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27th March 1876.*

No. 429. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Camp at Villapooram, 9th March 1876, No. 10-W. :—

From Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Salem, 24th February 1876, No. 100.

8 Plans.
2 Estimates.
2 Comparative Statements.
2 Specifications.
1 Irrigation Statement.

With reference to your memorandum, No. 1,230, dated 18th October 1875, I have the honor to resubmit the plans and estimates for the Chinnakistnapuram Tank duly revised.

SUBMITTED to Government.

In G.O., No. 259, of the 26th January 1872, the Acting Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, was called upon to report by whom the bund and revetment of the Chinnakistnapuram Tank sanctioned in G.O. No. 3,015 of 1868 were designed, approved, inspected, and constructed, and whether the work was actually constructed on the sanctioned design.

2. In May 1873, being at Salem, the undersigned made inquiries about this project, with which no progress had been made for a long time, and the results were given in the memorandum as per margin.*

* No. 333-A., 31st March 1875, paragraph 18. A tour was however made in the district
Proceedings of the Madras Government, at the end of 1874 and beginning of
No. 1,431, 25th May 1875. 1875, and, after inspecting the tank, some
Paragraph 19 do. modifications of arrangements tending to
reduce cost were made.

3. In a letter, No. —, of the 19th March 1875, the District Engineer, Salem, transmitted, among other documents, a comparative statement providing for the completion of the tank in the manner determined upon in May 1873, but without the modifications found practicable and desirable in December 1874. The total estimated cost was Rupees 11,330 against the original estimate of Rupees 8,074. Major Hunter also, with reference to the Government Order of 1872, supplied information as to the history of the project, but he has not reported on the important point of the correspondence or otherwise of the revetment as executed with that sanctioned. However the inquiries made in 1873 show that the revetment as sanctioned was to have had a slope of 1 to 1, and that it had been built with a slope of $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1, and the responsibility for this change should have been determined. All that is stated is that Captain Hindle was the Range Officer from the commencement of the work until February 1871, the expenditure to March 1871 having been Rupees 4,450; that Mr. Lawford was afterwards in charge of the range and expended Rupees 532 on a contract certificate furnished by Mr. Sub-Engineer Blacker; and that, there being no inspection reports of the Superintending Engineer in his office, the District Engineer was unable to say when the work was inspected by the officers who had charge of the division.

4. The further revision of the estimate has led to the reduction of the total to Rupees 10,110, and Government having approved of the completion of the tank,
G.O., No. 1,431, dated 25th May 1875.

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the revised estimate may be sanctioned, and the work should be completed before the next north-east monsoon. Apparently the sum required for expenditure is—

Revised estimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	R.S.
							10,110
Expenditure shown in comparative statement dated 8th February 1876	...	...	...	...	...	7,270 2 9	R.S. A. P.
Deduct amount due to contractor	...	...	...	...	...	518 4 0	
						6,752	
					Allotment required	...	3,358

The amount provided in the Budget of 1876-77 for this work is Rupees 5,000.

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

No. 430.

ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1876, No. 776.

IRRIGATION, No. 41.

Account.

No. 3,015, of the 23rd September 1868. The provision in the Budget of 1876-77 for this work being Rupees 5,000, and the computed expenditure up to end of March 1876 being Rupees 6,752, the sum of Rupees 1,642 provided in excess of the amount required will be held at the disposal of Government.

2. It is noticed that the investigation made in connection with G.O., No. 259, of the 26th January 1872, is incomplete. The District Engineer had ample time to refer to the South Arcot District for information derivable from the Superintending Engineer's inspection reports; and, as to the authority for the change in the slope of the revetment, he could have communicated with Captain Hindle if there was nothing on record in the Salem Range Office on the subject.

Irrigation, Capital, Ordinary Works—Chinnakistnapuram
 Tank, amount Rupees 10,110.
 To be carried out by the Officer in charge of the Salem
 Range.

3. This sanction has been registered as Irrigation No. 69-I. of 1875-76. The tank will be placed in Class III, and the whole expenditure upon it will be charged to Capital, Ordinary.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.F.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem.
 " Collector of Salem.
 " Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
 " Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
 " Revenue Department.

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