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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.

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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. Firmer 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.
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To

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Dated February 22nd.

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Mr. Assistant Engineer Johnston.—Issuing instructions with regard to the relief from Famine Relief Works on the arrival of Mr. [illegible] Tirumbum Sub-division.

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