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[Despatch Abstract.]

Recording Certain Procs., P.W.D., re the removal to Botacamund of the 4th Pioneers for employment on the Lake works; as also note from the L & M. Deptt. stating that the additional grant of 40 lakh for the current year can be found from the grants already made to the Municipality on account of the water supply scheme.

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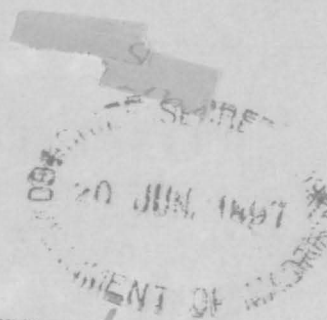
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G.O., No. 1587 W., 11th June 1897.

JUNE.

Ootacamund Lake Reclamation Project

Approving the proposal to pay Mr. Irwin for earthwork in connection with the — at the rate mentioned; requesting His Excellency the Lieutenant General Com- manding the Forces to be so good as to state whether the services of the 4th Pioneers can be placed at the disposal of the Executive Engineer for employment on the lake works, and, if so, to arrange for its removal to Ootacamund as early as possible; and referring for consideration in the Local and Municipal and Financial Departments the application for an additional grant of Rs. 40,000 for the current official year.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.
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READ—the following paper :—

REPORT on the Ootacamund Lake-filling by Mr. J. F. SOMERS-EVE, Executive Engineer.

I took charge of this work on Tuesday the 25th. The plans, sections and revised estimate are under check in the Coimbatore division office, and will not be up here until about 31st. After that I shall like to go into them before submitting them.

2. The work is now being carried on by Mr. Irwin as a piece-worker. He has apparently no agreement, either written or verbal, but he has been working under the understanding that he should obtain a fair profit. He has apparently been unable to obtain much imported labour, and the little he has got, has been unable to keep. This I ascribe to the fact that he has not been able to offer a sufficiently high rate, and has perhaps not given them sufficient comforts. There have been other difficulties such as cholera, obstructions by Municipality and Collector, &c., all of which have made importation somewhat hazardous.

3. In G.Os., Nos. 1709 C. and 125 D., it is stated that "progress is unsatisfactory" and "that something should be done to hasten the work."

I therefore considered the various ways to increase the labour, all of which necessitated winding up accounts with the present piece-worker.

The ways I found were three—

- (1) Entering into a contract with a reliable contractor with a time-limit.
- (2) Bringing up a regiment of the Pioneers (4th) and utilizing local labour on piece-work.
- (3) Throwing the work open to petty piece-work.

I am in correspondence with Mr. Collin Mackenzie as to No. 1, but I fancy he will want a considerably higher rate than the one now proposed.

The third way will be indefinite, of course, as to results and will give considerable trouble as to accounts, and will be expensive in the way of hutting if much imported labour comes up, as the maximum number to be allowed in the Native Jail is 200. The second scheme seems to me to be the most favourable, and I therefore enquired of the Military authorities if the services of the 4th Pioneers could be made available. The attached demi-official letter from the Deputy Adjutant-General shows that this is the case.

I entered into correspondence with Colonel Stevens, the Officer Commanding the 4th Pioneers, and he agreed to take up the work on piece-work. The accompanying rough draft agreement will show that this department will have to incur no other expenses than Rs. 1,000 for hutting, and that the usual difficulties attending the employment of Military labour on Civil works will thus be obviated.

In addition to this labour, which will amount to 600 (probable working strength 500), I propose to utilize the local labour under Mr. Irwin or other piece-worker. This should give a working strength of at least 1,000.

4. The Chief Engineer in his G.O., No. 125 D., sanctions the rate of Rs. 15 on the condition that that strength is maintained, and this is the rate I have, therefore, offered.

From the S. E. *Whisk* 729 May 1897. Read the following:—
For Orders.

The arrangements proposed by Mr Somers Eve are good and will ensure the rapid completion of the work.

A.P.
This rate comes to 6-8 nearly per C.Yd. and seems to me decidedly high even allowing for the lead. But of course I have not seen the data on which it is calculated.

(Id). H.V.B.

The rate of Rs. 15 per 1,000 Cubic feet proposed to be paid to Mr. Irwin is fair and I request permission to pay him at that rate pending sanction of the revised estimate.

3. The agreement made with the

Officer Commanding the 4th Pioneers

is satisfactory and I would recom-

mend that the Military authorities

be requested to allow the regiment

to come here and take up the work as

soon as possible, as it is very desir-

able that it should arrive before

the Monsoon sets in.

AS regards the extra money re-

quired, viz, Rs. 40,000 on account of

excess on original estimate, it is

certainly desirable that, if possible,

that sum should be provided this year;

but if this cannot be done, there is a

balance of about Rs. 40,000 to be ex-

pended out of this year's grant, and

it would still be worth while getting

up a regiment of Pioneers.

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5. Mr. Irwin, although he has no agreement, should be fairly and properly dealt with, and the Superintending Engineer considered that it was necessary to come to an amicable and satisfactory agreement with him before other arrangements were made, or he was finally settled with.

The only unsettled question was the rate for earthwork, all other minor items having been agreed to by Mr. Irwin and the Executive Engineer, Mr. Malet, and the Superintending Engineer.

Mr. Malet proposes a rate of Rs. 15 for earthwork, and gives data and comparisons for similar work on the plains.

Mr. Irwin was good enough to produce his books before me at short notice, and, after careful examination, I find that if he is paid at that rate he will make a profit of about Rs. 4,500 or 17 per cent. on his expenditure. This I consider not by any means too much for the work done and trouble taken by him, and I therefore recommend its payment, in anticipation of the sanction of the revised estimate. Mr. Irwin states that he is satisfied with the measurements as recently arrived at by Mr. Malet, and agrees to settle up finally on the rates recently fixed up to 29th May. All work he may do hereafter will be settled up finally month by month.

6. It will be necessary before applying for the Pioneers to ensure that there is a sufficiency of money. The budget grant for the year is Rs. 53,069, being the unexpended balance of the old estimate, whereas the revised estimate will be some Rs. 40,000 in excess, requiring an additional grant of Rs. 40,000.

7. It is of vital importance that the Pioneers should reach here before the monsoon breaks, and there is little time to lose. The following points therefore require immediate orders and sanction:—

- (a) Permission of the Chief Engineer to pay present piece-worker at the rate of Rs. 15 per 1,000 for earthwork in anticipation of sanction of the revised estimate.
- (b) To provide for an additional grant of Rs. 40,000 for the current official year.
- (c) To apply for the services of the 4th Pioneers, through Government, on the enclosed terms.

(Signed) J. F. SOMERS-EVE,
Executive Engineer on Special Duty.

28th May 1897.

ENCLOSURE.

In the event of it being decided that the services of the 4th Pioneer Regiment can be employed on the Ootacamund Lake-filling, the following are the draft terms of contract between the Officer Commanding and the Executive Engineer in charge of the work:—

1. *Payments*—(a) Earthwork at Rs. 15 per 1,000 cubic feet.
(b) Blasting rock at Rs. 55 per 1,000 cubic feet.
2. *Tools*.—Mamooties, crowbars and pick-axes will be supplied as far as possible. Jumpers, spoons and explosives to be provided by the Pioneers. If supplied by the Public Works Department, the rate will be lowered proportionately, providing that in no case will the regiment be expected to pay more than Rs. 500 for tools (not explosives).
3. *Plant*.—will be provided as far as available and must be maintained by the regiment.
4. *Carriage of troops*.—will be paid by the regiment, but an advance for expenses in coming up will be made by the Executive Engineer. Such advance to be recovered in three monthly instalments.
5. *Quarters*.—will be provided in the European and Native Jails as personally shown to Major Stevens. Rs. 1,000 will be granted for the purpose of making latrines, forming beds, &c. This is to be spent at the will of the Commanding Officer, subject to the condition that proper sanitary arrangements are made.
6. No other charge whatever will be met from Public Works Department funds, other than payments made for work done, tools and the above lump sum. All other expenses to be met by the regiment.

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7. Payments to be made fortnightly or monthly as desired, but the monthly payment is to be a final one. Measurements will be taken by the Executive Engineer or those deputed by him in consultation with the Officer Commanding the Regiment, and the Executive Engineer's decision to be considered as final.

I concur in the above.

OOTACAMUND,
28th May 1897.

(Signed) G. B. STEVENS, Major,
Offg. Commandant, 4th Madras Pioneers.

No. 292 W.

Forwarded to the Chief Engineer for consideration of Mr. Somers-Eve's proposals.

29th May 1897.

(Signed) J. HANNAN,
Superintending Engineer.

ORDER—No. 1587 W., dated 11th June 1897.

In the report read above Mr. Somers-Eve, Executive Engineer in charge of the Ootacamund Lake reclamation project, applies—

- (1) for permission to pay Mr. Irwin, the present piece-worker, at the rate of Rs. 15 per 1,000 cubic feet for earthwork;
 - (2) for the services of the 4th Pioneers for employment on the work; and
 - (3) for an additional grant of Rs. 40,000 for the current official year.
2. The proposal to pay Mr. Irwin for earthwork at the rate mentioned is approved.
3. His Excellency the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces will be requested to be so good as to state whether the services of the 4th Pioneers can be placed at the disposal of the Executive Engineer for employment on the lake work on the terms mentioned in the draft agreement drawn up by the Executive Engineer in consultation with the Officer Commanding the Regiment; and, if so, to arrange for its removal to Ootacamund as early as possible. It is very desirable that the regiment should arrive before the monsoon breaks.

4. The application for an additional grant of Rs. 40,000 for the current official year will be considered in the Local and Municipal and in the Financial Departments.
- (True Extract.)

for Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.
" Deputy Adjutant-General, for the information of His
" Excellency the Lieutenant General Commanding the Forces.
" Examiner, Public Works Accounts.
" Financial Department,
" Local and Municipal Department, } with copy of note by the Hon'ble Mr. Bliss.

Exd. W. D'Moss.

Financial Dept

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CHIEF SECRETARY
-6. JUL. 1897*
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Ootacamund Lake Reclamation Project

Considering that there are sufficient reasons for bringing up the 4th Pioneers for employment on the —, and requesting His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces to be so good as to issue the necessary orders for their despatch to Ootacamund without delay.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Buildings and Roads.

Civil Works.

READ—the following papers:—

Telephone message from the Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 19th June 1897, No. 675 B.

Government India sanction appointment 4th Madras Pioneers on lake reclamation at Ootacamund on the understanding that there will be no expense to the State. Lieutenant-General Commanding Madras however doubts whether Madras Government will want them brought up in this weather as they could not do much work. Please reply very early as this information required before orders can issue for bringing up the troops.

From E. G. BARROW, Esq., Officiating Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Military Department, to the Quartermaster-General in India, dated Simla, 17th June 1897, No. 1107 C. (Distribution of Army—Movements of Troops).

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2391 A., dated the 14th June 1897, and in reply, to say, for the information of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that the Government of India sanction the employment, by the Government of Madras, of the 4th Madras Pioneers from Trichinopoly on lake reclamation at Ootacamund, on the understanding that there will be no expense to the State.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

(By order.)

(Signed) E. G. BARROW,
Offg. Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of India.

No. 1316, Public.

Transferred to the Public Works Department.

25th June 1897.

(Signed) J. F. PRICE,
Chief Secretary.

ORDER—No. 1697 W., dated 25th June 1897.

The Government observes that the only expense to the State that will be incurred by bringing up the 4th Pioneers to Ootacamund for employment on the lake reclamation project will be the grant of Rs. 1,000 for sanitary arrangements referred to in paragraph 5 of the agreement printed in G.O., No. 1587 W., dated 11th June 1897, and this amount will be debited to the work.

2. It is understood that the monthly accounts of expenditure shew that there were large sums spent on the work in July, August and September 1896. It is evident from this that a good deal of work can be done during the monsoon. The troops, moreover, will be comfortably housed at Ootacamund, and will no doubt be able to take advantage of all breaks in the weather. His Excellency the Governor in Council, therefore, considers that there are sufficient reasons for bringing them up now, and His Excellency the Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces will accordingly be requested to be so good as to issue the necessary orders for their despatch to Ootacamund without delay.

(True Extract.)

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, for the information of

His Excellency the Lieutenant-General
Commanding the Forces.

Superintending Engineer, IV Circle.

Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

Financial Department.

Local and Municipal Department.

Exd. T. K. Narayana Aiyangar.

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CURRENT No. 1971



From The Public Works Dept.

Order

No. 17326

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SUBJECT.

Cotacamund Lake Reclamation Scheme. Communicating to the Suptg. Engineer, Circle. Memorandum from the Dy. Assistant General in timeliness issue of orders for the despatch of the Hilladras Pioneers to Cotacamund for work on the — on the understanding that no expense to the State will be incurred thereby.

Public Works Department.

Read the following:-

With the sanction of the Government of India, orders have been issued for the despatch of the 4th Madras Pioneers from Trichinopoly to Ootacamund for work on the Lake reclamation Scheme at the latter station on the understanding that no expense to the State will be incurred thereby.

Order thereon No. 1732 W² 30. 6'97

Communicated to the Superintending Engineer,
IV Circle, ~~xxx~~ in continuation of G.O.No.1697 W dated 25th June 1897.

(True Extract)

Under Secretary, to Government.

The Suptg. Engineer IV Circle.

,, Examiner, P. W. Accounts.

,, Local & Municipal Department.

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NOTE FOR THE L. & M. Dept.

Please say whether, as
suggested by the Hon'ble Sir Henry
Bliss, the 40 lakh can be found
by the Municipality from the grants
already made

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More see note in linked file

CURRENT No 2463

Financial Dept

Note for the Financial Department.

The 40 lakh, can be found
from the grants already made to the
municipality on account of the
watersupply scheme; and the necessary
orders will be issued directing the municipal
Council to place this amount at the
disposal of the Executive Engineer,
Ooty Lake Reclamation project.

V.R.
4/8/97

28/8/97

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Enclos - The Hon'ble Int. C. No. 1884 will
be held.

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Public Works Department.
RECORDING OF THE M.A.R.A. GOVERNMENT.
Read the following:-
Memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Engineer,
Command, No. 1, N. 3750, dated 24th June 1907:-
With the sanction of the Government of India,
orders have been issued for the disposal of the 40
lakh from the 1st division of the Government for work
on the Lake Reclamation Scheme at the latter station on the
understanding that no expense to the State will be incurred
thereby.

Order No. 1702 W 30.6.97

Commanded to the Superintendent Engineer,
IV Circle, in connection of C.O. No. 1884 W dated
23rd June 1907.

(True Extract)

Under Secretary to Government.

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The Deputy Engineer IV Circle.
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