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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,

21st February 1865.

No. 176. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 9th February 1865, No. 374.

Communicating the orders passed in that Department, in respect to the course to be pursued by the Inspector General of Police in obtaining the sanction of Government for the execution of works. (Vide Proceedings Public Works Dept. dated 9th February 1865, Nos. 175 & 176.)

No. 177. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1865, No. 277.

To be recorded.

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

Exd J. Tulloch.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government. Public Works Department,
9th February 1865.*

No. 175. Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Waltair, 18th January 1865, No. 1,476:—

SIR,

1. With reference to the subject of Proceedings of Government, under date 9th instant, I beg to observe that Mr. Robinson evidently misunderstood the object of my letter, and that Government are under a misapprehension of the circumstances of the case brought to notice.

2. The rule that estimates should be passed by Superintending Engineers before submission to Government for sanction, has not been overlooked by this Office; the estimate in question was passed by me and forwarded to the Inspector General of Police for his countersignature, as head of the Department for which the building was required.

3. The Inspector General having countersigned it, despatched it to the Executive Engineer, Ganjam, with a request to commence the work. That Officer being of course unable to commence without the prescribed authority (in this case Government sanction) referred to me, on which I directed him to send me the estimate for submission to Government; at the same time to avoid part of the delay consequent on Mr. Robinson's having sent the estimate direct to him, I authorized him to commence work. The estimate was then forwarded to me, and I submitted it to

Government for sanction on the 21st November 1864, and wrote my letter No. 1,253,* to Mr. Robinson.

* In Proceedings, 9th January 1865.

4. Had the Inspector General returned the estimate with his countersignature to me, much delay would have been avoided; but I am of opinion that an estimate passed by the Superintending Engineer and forwarded to the Inspector General at the Presidency, should not be sent up-country again to the Superintending Engineer, to be sent down again to Government for sanction; but should be submitted to the Judicial Department by the Inspector General, and passed by it to the Public Works Department for sanction.

5. The object of my letter to Mr. Robinson was to point out to him that the course adopted by him (forwarding the estimate, as if it were sanctioned, to the Executive Engineer for immediate execution) was not only irregular, but that instead of saving time it caused unnecessary delay. I also indicated the desire of this Department to avoid all delay, and to meet as far as possible the evident anxiety of the Police Department to get their buildings rapidly finished.

6. A similar irregularity occurred in the instance of "the alterations to Police station at Russelcondah," is now occurring in the case of the Tanukú Police station, Godavery District, and

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is of frequent occurrence with the usual result, viz., much needless delay in the execution of work, and waste of the time of the Officers of this Department in references and correspondence which might have been avoided. Nine cases of the Police Department having called upon Executive Officers to commence buildings (apparently under the impression that the sanction of Government is not required before Budget grants can be appropriated to work), have occurred during the current year.

† The estimate (prepared by the Executive Engineer) shall be forwarded with the countersignature of the Superintendent of Police to the Superintending Engineer, who after obtaining the approval of the Inspector General, when necessary, will submit it for sanction.

7. I beg to suggest that the Inspector General be furnished with a brief summary† of the orders of Government in this Department, regarding the course to be pursued in obtaining sanction for the execution of work; and that the present Regulations be modified in accordance with the latter part of paragraph 4.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th February 1865.*

No. 176.

ORDER THEREON, 9th February 1865, No. 374.

1. The Government are of opinion that, as a general rule, all estimates should be submitted through the Superintending Engineer in accordance with the requirements of paragraph 10, Chapter VII of the Code. It is only by this arrangement that they can expect to be furnished with every necessary information, the absence of which must frequently occasion needless and untoward delays. In cases of peculiar emergency, however, or when the Inspector General of Police is at or near the Presidency, there seems no objection to the course suggested by Captain Ryves, in paragraph 4, being pursued.

2. Referring to paragraph 6 of the Superintending Engineer's letter, the Government resolve to inform Mr. Robinson that they cannot permit works to be undertaken before the estimates for them have received their approval in due course and funds have been made available. This rule is strictly enforced, and it is one to which the Government of India attach the utmost importance, a departure from it being only allowed in cases of very great urgency.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineers.

- „ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Inspector General of Police.
- „ Judicial Department.

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