collector of Malabar appears to have done the Railway Officers injustice, in speaking of the total disregard shown by them to the Agricultural irrigation of the country; and that it was more reasonable to expect that the Revenue Officers of the country or the inhabitants of the several Villages should seek to communicate with the Engineers and point out their wants as the work advanced, than that the Engineers should take the initiative.

6. There has not been, as far as I am aware, one complaint of a want of readiness on the part of the Railway Authorities to meet any reasonable demands in respect to drains, channels, or level crossings.

7. The other subject noticed by Mr. Robinson, *viz.*, the amount of valuable land taken for side ditches, &c., was brought to notice several months before that Gentleman wrote, and the remedy suggested by me approved by Government in an Extract from Minutes of Consultation, No. 446, dated 6th December 1856.

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From Major T. A. JENKINS, Agent and Manager; to Lieutenant Colonel T. T. PEARS, C. B., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 25th March 1857, No. 260.

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1. With reference to your letter, No. 93, dated the 26th of January, and its enclosure, being a report from the Collector of Malabar to the Board of Revenue in which Mr. Robinson stated that he observed throughout the line a total disregard to the Agricultural irrigation of the Country on the part of the Railway Officials; I have the honor to state that the Acting Chief Engineer has made enquiries and learns that the Engineers of Districts in Malabar are under the impression that the Collector on his late trip along the Line was quite satisfied with the Waterway afforded, and Mr. Parker, the Resident Engineer, understood Mr. Robinson to express himself as

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2. The Acting Chief Engineer observes that circumstances may render it not advisable, and in some cases impossible, to provide Waterway every where when water crossed the line of Railway, but as there is every wish to do as little damage to the irrigation of the Country as possible, I would beg to suggest that the Collector of Malabar depute one of his Assistants to point out to the Resident Engineers in his District, the places where we have "totally disregarded the irrigation," when measures will be taken, as far as circumstances will allow, to remedy the evil.

(Signed) T. A. JENKINS,
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From W. ROBINSON, Esq. Acting Collector of Malabar; to Lieutenant Colonel T. T. PEARS, C. B., Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated 7th April 1857, No. 1008.

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No. 70. With reference to your letter under date 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to state that my remarks referred to the state of things I found, when I visited the Line in November last.

Then, and since I and my Sub-Collector have proceeded over every part of the line and pointed out where Agricultural irrigation, crossing, &c., are required and the greatest readiness has been evinced by the local officers of the Railway to comply with the wants of the people.

Your wish has therefore been forestalled, and the matter set at rest in communication with the local officers.

In the foregoing letter the Consulting Engineer reports on the representation of the Acting Collector of Malabar, respecting the neglect of the Railway officers to provide for the Agricultural irrigation of the Country throughout the Line in that District, which formed the subject of a communication from the Board of Revenue under date the 23rd December last.

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3. In these remarks the Government concur, and they have only to express themselves quite satisfied with the explanation that has been afforded on the subject. They observe from the Acting Collector's reply to the reference made to him by the Consulting Engineer that his remarks applied to the state of things he had found when he visited the Line in November last, that since then he and the Sub-Collector had proceeded over every part of the Line and pointed out where Agricultural irrigation, crossing, &c., were required, and the greatest readiness has been evinced by the local officers of the Railway to comply with the wants of the people. Mr. Robinson adds that the matter has been set at rest in communication with the local officers. No further orders seem therefore to be required on the subject.

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5. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be furnished to the Revenue Department for communication to the Board of Revenue, with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated the 2nd January last, No. 2.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No. 25. ORDER THEREON, No. 456; dated 16th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Board of Revenue, with reference to their Proceedings dated 23d December 1856, No. 4384.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

FINANCIAL RAILWAY DEPARTMENT.

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(True Extract and Copies.)

Chief Secretary.

the Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Revenue Department, with Consulting Engineer's letter and accompanying correspondence.

Exd. J. A. Wilson.

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Fort George 19th May

No 470

Extract from the Minutes of Council in the Financial Railway Department.

Dated 27th April 1857
Rd. 2nd May 1857

Passing orders on the representation of the Collr. of Malabar, respecting the neglect of the Railway Officers to provide for the agricultural irrigation of the Country throughout the Line in that District which formed the subject of a communication from the Bd. of Rev. under date the 23rd Decr. last. No 456 with a/order 16th Inst.

No 456

Ordered to be communicated to that Board of Revenue with reference to their Proceedings dated 23rd December 1856 a/c 4384.

Fort St. George
16th May 1857

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