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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
25th November 1862.*

No. 168. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department,
dated 19th November 1862, No. 2,790.

Observing that Government will await the receipt of the further information promised by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, in regard to the 2nd class Police Station House under construction at Sandols in the Kistna District, to which a serious injury is reported to have occurred.

(Vide Proceedings Public Works Department, dated 19th November 1862, Nos. 378 & 379.)

No. 169. ORDER THEREON, 25th November 1862, No. 1,911.
Communicated to the Inspector General of Police.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following Memorandum of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Chempauk,
10th November 1862, No. 461:—

Read the following letter from Major J. C. ANDERSON, District Engineer, Kistna, to Lieut.-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Bezoarab, 16th October 1862, No. 101.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward a copy of a letter, dated 14th instant, received from Mr. Assistant Supervisor D. Campbell, in charge of second Range, reporting the occurrence of serious injury to the second class Police Station House under construction at Sandole. The fall of the roof is partly attributable to the use of mud instead of chunam for cementing the inner walls of the building, and the heavy rains that has been falling with hardly a day's intermission for upwards of a month past. I inspected the building on the 12th ultimo, and then observed that the rain-water had acted on the masonry, and it was arranged that the roofing should be put on as soon as possible to prevent the water from saturating the walls, but the continued wet weather that has since prevailed was much against the work and the water must evidently have gained access to the interior of the walls.

2. I do not attribute any blame to either the Assistant Supervisor or the Sub-Overseer who had charge of the work. I was satisfied during the visit referred to that they were both anxious to push on with it, and as it would appear that Mr. Campbell has still hopes of completing the building within the estimated cost, the Sub-Overseer must have been superintending the work closely, and Mr. Campbell remarks he pushed on with it more rapidly than would appear to have been prudent.

P. S.—The submission of this letter has been delayed owing to its having inadvertently been despatched to the Superintendent of Police instead of to the Deputy Chief Engineer.
29th October 1862.

From Mr. D. CAMPBELL, Assistant Supervisor, in charge 2nd Circle, Kistna, to Major J. C. ANDERSON, District Engineer, Kistna, dated Camp Sandole, 14th October 1862.

SIR,

1. I exceedingly regret having to report for your information that late last night I received from Mr. Griffiths a report dated 13th instant, stating that the roof of the Sandole Police Station, the whole of the wood-work, and part of the tiling of which had been completed, had fallen in at 11 A.M. on that date, in consequence of the very heavy rain that fell on the previous day.

2. Early this morning I proceeded hither, and on careful investigation and inspection of the building now almost a total wreck, I have come to the conclusion that the accident has arisen from an undue haste in running the roofing up, and over-loading the walls before the mortar entering in their composition had time to set. I came to this finding through a consideration of the fact, that the lower portion of the walls, where the mortar had time to harden, is quite sound, no crack or flaw is visible, and there has been apparently no sinking of the foundation. The upper portion of the walls, however, to a depth of three feet has crumbled away, and shows the mortar in quite a green unadhesive state, and nearly all the lime that it was composed of washed away, and but little more than the sand only left.

3. A great portion of the materials that were used in the roof have been destroyed. Five-sixths of them, however, will come of use again, and as there was a great economy exercised and a good saving effected in the masonry work, I think we will, notwithstanding this mishap,

rebuild the house within the estimated amount, no supplemental estimate therefore need I think be submitted.

4. I am very much grieved at having to bring this disaster to your notice just as I was congratulating myself in having so safely got over the late flood, the more so as it cannot entirely exonerate myself from blame in the matter. I was hurrying Mr. Griffiths on with the work, under the idea that the sooner I got it roofed in, the greater would be its security from damage from rain, and the very short time in which he brought it so near completion, though otherwise a credit to himself, I fear must under present circumstances, tell very much against him and myself, I was however so very much engaged in disposing of the flood in the western portion of the circle during the last 20 days, that I could not, without neglecting other and more important duties, have attended to this more closely than I did.

5. At the time of the accident ten men were on the roof and Mr. Griffiths himself was inside the building, all of them miraculously escaped without hurt, no one having received as much as a scratch.

(True Copy.)

(Signed.) J. C. ANDERSON, Major, R. E.,
District Engineer, Kistna.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

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Kistna, No. 101, dated 16th October
1862, with one enclosure.

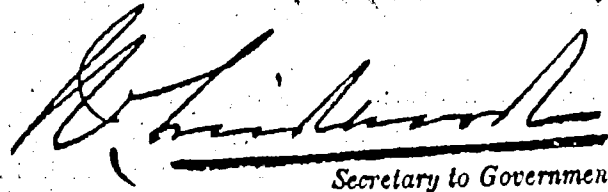
2. It will be observed from Major Anderson's letter that there are hopes entertained of the building being completed within the estimated amount, notwithstanding the injuries it has sustained by the late rains in Kistna, but that Officer has been called upon to state distinctly whether or not the estimated amount will be exceeded, and in case of excess, the cost of putting it in order. On receipt of this information, it will be duly communicated to the Government.

(Signed.) S. O. E. LUDLOW, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.

ORDER THEREON, 19th November 1862, No. 2,790.

The Government will await the receipt of the further information promised by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.

(True Extract)



Colonel, R. E.

Secretary to Government.

To the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle.
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The Inspector Genl.
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