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Government of Madras.

Judicial DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department, 20th October 1865.

Read the following papers:—

No. 138. Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department.

Requesting that Mr. Rohde may be called upon to submit the accounts for the money spent by him on the Ootacamund Jail, and to explain why they have not as yet been rendered. } (Dated 15th September 1865, No. 2720).

Referred to Mr. J. Rohde, Inspector General of Jails, for explanation.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,

21*st September* 1865. *Acting Secretary to Government.*

No. 139. From J. ROHDE, Esq., Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Ootacamund, 9th October 1865.

15th September 1865, No. 2720.

In acknowledging the Order of Government, requiring me to explain the delay in submitting the accounts of the European Jail, I have the honor to state that, at Major Farewell's request, I desired my clerks to put them in form; that my Head Clerk, when with me at Madras, took the accounts to the Department Public Works Controller's Office, and put them in form; that an error appeared shewing a sum due to me, which has, I believe, been corrected. There is an unadjusted balance against the Range Officer for plant, tools and material, taken over with the brick field, and a claim, of about the same amount, by the Range Officer, against the Jail for bricks supplied. The tools were, I believe, stolen subsequent to transfer, and I was charged with the assumed contents of a kiln, in excess of the bricks drawn, as shewn by my payments for carriage. With this exception, I think there will be no difficulty in settling the accounts, and this may be written off on both sides. My clerks had not time to get the accounts made out in form before they left me, but I will take care to forward them, in the shape they were kept in my office, on their return.

2. Any stock remaining that I can sell at cost prices I will dispose of. What cannot be sold at full prices I will hand over to the Engineer.

No. 140. ORDER THEREON, 20th October 1865, 1496.

Mr. Rohde's letter, in reply to G. O. of the 15th ultimo, No. 2720, Public Works Department, is communicated to that Department.

(True Extract).

Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Public Works Department.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Read the following papers :—

No. 358. From Lieutenant-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 24th August 1865, No. 103.

SIR,

1. In my accounts of Coimbatore District, remains to be accounted for by bills an expenditure of Rupees 22,764-6-6 incurred by Mr. Rohde, Inspector General, on the Ootacamund Jail in 1861-62. With reference to paragraph 3 of G. O. No. 884, of 9th July 1861, the late District Engineer deducted this sum from the unadjusted balance in his Statement (Form II.) of June 1862. This course was allowed in the then Central Office of Accounts, till the Controller in his Memorandum Nos. 388 of 17th June, and 1,005 of 31st August 1864, called on me again to enter the amount in my Statement of Unadjusted Balances. I did accordingly, and forwarded to Mr. Rohde, on 2nd September 1864, an extract of the Controller's letter to the effect that the bills for the work returned to Mr. Rohde on the 8th October 1861, with copy of letter from the late Central Office No. 5,431, of 28th September 1861, "may be sent up again with any explanation that may have been submitted by him originally." I also called his attention to this requisition twice afterwards, in letters Nos. 156 of 26th November 1864, and 201 of 4th February 1865, but have not been able to elicit from him any acknowledgment.

2. Under these circumstances, I have the honor to urge the propriety of my accounts being relieved of the charge in question, for which I am unable to account, and for which Government have held Mr. Rohde directly responsible to them. *Vide* G. O. Nos. 2,747 of 14th November 1862, and 573 of 7th March 1863.

Through the Controller of Public Works Accounts, Madras, with reference to his Memorandums Nos. 388 of 17th June 1864, 1,005 of 31st August 1864, and 2,256 of 25th January 1865.

Referred to the Controller of Public Works Accounts for report.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st August 1865.

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

No. 359. Memorandum from Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 7th September 1865, No. 1,152.

With reference to the Superintending Engineer's letter, dated 24th August 1865, No. 103, on the subject of the expenditure incurred by Mr. Rohde, Inspector General of Jails, on the Ootacamund Jail ; the undersigned has the honor to report that in their Proceedings dated 7th March 1863, No. 573, Mr. Rohde was called upon to address Government direct respecting the accounts of the Jail at Ootacamund : and in his letter printed with G. O. dated 1st April 1863, No. 815, Mr. Rohde agreed to prepare

No. 388, 17th June 1864.
" 1,005, 31st August "
" 2,256, 25th January 1865.

and forward the accounts in detail. Since this several letters were written to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, for information on this subject. As the expenditure incurred on the Ootacamund Jail still stands unadjusted, it is left for Government to decide whether the accounts of this Office should be at once relieved of the expenditure incurred by Mr. Rohde, or whether the Inspector General of Jails should be required to submit bills for audit at an early date.

	Rs.	A.	P.
1859-60	25,553	15	0
1860-61	19,778	2	0
1861-62	22,764	6	6
Total...	68,076	7	6

No. 360. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1865, No. 2,720.

ACCOUNT, No. 32.

Judicial Department, No. 884, dated 9th July 1861.

* *Vide* G. O. Public Works Department, No. 815, dated 1st April 1863.

1. In the Proceedings of Government marginally noted, the Inspector General of Jails was requested to submit, on the completion of the Jail at Ootacamund, an account in adjustment of the total expenditure under all heads. Other orders were subsequently issued, and in March* 1863, Mr. Rohde reported that the accounts would be made up immediately after the 10th June following.

2. From the papers above recorded the Government observe that the outlay incurred on the buildings still remains unadjusted, although the attention of Mr. Rohde has been on several occasions directed to the subject by Colonel Walker. The Inspector General of Jails will now be called upon, through the Judicial Department, to explain why the accounts have not yet been rendered, and to state within what period they may be expected.

3. The Government are of opinion that the Superintending Engineer should be relieved of all responsibility in connection with the expenditure incurred by Mr. Rohde.

(True Extract.)

Major, R. E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts, with three Enclosures.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Read the following Papers:—

Proceedings in the Public Works Dept: ——— dated 15th Sept. 65 — No. 2720.

Letter from the Secretary to Govt. of India ——— 9th Oct. ——— X

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Mr. Rohde's letter in reply to G. O. of the 15th Sept. No. 2720, Public Works Dept., in connection to the matter to the

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Proceedings of Govt. Public Works Dept. No 2,720

Dated 15th Sept 65
Rec'd 18th Sept 65

Referred to Mr. I. Rohde, Inspector General of Jails for explanation.

Fort St. George
21st Sept. 1865

Acting Secretary to Govt.

J. Pro. 9th July 1861 No. 31—32
Pub. Con. Dec. Jail 1863 Oct. 815.

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Referred

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