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No. 31. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E., Officiating Consulting Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 31st July 1862, No. 47 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit for the orders of Government a proposal by the Chief Engineer, Irrigation and Canal Company, communicated by the Agent in his letter No. 262, dated 26th July, for the assembly of Local Committees to consider the question of the water rate and other matters connected with the irrigation of the Districts affected by the Company's works.

2. I can see no objection to this proposal, on the contrary think that many useful suggestions and recommendations are likely to be made by Committees constituted as proposed.

3. The Collector and District Engineer should invariably be two of the members acting on the part of Government.

From F. AGNEW, Esq., Agent Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to Lieutenant-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, Officiating Consulting Engineer, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 25th July 1862, No. 262.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to point out that no orders have been passed by Government on the subject of this Company's water rates, in reply to my letter* dated 11th June. To this I called your attention in my letter† dated 27th June.

* No. 194.
† No. 215.

2. The Chief Engineer now represents that the season has passed during which he had hoped by the proposed temporary water rate to induce cultivators to bring their land into a fit state for irrigation, and to realize this year a small return on the capital invested.

3. This is much to be regretted ; and will be a source of much dissatisfaction to the Board of Directors and the shareholders.

‡ No. 1,036 of 10th May 1862.
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4. The only orders which have been passed by Government on this subject are those marginally‡ noted.

5. The terms proposed by these orders are not such as the Board of Directors can accept.

6. The Chief Engineer therefore proposes, and I beg to support his recommendation, that a Committee should be appointed to consider the question.

7. On the part of the Company, I beg to propose the Chief Engineer assisted in each Division by the Executive Engineer of that Division.

8. On the part of the Government the Chief Engineer suggests the Director of Revenue Settlement, and the Collector or Executive Engineers of each District. I need not say that these or other similar appointments would be perfectly satisfactory to the Company.

9. The two orders above referred to were passed, as the Chief Engineer points out, on a series of papers written by various Officers, all of whom differed in opinion. These Officers had not the opportunity of weighing each others arguments, or of arriving at any united conclusions. In one instance the Collector of Kurnool apparently misunderstands the District Engineer, and supposes that a consolidated land and water tax of Rupees 5 is recommended by the latter Officer, whereas the Chief Engineer informs me that this recommendation had reference to this Company's water rate only.

10. I must also point out that the above orders of Government were passed upon a series of papers all of which with one exception were written by Government Officers. The views of the Board of Directors have never yet been before Government.

11. The object of the proposed Committee would be, to take into consideration the whole question of the irrigation of the Districts affected by the Company's works, including the exist-

ing rights of Government and the cultivators', as well as the future rates of this Company, to enquire into the circumstances of each District, to collect the views of *all* the parties interested, and to lay the result of their enquiries in the form of recommendations before the Government and the Board of Directors.

To this proposal I trust that Government will see no objection, and they will see fit to take such prompt steps as will ensure to this Company an early and satisfactory settlement of this vital question.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Officiating Consulting Engineer, I. & C. Company.

Transferred to the Revenue Department.

Chepauk,
4th August 1862.

(Signed) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel R. E.,
Secretary to Government, D.P.W.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 3rd September 1862, No. 1,868.

1. With this letter the Officiating Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company forwards one from the Agent communicating a proposal by the Chief Engineer of the Company for the appointment of Local Committees to consider the question of the water rate and other matters connected with the irrigation of the Districts affected by the Company's works. The Agent and the Officiating Consulting Engineer are both in favor of the proposal.

2. The Government cannot accede to it. The matter is one which, in their opinion, should not be left by them to a Committee. It is the province of Government, who have established a Revenue Survey for the purpose, to regulate the land tax, including a suitable water cess. The Director of Revenue Settlement will be ready to avail himself of all sources of information, and to listen to any representations and suggestions which the Officers of the Irrigation Company may wish to make. In their Order of 18th ultimo, No. 1,752, moreover, the Government have directed certain experiments to be made in view to determining the actual value of water when applied to the different descriptions of land. The Government desire that this be explained to the Agent, and that he be invited to place freely before the Director any information or opinions which he may wish to offer on the subject. The Government cannot consent to the formal establishment of Committees such as are now proposed, as the measure appears to them open to objection, and one which would certainly lead to confusion and clashing.

3. The question of the Company's water rates referred to in paragraph 1 of the Agent's present letter, it is observed, has been decided in the Order of Government of 18th ultimo, No. 1,751.

4. Referring to paragraph 2 of Mr. Agnew's letter, the Officiating Consulting Engineer will report whether any and, if so, what extent of land could have been irrigated from the Company's works during the past season.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

orders of Government were passed upon a series of papers all of which with one exception were written by Government Officers - The views of the Board of Directors have never yet been before Government -

11. The object of the proposed Committee would be, to take into consideration the whole question of the Irrigation of the Districts affected by the Company's works, including the existing rights of Government and the Cultivators, as well as the future rates of this Company, to enquire into the circumstances of each district, to collect the views of all the parties interested, and to lay the result of their enquiries in the form of recommendations before the Government and the Board of Directors -

To this proposal I trust that Government will see no objection and they will see fit to take such prompt steps as will ensure to this Company a early and satisfactory settlement of this vital question.

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed - T. Agnew.
Agent

(True Copy)
J. G. Ludlow Lieut Col R.E.
Off Cons Engineer I & C Co.

Ans. Inv. B.

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ask reference
Para 2 of the
letter to Col
Ludlow for
report -

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Ed for Mr Ex -
Offg Mrs Remarks

Copy in a Letter to England
of 10 September No 58 of 62

Enclosure in a letter
from the Lieut. Engrs. D & Co
to the Secretary to Govt
D. P. W. dated 31st July 62
No 47.

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Copy of the Agents
letter No 262 of 26th
July 1862.

3rd Sept 62
No 1068
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- To regulate the land tax, including a suitable water cess belongs to the Govt & a Revenue Survey has been established for the purpose. - The Director of Revenue Settlements will be ready to avail himself of all sources of information, and to listen to any representations, (suggestions) which the servants of the Sikkim Company wish to make - This should be explained to the Agent & he should be invited to place freely before the Director any information or opinions which he may wish to offer - The formal establishment of such a Committee as is here proposed appears to me open to objection, & would certainly lead to Expense & Clashing. -

P2 of this letter supposes, on seemingly credible authority, that the backward state of the Hindee Cultivation will not allow of any portion being distributed this year

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I concur in the above remarks

Revenue Department

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Under date the 3d. Septr. 1862.

Read the following letter from

Lieut.-Colo. S.O.C. Ludlow, R.E.

Offg. Consulting Engineer for

Irrigation Canal Company.

Submits for the orders of Government a proposal by the Chief Engineer Irrigation Canal Company for constituting local Committees to consider the question of water rate.

(Here enter 31st July 1862 No. 47)

With this letter the Officiating Consulting Engineer for the Irrigation and Canal Company forwards one from the Agent communicating a proposal by the Chief Engineer of the Company for the appointment of local Committees to consider the question of the Water rate and other matters connected with the irrigation of

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the districts affected by the Company's works. The Agent and the Offg. Consulting Engineer are both in favour of the proposal.

2 The Government cannot accede to ~~this proposal~~ it. The matter is one which in their opinion should not be left by them to a Committee. It is the province of Government, who have established a Revenue Survey for the purpose, to regulate the land tax, including a suitable water cess. The Director of Revenue Settlement will be ready to avail himself of all sources of information, and to listen to any representations and suggestions which the Officers of the Singaleen Company may wish to make. In their order of

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18th Instant No. 1752 ~~however~~ the Government have directed certain experiments to be made in view to determining the actual value of water when applied to the different descriptions of land. The Government desire that this be explained to the Agent and that he be invited to place freely before the Director any information or opinions which he may wish to offer on the subject. The Government cannot consent to the formal establishment of Committees such as are now proposed, as the measure appears to them open to objection, and one which would certainly lead to confusion and clashing.

3 The question of the Company water rates referred to in para 1 of the Agent's present letter,

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it is observed, has been decided in the Order of Government of 18th instant No. 1751.

4 Referring to para 2 of Mr. Agnew's letter, the Officiating Consulting Engineer will report whether any and if so what extent of land could have been irrigated from the Company's works during the last season.

Copy to the Offg Chief Engr I & C Company, Despatch with Order No. 1752

1 — Agent &c —
3 — Dy Secy Revl Secy
10 — Supdt Revl Survey
4 — Bd of Revl
1 — Collr of Kurnool
21 — Public Works Deptt

Copy in a Letter to England
dd 10 September No. 58 of 62.
18 August 62 No. 227-228

Proposal for the appointment of Committees to consider the question of the Irrigation Co.'s water rates &c.

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Dd 3d Septr 62.

From Comsn Haig Esq
Secy to Govt dd 30 Augt 62 Rec 3 Sept

(Passing) orders on letter from Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company submitting proposal for appointing Local Committees to consider the question of water rate and other matters connected with the Irrigation of the Districts affected by the Company's works.

No. 31 & 32.