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Read the following paper:—

No. 64. Demi-official from the District Engineer, Presidency, dated 6th September 1877, enclosing letter, dated 5th September 1877, No. 204.

From Mr. H. PIMM, Supervisor, in charge of Northern Range, to Major ROSS THOMPSON, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, dated Fort St. George, 5th September 1877, No. 204.

With reference to our verbal correspondence yesterday evening, and with reference to my No. 202 of the 3rd instant, stating that the present work on the river Cooum is nearly completed (the only work at present is clearing away the bunds that were made for carrying the spoil to the left bank of the river and forming the slopes,) I respectfully beg to point out that there are still works on the Cooum, if it is considered necessary to carry them out, *i.e.*, removing the shoals south and north of the Wallajah bridge, and completing the embankment round the island; likewise some large shoals above Chintaudrepet bridge.

2. I beg to point out that the strengthening of the Veysaurpaudy tank bund is the most important work in the Northern Range. This tank is not safe, as per my report No. 147 of the 31st July 1877.

3. I respectfully beg to point out if the tank bund is at once taken in hand it may be strengthened before the monsoons set in, which we may expect in five weeks' time.

4. From the manner the relief coolies have worked, we could not expect to get them to do this work in any reasonable time. I respectfully beg to make the following suggestions (that is if this work is ordered):—The famine coolies step out the rear slope of the bund, carrying water puddle and do the ramming of the new work.

5. The excavation in bed of the tank (we cannot get soil elsewhere) be carried out by task-work. This work would give employment for at least 5,000 famine relief coolies and about 7,500 able-working coolies.

No. 65. Order thereon, 8th September 1877, No. 710 W.

The whole of the shoals and mud accumulation in the Cooum river within the limits of the city of Madras should be removed to below the present level of the water in that river.

2. The work in the Cooum at the Powder Mills and on the canal should first receive attention. The repairs of the Veysaurpaudy tank may be commenced as a famine relief work, other than famine coolies not being employed upon it. The District Engineer must arrange for the famine laborers being properly tasked and supervised on the work, and will report what extra officers are required to enable him to carry out the orders of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
" Famine Department.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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The DISTRICT ENGINEER,
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&c., &c., &c.

Dated September 1877.

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Commissioner of Police

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for information

12 September 1877

To the Commissioner of Police