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No. 678. Read the following endorsement of the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 21st February 1877, No. 441:—

Read the following letter from J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Nellore, 19th February 1877, No. 101.

In reference to my telegram of yesterday, regarding the construction of an additional building at the Pennair anicut toll-gate by the Collector's orders, I have the honor to submit a plan showing the position of the proposed building.

2. I noticed the commencement of the building about a week ago, and I told the Overseer of the anicut works to get its progress stopped, and that I would write to the Collector about it.

I accordingly wrote to Mr. Sharp demi-officially, and mentioned several objections to the construction of the building. Mr. Sharp replied that he was sorry for the apparent discourtesy that was shown to me in not consulting me before "trespassing on Public Works Department property;" but in regard to the building he was not "prepared to remove it."

3. The Overseer also represented to Mr. Sharp personally my objections to the erection of the building, and he asked the Wood Overseer (an office peculiar to this district) to stay the progress of the work, but with no effect. I enclose the Overseer's report on the subject.

4. Apart from the arbitrary nature of the Collector's proceedings in keeping forcible possession of this little bit of ground which is in my charge, and constantly required for the use of my department, the construction of the proposed building is in other respects most objectionable. It is intended as a sort of watch-house for the servants of the Wood Department employed in examining "licenses" and "permits" for bringing timber, firewood, leaves, &c., into the town, and I have noticed that at all such watch-houses there are frequently large quantities of confiscated property of the several descriptions of jungle produce. Any accumulation of such articles on the narrow bank on which the building is proposed to be erected would cause serious inconvenience to the anicut establishment in the performance of their duties, and it would be an unsightly disfigurement to a place that ought to be kept in a clean and workmanlike manner. Indeed the accumulation of such confiscated property has at this place caused inconvenience and unsightliness already; and what with the stoppage of traffic by the Local Fund toll people, the Municipal toll people, and the Wood License Department, all at this spot, it is sometimes impossible to get near the anicut at all without much delay and trouble.

The position selected for these operations is moreover at the top of a very steep incline leading down to the anicut. A string of heavily-laden bandies stopped on a slope of about 1 in 12 cannot stand; they drag backwards and downwards, and sometimes, I believe, go over the anicut; and for these various reasons I earnestly beg you to move the Government to enforce the orders issued in G.O., dated the 18th August 1875, No. 2,360, and have all these establishments moved outside the limits of the anicut.

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22nd February 1877.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From NARAYANASAWMY MOODELLY, Sub-Overseer in charge of the Anicut Works, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 12th February 1877 No. 398.

I beg to bring to your Honor's kind consideration that I have seen the Collector of the District this morning and represented with him verbally, stating that your Honor has directed me not to get the hut to be erected on the southern side of Pennaiir between the anicut toll-gate and that of the municipal hut; on hearing the said words, he told me let your District Engineer write to me on the subjects.

2. At about 10 a.m. Wood Overseer came to the spot and gave orders to his coolies to get the walls of the said hut to be raised. I then went to the said spot and told with him not to get the work to be done with regard to the same hut. Whatever steps I have taken to put a stop to the said work, yet I did not succeed in my attempts. I therefore brought the matter to your Honor's consideration, hoping your Honor will be good enough to take necessary steps on the subject.

(True Copy.)
(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer.

SUBMITTED to Government with a recommendation that the removal of the building referred to may be directed, and also that the toll-gate ordered in G.O., No. 2,380, of the 18th August 1875, to be transferred to the town side of the Jaffer Saib Channel may be so removed.

2. The space available at the approach to the anicut is very limited, and the undersigned considers that it should be reserved entirely for the use of the anicut works. The public have a right of way over the head-sluices to the river crossing or ferry, but nothing more.

Fort St. George, (Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
19th *February* 1877. *Chief Engineer, P.W.D.*

TRANSFERRED to the Revenue Department.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 679. ORDER THEREON, 22nd February 1877, No. 781.

Irrigation, No. 7.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue, with the request that they will obtain from the Collector of Nellore and submit an early report as to the necessity for constructing the wood license house at the particular site complained of; meanwhile, the Collector will be directed by telegraph (from this department) to suspend the work.

2. Orders will issue from the Financial Department in respect to the removal of the toll-gate referred to in paragraph 1 of the Chief Engineer's endorsement.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
„ the Financial Department.
„ the Public Works Department.
Encl. W. J. Lewis.

Order in the Financial Department dated 22nd Feb. 1877 No. 781

Records with reference to G.O. dated 22nd Feb. 1877 No. 781.

Secretary

Chamier Esqr.
for Offg. Chief Secretary

To
The Revenue Department.

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Ely-gate, Miller Hodge
Hotels
Canon & Co the Road
of Reference.

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