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No. 129. Read the following letter from Lieutenant D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Executive Engineer, in charge Godavery District, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Dowlaisheram, 20th June 1876, No. 816:—

WITH reference to paragraph 4 of Major Beatty's letter printed with G.O.,

1 Copy of letter.
2 Progress Reports.

No. 1,199, of the 12th May 1876, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter from Mr. Vanstavern, from which

it will be observed he has stopped the coal-borings at Beddadanoole, as he considers it would be impossible to carry them on during the heavy rains.

2. It will be seen further that Mr. Vanstavern has secured the coal-boring tools in a large shed, and has placed two peons in charge of them. This of course, as he states, will save the cost of their carriage to and fro Dowlaisheram.

3. Mr. Vanstavern has dispensed with the establishment employed on the coal-boring operations, with the exception of Mr. Moore, whose services will, as in last year, be utilized at Dumagudiem, until the borings are resumed. Mr. Vanstavern states that he has stopped the work for three months; he therefore appears to think that it may be recommenced about the end of September; but if it is the rains that prevent the carrying on of the work, I am of opinion that no attempt should be made to commence boring again till the end of November, as during that month and October the rainfall is usually more than in any other two months in the year.

4. I take this opportunity of submitting with this letter the last progress report of the coal-borings received from the Superintendent.

From T. VANSTAVERN, Esq., Executive Engineer on Special Duty, to Lieutenant D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Godavery, dated Camp at Beddadanoole, 15th June 1876, No. 7.

REFERRING to Major Beatty's last demi-official written for him by you in which he leaves it to me to go on or stop during the heavy rains, I have the honor to inform you that after well considering the matter, I have come to the conclusion that the interests of Government with regard to expenditure, &c., will be best served by stopping the work for three months during the heavy rains, which are and which fall hard so near the hills which is a deal heavier than in the plains.

2. After hearing from Major Beatty that he had proposed to continue the work during the rains, I wrote to him officially and demi-officially on the subject, pointing out the inadvisability of doing so. These letters were based on information I got from the inhabitants here, and also the physical geography of the country (the bed of a river), which would be affected by the heavy burst of rain and consequent torrents from the hills: these were fully realized within the last four days, when during the heavy rains the dry water-courses were suddenly converted into torrents cutting us off from communication. This happened at night; had it been day, no work could have been done.

3. Before, however, leaving off work, I was anxious to complete No. 13 hole, as this could not be secured for future work; this hole was completed yesterday.

4. No. 14 hole is on high ground. I stopped and secured so as to be ready to go on with and complete it after the rains. Mr. King wishes this hole to be carried down to as far as the tools will bear.

5. With the assistance of the Tahsildar's peons I obtained some thatching material from a long distance and put the largest shed here in fair order; in this I am now, after cleaning and

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will report on the state of the tools and what boring can be undertaken with them if work is recommenced next season.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

9. I propose leaving here this afternoon.

Report of Progress in Borehole No. 13 during the Month of June 1876.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
To Mr. King.
To the Public Department.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Stopped for the season.

Report of Progress in Borehole No. 14 during the Month of June 1876.

Order in the Public Department 25 July 1876. N^o 819

Stopped for the season.

Communicated to the Revenue Department
and to the Collector of the Godavery District.

(^{2d} Fine Extract)

Waverish Colonel
Off. Under Secretary to Gov. D. P. M.
for Chief Secretary.

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CIVIL WORKS, No. 11.

ORDERED to be recorded.

2. Further orders as to recommencing operations will be issued on receipt of Mr. King's report on those of the past season. Meanwhile Mr. Vanstavern

The Revenue Department
The Collector of the G. Lavery District

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

GODAVERY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated July 7th.

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G. O., 7th July 1876, No. 1,731.

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Coal-boring operations at Beddadanale, Godavery District.—Letter from the District Engineer submitting the report of progress made with — during June, 1876, and intimating the discontinuance of work for three months during the rains, recorded with certain instructions.

