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Fort St. George, Judicial Consultation, 1st June 1858.

No. 50. Read the following Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department, dated 15th May 1858, No. 933.

Communicating copy of a letter from Major E. Lawford, in charge Central Office of Public Works forwarding correspondence in explanation of the delay represented to have occurred in commencing the buildings sanctioned for the use of the Police Corps at Malliaporum. } (Vide Public Works Consultation, 18th May 1858, Nos. 73 and 74.)

No. 51. ORDER THEREON, No. 711; dated 1st June 1858.

To be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
Judicial.

No. 933.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 15th May 1858.

Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle in charge of Central Office Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 21st April 1858, No. 9173.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 662, dated 8th April 1857, I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, correspondence relating to the delay represented to have occurred in commencing the Buildings sanctioned for the use of the Police Corps at Malliappoorum.

2. The execution of the works does not appear to have been in any way unnecessarily deferred to a longer period than the circumstances connected therewith justified, and the explanation furnished on the subject by the local authorities, will, I doubt not, be sufficient to convince the Government that their orders were carried into effect with all practicable expedition and that no blame can be attributed, either to the Executive or Professional Department.

Letter from Lieutenant J. BEAN, District Engineer, Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Calicut 30th April 1857, No. 978.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the orders of Government dated 8th April 1857, No. 662 and your Extracts of Proceedings No. 11937 dated 21st Instant relating thereto and calling for a report on the reason of the delay which has occurred in constructing the additional Stabling and Gram shed for the use of the Ponies of the Malabar Police Corps.

2. With reference thereto, I beg to state that I believe no unnecessary delay has taken place in erecting these buildings when it is taken into consideration the great difficulty which occurs in procuring chunam which is only obtainable at this Station or in its neighbourhood, on the 4th of this month, I inspected these works which have been carried out by the Collector's Establishment and not by my Department, and I found that the walls were nearly raised and ready for roofing since this date on the 17th April the special Assistant Collector reports that the buildings will be completed by the 20th of this month, and the orders for their erection were only received three months ago on the 10th January last.

3. With reference to the 3rd para. of the above Extract of Minutes of Consultation, I beg to state that the Gun shed with Store room &c. and stables were completed in February last.

4. There have been Estimates sanctioned by Government to the amount of Rupees 1,790 for a new Hospital and Conjee House, for the use of the Corps on the 20th February 1857 No. 339, and I am now about to commence these buildings having just received charge from the Collector and also stone for the work, as the monsoon will shortly commence however I do not anticipate being able to complete them in time though I will make every effort.

5. Major Haly moved to the new site with his men in December last, as reported in a letter of the Acting Collector's dated 12th of that month, but before any provision had been made for the reception of the sick men in a permanent Hospital.

No. 685.

Resolved, with reference to the foregoing letter from the District Engineer of Malabar, to request that he will obtain from the Collector and forward a satisfactory explanation regarding the delay which has occurred in constructing the buildings noticed by Government in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 662, of the 8th April 1857, and communicated with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the same date No. 11937.

Lieutenant Bean will be good enough at the same time to particularly mention the date on which the buildings under reference were commenced.

27th May 1857.

(Signed) P. O'CONNELL, Lieut.,
Assistant to the Chief Engineer.

Letter from Lieutenant J. BEAN, District Engineer Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cannanore, 25th June 1857, No. 1038.

SIR,

With reference to your Extract of proceedings dated respectively 21st April and 27th May Nos. 11937 and 685, I have the honor to enclose copies of letters from the Acting Collector and special Assistant Collector regarding the erection of the Buildings required for the Malliappooram Police Corps and I trust that the explanations therein contained will be considered satisfactory as concerns the delay said to have existed and animadverted upon by Government in Minutes of Consultation dated 8th April No. 662.

2. As regards the Maistry Poken I have the honor to explain that he was attached originally to Major Selby's office, and on that Officer's leaving the District, was sent by Captain Ouchterlony to Superintend the Malliappooram Buildings though appointed to the Executive Engineer's Department at Cannanore on a higher salary. On the 12th of March the 1st Assistant Engineer's office was dissolved, and the Maistry remained no longer in the Department. He was however kept on at Malliappooram until the end of the month though there was no means of disbursing his salary, and on his reporting himself to me at Calicut, when he stated that the works on which he was employed were completed, he was allowed to proceed and take up his new appointment at Cannanore.

3. In any case his services were not required as materials only were being collected.

No. 2048.

Resolved with reference to the foregoing letter enclosing copies of correspondence regarding delay in erecting certain buildings for the Malliappooram Police Corps, at Malabar, that the District Engineer of Malabar be called upon to ascertain and report, why the Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 902, dated 9th June 1856, sanctioning estimates for constructing a Gun Shed with Store room, Work shed and Magazine and Stables for the use of the Malabar Police Corps, forwarded to the Collector and Civil Engineer then in charge of Malabar with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings No. 4068 of the 14th Idem) was not communicated to Mr. Thomas, Assistant Collector, who states in his letter of the 15th June last, that the order of Government under notice, was not seen by him.

Resolved also that the Collector of Malabar be requested to supply the same information in respect to the non-communication of the sanction of Government of the 9th June 1856.

15th July 1857.

(Signed) E. LAWFORD, Major,

Superintending Engineer Southern Circle.

Letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector; to Lieutenant J. BEAN, District Engineer, Malabar, Cannanore, dated Calicut, 20th June 1857, No. 1987.

SIR,

With reference to your letter dated 1st Instant, No. 1072, I have the honor to forward copy of a communication* from the special Assistant Collector, and of 2 enclosures giving the necessary information on the subject of the delay complained of, in regard to the recently sanctioned buildings of the Malabar Police Corps.

The extra Stabling &c., sanctioned, were finished about the date of Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 21st April 1857, No. 452, and within 3 months after the receipt of the sanction.

The sanction dated 7th and 10th February 1857 for the other buildings† reached me on the 16th and 18th February respectively, and the work pushed on. Major Haly's complaint dated 10th March, it will be obvious to you was scarcely warranted and had it gone through me, the proper channel, I believe for such application, his misapprehension would have been rectified.

The Chief Engineer will not be at a loss to find palliation for some delay, had it even occurred, as he is aware of the condition of the Executive and Engineer's Departments during the early part of this year. The only Maistry whom Mr. Thomas had at Malliappooram Poken was withdrawn just at the moment when the works were most pressing. Remissions cannot be attributed when 13 several works were executed at Malliappooram alone at an outlay of 5,000 within 5 months by Mr. Thomas, and the Talook Establishment alone for the European Corps &c.; and Mr. Thomas had at the time with no effective assistance whatever no less than 38 important works going on under his direction involving an expenditure of Rupees 1,00,151-8-4 and one of these the Mundoor road.

Letter from G. G. THOMAS, Special Assistant Collector; to W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector, dated Malliappooram, 15th June 1857, No. 251.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 8th Instant, No. 1841.

With a view both to furnishing the information called for in the Extract† Proceedings Chief Engineer, No. 685, and also to show clearly what amount of blame is fairly to be attributed to the Executive in the prosecution of the works referred to in Minutes* of Consultation No. 662, I forward a list shewing the amount of the Estimate, the date of commencement and completion (when completed) and (where obtainable in my Office or the Talook) the date of original sanction, and of communication to the Talook of all Military works in Malliappooram for 12 months back.

This list shews that the Government sanction which was granted in 2nd October 1856* for 7 works was communicated to the Talook authorities on the 16th December and the works completed one in January, four in March and two in April.

Altogether for the European and Native Corps there have been constructed within 5 months (December 1856 April 1857 inclusive) 13 works with an expenditure of Rupees 5,177-15, and most of these were completed within 2 months of the order being sent to the Talook.

That this amount of work was carried through satisfactorily in the above time by one Maistry (Poken) with the assistance of the Talook authorities is surely more creditable to both parties than otherwise.

This Maistry left Malliappooram about the middle of March for a higher post at Cannanore though I had strongly pointed out beforehand (Letter No. 114,) that if he went the works could hardly be carried on, and then for a time not much, much more could be done than the collecting of materials.

In the Extract Minutes Consultation No. 662, are mentioned a Gun shed with Store room, Workshed, Magazine and Stables as having been sanctioned on or before 9th June 1856. What the "Workshed" refers to I cannot learn no orders regarding it are to be found.

The sanction for these works has not been sent to me with the exception of that for the Magazine, the Extract Minutes Consultation regarding which is dated 7th February 1857, and not June 1856.

The sanction of 5th January 1857 for additional Stables and Gram boiling room, reached me on 27th January, was sent to Poken on 21st February and the work completed in April, the reason of the delay of three weeks in my Office was that when forwarded to me they came without any order to have them done, and a large number of works in Malliappooram being in progress under Poken in compliance with orders direct from the Collector or the Engineer without any information on the subject being supplied to me, I was under the impression that this also was being carried out so; nor was it till in answer to an order from me inquiring what had been done that I learnt no orders had been issued.

As far as I can obtain information, there are but 2 works (Gun shed and Horse stable) which have not been completed as soon as might be expected, the order regarding them reached the Talook I find in April 1856 (i. e. before the sanction?) and they were completed one in March and the other in April 1857, they seem to have been temporarily neglected for the European Hospital, clearly a more important work; it is to be regretted that all the works could not have been pushed on together, but you are well aware of the difficulty that exists in obtaining skilled workmen at Malliappooram, private parties are at this moment unwillingly superintending their own buildings here, and it was found impossible to procure a second Maistry either during the presence or absence of Poken, they are not to be procured but from Cannanore or some other distant places.

P. S.—I find that the Tahsildar received orders regarding enlarging the Hospital, and repairing the Cookroom in July 1856, though they do not seem to have been acted on till a 2nd order reached his successor in December.

The Tahsildar's remarks regarding delay are forwarded herewith.

	Amount of estimate.	Date of sanction.	Order reached the Sub Assistant Collector.	Sent to Talook.	Work commenced.	Completed.
FOR THE EUROPEAN DETACHMENT.						
1 Enlarging the Hospital.....	Rs. A.P.					
2 Guard house.....	1,240	{ 2nd October 1856 Government.		{ 20th November and 16th December 1856, Nos. 108 and 109.	{ 22nd Decr. 1856 2nd Jany. 1857 6th do. 1857 9th do. 1857 " do. 1857 19th Decr. 1856 1st March 1857 6th Jany. 1857 16th do. 1857	28th April 1857 9th March 1857 12th do. 1857 9th do. 1857 " do. 1857 14th Jany. 1857 20th April 1857 8th March 1857 28th do. 1857
3 Necessary do.....						
4 Dissecting room.....						
5 A room for Native.....	492	{ Government 21st Novr. 1856. do. 17th July 1856				
6 Repairing and tiling the cook-room	390					
7 Plastering and flooring the Hospital	2,250					
8 Conjee house for the European Detachment						
9 House of Correction for do.						
10 Boarding the European Barracks.....						
FOR MALABAR POLICE CORPS.						
1 Gun shed.....	1,990	9th June 1856		14th April 1856	24th April 1856	{ 17th April 1857 17th March 1857 20th April 1857 23rd do. 1857
2 Horse stable.....	408	5th Jany. 1857		{ To Poken, 21st Feby. 1857.	1st March 1857	
3 Additional do.....	72				" do.	
4 Gran boiling room.....	1,200	7th Feby. 1857	{ Order sent to S. A. Collector 20th Feb. 1857 Do. 22nd Feby. 1857			
5 Barracks.....	150					
6 Magazine.....	1,410					
7 Hospital.....	150					
8 Cook-room, Necessary, &c.....	230	10th Feby. 1857				
9 Conjee house.....						
Total.....	9,982					
Amount of works executed from March 1856 to 20th April 1857.....	4,377 15					
Expenses for preparing materials to European Barracks.....	800					
Total.....	5,177 15					
Remaining to be executed.....	4,804 1					
Total.....	9,982					

(True Copy.)

(Signed) G. G. THOMAS,
Sub Asst. Collector.

(Signed) J. W. ROBINSON,
Acting Collector.

Letter from Lieutenant J. BEAN, District Engineer, Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cannanore, 21st July 1857, No. 1063.

SIR,

In reply to your Extract of Proceedings under date 15th July 1857 No. 2048, I have the honor to state that it appears from the enclosed copy of a letter that Captain Ouchterlony addressed Major Selby on the subject of the Malliapooram buildings, sanctioned in Extract of Minutes of Consultation No. 902 dated 9th June 1856, but no copy of his communication to the Collector and referred to therein was kept in this Office. As a copy of the above Minute must, at the same time, have been sent to the Collector, it would have been his place to forward the same to his Special Assistant on issuing orders for the commencement of the works.

2. As the Acting Collector has been called upon for the same information, I have not addressed him on the subject.

Letter from Captain J. OUCHTERLONY, Civil Engineer Malabar; to Major G. SELBY, 1st Assistant Civil Engineer, Malabar, dated Avalanche, 27th June 1856, No. 132.

SIR,

Government having sanctioned the Estimate Rupees 1,990 for the construction of the Gun sheds, Magazine &c., at Malliapooram and directed the buildings to be commenced at once, I have the honor to request you will be so good as to cause the ground fixed on for the site to be levelled and prepared as soon as possible, after your arrival at Malliapooram, and urge the Tahsildar to hasten the collection of materials. The Collector has been addressed on this subject.

2. I shall be glad to receive back Mr. Hobb's original account if you have made a copy of it.

Letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Calicut, 10th April 1858, No. 979.

SIR,

Adverting to your Assistant Lieutenant O'Connell's letter of the 13th February last, requiring explanation of the cause of delay in commencing the buildings sanctioned for the use of the Malabar Police Corps, I have the honor to inform you, that by a reference to my Special Assistant's letter* dated 15th June 1856, it will be seen, that he has already furnished full explanation on the subject of the said buildings.

The Gun shed and Stables alluded to in the Government sanction No. 902 dated 9th June 1856, were actually commenced in April of the same year, under the immediate supervision of Captain Selby with the aid of the Talook authorities under the authority contained in Extract Minutes of Government dated 21st and communicated in your Resolution of the 27th February 1856, No. 1292. The formal sanction of June 1856, was not communicated to Mr. Thomas, as he was only appointed in May, and being deputed on special duty, in other parts of the District, did not join the Head Quarters of his Division (Malliapooram) till December 1856.

Ordered to be communicated to the Judicial Department with reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation in that Department, dated 10th March 1857, No. 291.

(A true Extract.)

W. A. Bayley

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Judicial Department.

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To Mr. [illegible]
1st June 1858

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