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No. 616. Read the following endorsement of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Fort St. George, 17th February 1877, No. 115—W.:—

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated Nellore, 6th February 1877, No. 186.

I HAVE the honor to submit for orders copies of correspondence* on a proposal made by the Acting Collector to fence the Pennair Anicut, at the under sluices, as a protection to traffic. I have heard of a few cases of bandies having tumbled over at the south sluice, but I have not heard of any person or of any cattle having been much injured, and I believe that these accidents happened entirely through carelessness.

* Letter from the President, No. 853, dated 29th July 1876.
Letter from District Engineer, No. 28, dated 12th August 1876.
Letter from the President, No. 35, dated 26th January 1877.
Letter from District Engineer, No. 242, dated 6th February 1877.

There is a rather steep slope from the south under sluice to the road above, and when bullocks are badly driven or too heavily laden they stop and the bandies drag them backwards; if they are not guided properly when this occurs, they are certainly liable to go over the side of the sluice.

The fencing that would resist a heavy bandy going down the slope in this way should be very strong and very firmly fixed, and, if the fencing gave way, it would probably carry a portion of the masonry with it; a heavy parapet wall of masonry [illegible] protection, but this would reduce the waterway over the anicut, if it was not carried away during floods in which case it might carry a portion of the permanent work away with it. I believe that, if drivers of bandies were cautioned and if small boys were not allowed to drive bandies over the anicut, there would be no accidents at all, and there would be no occasion for fencing of any kind.

From F. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Board, Nellore, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 29th July 1876, No. 853.

I HAVE the honor to enclose copy of Resolution No. 354, passed by the Local Fund Board at a special meeting held on the 26th instant, and to request the early favor of the estimate therein referred to.

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354. Resolved that having regard to the very dangerous condition of the roadway over the sluices at the Pennair Anicut, and the necessity for its being fenced in some efficient manner, the District Engineer be requested to frame and forward an estimate for such efficient fencing as will resist the yearly floods and reduce the danger to a minimum. The Board will further suggest to Government *the propriety* of meeting the cost of the proposed work out of Imperial Funds, as the danger is caused by one of their Irrigation works.

(True Copy.)

(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer, Nellore.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to F. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting President, Local Fund Board, Nellore, dated 12th August 1876, No. 28.

IN reply to your letter No. 853, dated the 29th ultimo, in reference to the Board's Resolution No. 354, I have the honor to inform you that it is very difficult to design such a fencing as the Board require, and I am doubtful if it can be done at all.

2. I shall, however, give the matter my best attention as soon as possible; but the Board are quite mistaken in supposing that any obligation in the matter rests with the Irrigation Department.

3. The Irrigation work referred to, instead of interfering with any line of communication or other work of public utility, has been largely made use of in both respects, and the Board having benefited by it so much cannot properly demand more.

4. I shall try, however, to meet the Board's wishes in the matter, but the Board must be prepared to pay for anything that may be decided upon being done.

From F. H. SHARP, Esq., Acting President of the Local Fund Board, Nellore, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated Camp at Striharicotah, 26th January 1877, No. 35.

"I shall, however, give the matter my best attention as soon as possible."

I HAVE the honor to request to be favored as early as possible with the result of your plans for the prevention of danger to passengers on the Pennair Anicut (*vide* marginal extract from your letter No. 28 of the 12th August).

2. I do not desire to discuss the rest of your letter further than the remark, that it is obvious that the constructions of the anicut have created a source of great danger to the public which did not exist prior to its constructions.

3. I shall be obliged further by your sending me at an early date a plan of those parts of the anicut which cause the danger alluded to, in order that Government may [illegible] *prompt action* in the matter.

From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to F. H. SHARP, Esq., Collector of Nellore, No. 242.

IN reply to your letter No. 35, dated the 26th ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I have not made any plans yet for fencing the sides of the Pennair Anicut.

2. I believe that it cannot be well done without causing some fear of injury to the work. I have, moreover, no facts to render any hurried decision in the matter necessary, and I shall refer it to the Chief Engineer before anything further is done.

SUBMITTED to Government.

The undersigned considers that no fixed fence should be placed on the Pennair Anicut.

The anicut roadway is perfectly safe for carts under proper control.

A fixed fence which would make it safe for overladen carts or carts in charge of inefficient drivers coming down the ramp leading to the anicut cannot be provided without imminent risk to the work.

The permission to make use of the anicut as a roadway is a concession to public convenience which should be strictly subordinated to the safety and efficiency of the weir as an Irrigation work. This has been sufficiently clearly stated on previous occasions.

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

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No. 617. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1877, No. 639.

IRRIGATION, No. 62.

IF fencing is to be allowed it must be removable with facility on the recurrence of freshes, and should always be so removed when the periodical freshes become due. The cost will have to be borne by Local Funds.

(True Extract.)

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

" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Revenue Department.
" Financial "
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

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The DISTRICT ENGINEER

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&c., &c., &c.

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