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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th February 1866.

Read the following papers:—

No. 232. Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department.

Communicating a recommendation to stop the building of the Police Huts at Harpanhalli, in the Bellary District, on account of the site on which they are being built being considered objectionable. } (Dated 25th October 1865, No. 3198.)

Referred for the report of the Inspector General of Police.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31*st October* 1865.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 233. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd November 1865.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 31st October, I have the honor to submit the Superintendent's report about the Police Huts at Harpanhalli of Bellary District.

From the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Bellary, 30th October 1865, No. 459.

General Department.

In returning Proceedings of Government, No. 3198, dated 23rd instant, I have the honor to report that the site on which Police huts are being constructed at Harpanhalli was selected by the Tahsildar of the Taluq, who also selected the site for the new Cutcherry, and it was, of course, presumed that he acted under competent authority.

2. The site chosen for erecting the Police huts would have suited admirably had the old Cutcherry been pulled down, and a new one erected on the spot selected by the Tahsildar.

3. The Superintending Engineer expresses an opinion that the huts can be erected on another spot (which he has pointed out) without much pecuniary loss, and this I presume ought to be paid by the Tahsildar, if it turns out that he acted without authority. The Collector has, I understand, called upon him for explanation.

No. 427.

No. 234. MEMORANDUM.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request that the Board of Revenue will be so good as to forward to this Department, with reference to their Proceedings of the 10th October 1865, No. 6408, a copy of any further communication which they may have received from the Collector of Bellary regarding the conduct of the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli, in permitting the location of certain Police Huts at the place now objected to.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

No. 428.

No. 235. MEMORANDUM.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request that the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, will be so good as to ascertain, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department of the 25th October 1865, No. 3198, what will be the additional cost of building the Police Huts at Harpanhalli on the site recommended by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No. 1096.

No. 236. OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to his Memorandum, dated 7th November 1865, the undersigned has the honor to inform the Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, that no further communication has reached the Board from the Collector of Bellary beyond that dated 27th September 1865, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 10th October 1865, No. 6408, regarding the conduct of the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli in connection with the location of certain Police Huts.

(By Order).

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE, MADRAS,
14th November 1865.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To C. G. Walker, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Public Department.

From the Acting Supervisor in charge Kudlighi Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division; dated Harpanhalli, 2nd December 1865, No. 184.

With reference to your Order, No. 1678, of the 22nd November 1865, regarding Police huts at Harpanhalli, I beg to inform that if the same individual who has been doing the work be compelled to re-build these huts on some other site, it would cost Rupees 190 more, being the amount due for work already performed, and the labor of dismantling the walls, and clearing rubbish, &c., as per Memorandum enclosed herein.

2. If these huts are to be constructed by the Department Public Works, in proper substantial manner, without the villagers, or the village authorities being compelled to undertake the work on very unreasonably low rates, it would cost Rupees 840 for 14 huts, or Rupees 60 each, or Rupees 490 in excess of Rupees 350, for which sum the contractor says he was compelled to build these 14 huts, at the persuasion of a certain late Tahsildar of this place, who (he says) told him that each hut will not be more than 9'×6', and that no actual measurements or estimate was furnished to him till he actually commenced the work, when, to his great surprise, he was ordered to construct them on a much larger scale.

3. I further beg to state this system of compelling these poor village authorities has actually become a *dread* in this range; there is not a single place that I have yet passed through where Police buildings are under construction without hearing grievances from these contractors; and thus every work that is being executed through *this* Department is now being done by daily labor, which is not only a source of great waste of time, labor, and money, but also involves an unnecessary labor of supervision and preparation of accounts, &c., on the Department.

4. I have commenced to endeavour to introduce proper contract system in the range, and hope to report, in a few months, that (with the exception of ordinary sundry repairs to roads) every work, of whatever description, being performed on contract.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state that perhaps the Police may naturally ask why these Reddies do not come forward to prove that they are performing compulsory labor, but to this, I most respectfully beg to say, that the individuals who have forced these poor villagers have managed so cunningly, by fictitious pursuasions, rendering imaginary hopes of making profit, and different other tricks and threats (which are not only impossible to prove but also to explain) that these poor people say they would rather suffer a pecuniary loss than the disgrace of being dragged about from one place to another for inquiry, and eventually punished for failing to prove against the Revenue and other Officials.

Memorandum of work performed.

192 — 2 — 7½ = 4270 Rear walls.

103 — 1½ — 7½ } = 1870 Cross walls.
81 — 1½ — 7½ }

108 — 1½ — 4 = 648 Partition walls.

Total cubic feet 6788 or 251 cubic yards

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Of mud walling at eight Annas.....	125	8	0
Add labor of dismantling walls and removing rubbish, &c.	64	8	0
Total...	190	0	0

(Signed) SYED YUSUF,
Acting Supervisor.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Superintendent of Police, Bellary; dated 12th December 1865, No. 1975 of 1865-66.

SUBJECT.

Forwards for information copy of a letter [the above] from the Acting Supervisor, Kudlighi Range, and informs that the original has been submitted to Government.

From the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Anantapur, 15th December 1865, No. 424.

Account Department.

I have the honor to forward copies of a docket and enclosure received from the Superintending Engineer, and as a very grave charge is made against a Tahsildar, I have also submitted the correspondence for the consideration of the District Magistrate, who is fortunately now at Harpanhalli.

2. I would also remark that, since the huts were commenced, I have visited Harpanhalli and remained there several days, and yet no complaint was made by the contractors, who made a formal written agreement with the late Tahsildar to construct the huts for Rupees 350.

3. I am not aware that any undue force or persuasion has been used to get these huts constructed, nor do I think that the late Tahsildar resorted to any such means to force persons to take up the contract to build the huts.

4. The Inspector General is aware that in many places the people have voluntarily come forward and built huts and station houses for the Police at their own cost, and at other places have given some assistance, Government paying a portion of the cost; beyond this I do not think that any attempt has been made to get people to construct Police buildings at a loss.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th February 1866.

No. 237. No. 527.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to their Order, No. 23, dated 8th November 1865, to be returned.

CAMP GAUZELPULEY TALUQ,
NUNDIAL, SUPTG. ENGR.'S OFFICE,
2nd February 1866.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Major, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with reference to Mr. Walker's Memorandum, No. 428, dated 7th November 1865.

6th February 1866.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1866, No. 291.

The Collector of Bellary is requested to report when, and by whom, the estimate for the construction of the Police Huts referred to in the foregoing papers was sanctioned; to whom the execution of the work was entrusted; under whose orders the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli acted in selecting the site now objected to; and why the Public Works Department were not consulted in the matter. The Collector's attention is also called to the statements contained in the letter of the Acting Supervisor in charge of the Kudlighi Range to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 2nd December last.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary, with Public Works Proceedings, No. 3198.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
25th October 1865.

No. 611. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 10th October 1865, No. 6,408:—

Read the following letter from the Collector of Bellary, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 27th September 1865, No. 193.

1. I have the honor to forward an original letter, No. 1,202, dated 22nd instant, from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, for the favorable consideration of the Board of Revenue, as I think it highly advisable, that Government should, if possible, grant the request of the Superintending Engineer, that a certain sum may be transferred from other Districts to this, for collecting materials for the new Cutcherry at Harpanhalli during this official year; the said (?) having been reported to be in a most dilapidated and dangerous state.

2. I also request that the sanction of Government may be obtained to stop the construction of the Police huts alluded to in the 5th paragraph of the Superintending Engineer's letter, and to have them constructed on some other spot, to be decided upon in communication with the Superintending Engineer; as he considers the construction of the building on the site where it is now being built, to be objectionable; and the loss in a pecuniary point of view would not be great.

3. The Superintendent of Police has been requested by me to have the work stopped in anticipation of the sanction of Government.

4. The Tahsildar's conduct in the matter will be duly noticed.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Collector of Bellary, dated Camp, Harpanhalli, 22nd September 1865, No. 1,202.

1. I have the honor to inform you that I this morning inspected the Taluk Cutcherry at this station, in company with the Acting Head Assistant. The roofs of two of the rooms have fallen in, and I would suggest that early measures be adopted for obtaining the sanction of Government for the construction of the new Cutcherry, which has been already authorized by Government, but was not entered in the Budget.

Government Order, No. 375, dated 9th February 1865

2. I would recommend, if funds can be obtained (there are none available in this District), that something be allowed during this year for collecting materials.

3. As regards the site for the new Cutcherry both Mr. Lilly and I are of opinion that no better site, than where the present Cutcherry is situated, can be found, if some building could be rented where the records could be placed, and where the duties of the Cutcherry could be carried on until the new building was completed.

4. I am of opinion that a portion of the walls of the old Cutcherry might be used for the new building, and there is also a great quantity of good stone which could be made available if the old Cutcherry was pulled down before the new building was commenced.

5. I am given to understand that Ragava Row, the Acting Sub-Magistrate, selected, as the site for the new Cutcherry, the ground immediately in front of the present Cutcherry, but I consider that it would be a mistake placing it there, as several young trees would have to be cut down, and the fine open space in front of the present Cutcherry would be encroached upon. He, I am informed (Mr. Lilly tells me that no sanction was given by him or from his office), also permitted the Police huts to be built right up against the south wall of the present Cutcherry; this I consider to be very objectionable, and, as at present only the walls have been built, would strongly urge that the work be stopped, and that the Police huts be erected on some other spot; the loss in a pecuniary point of view would not be great.

6. In such a case as the selection of a site for a new Cutcherry, as also permitting buildings of any kind being erected near a public building, I consider that the Superintending Engineer should have a voice.

1. The foregoing letter will be submitted for the consideration of Government in the Department Public Works, to whom the Superintending Engineer should have applied for a transfer of funds if he deemed it desirable.

2. If any funds are available, the Board would gladly see a commencement made of the new Cutcherry at Harpanhalli. The Collector should have reported whether any building is available for the use of the Tahsildar's office while the new Cutcherry is building.

3. The Board concur with the Superintending Engineer as to the inexpediency of placing the Police huts in their present position, but it is presumed that the site was selected by the Officer of the Department Public Works, to whom the erection of the huts was entrusted.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary.

No. 612. ORDER THEREON, 25th October 1865, No. 3,198.

ACCOUNT, No. 76.

1. As the Reserve under all heads is exhausted the Government have no funds available at their disposal for appropriation to the new Talook Cutcherry at Harpanhalli, the construction of which must, therefore, be deferred until 1866-67.

2. Paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Collector's letter regarding the stoppage of work connected with the construction of Police huts at Harpanhalli; the conduct of the Acting Sub-Magistrate in permitting their location at the place now objected to, and the selection of another site for those buildings, will be referred to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Judicial Department.
,, Revenue do.
,, Inspector General of M. Police.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

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