

~~Judicial~~ (1895) Department.

ORDINARY MS.

G.O., No. 1411

Dated 5th July 1895

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[Despatch Abstract.]

WATER-SUPPLY OF THE BELLARY JAIL.

Communicating to the Inspector-General of Prisons Proceedings, Public Works Department, recording explanation of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel O'Hara with reference to the remarks of the Chief Engineer regarding the delay in the preparation of an estimate for converting the dip well in the Bellary jail into a drawwell.

L. O'Hara

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DEPARTMENT.

From P. W. D

No. 2611 W

Dated 17. 10. }
Received 19. 10 } 1894

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SUBJECT.

Explaining the delay in the
preparation of plans & estimates
for converting the (Dep) well
in the Barrack D¹ Jail
into a draw well.

Transfd to P. W. D
with H. M.'s notes in
origl — Sub. N^o 2407: 3-12-94

Preparation of estimate

Papers to be

, dated

18 , No.

O., dated

19 June

1894, No. 1484 Just.

Current No.

of 18 , dated

from

Current No. 5624

of 1894, dated

17 Oct.

from

the P. W. D.

Order. ^{earlier of the two}
 In the P.O.s head above mention was made of the apparently inexcusable delay of the Executive Engineer, Bellary Division, with regard to the preparation of estimates relating to the supply of water to the Bellary jail. - The later G.O. contains a letter from the Supt^d Engineer III Circle in which it is stated that the Executive Engineer explains the delay in question as being due to the preparation of plans on varying designs suggested by the Supt^d of the jail & to the lengthy correspondence relating to these various suggestions.

2. The correspondence which has been forwarded to Govt by the J. P. Officers however consists almost entirely of letters & reminders from the Supt^d of the jail, most of which were never answered by the Executive Engineer, and no mention is made of any "varying designs" until the reference in the S. Engr's letter dated 9th May 1894 No 529 to a suggestion made by the

Preparation of estimates for works

Government of Madras.

Public Works Department.

Madras, 28th November 1894.

Office Note.

From the Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

To

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

The procedure seems incorrect; the wording of the order is such as should issue only in the Public Works Department and the proper course appears to be to transfer the papers with the original Notes of Honorable Members of Government to that Department for further orders.

2 I am not prepared to counter-initial the draft as it stands.

(Signed) J. Pennycuik, Col. R.E

Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

I have no objection. It is immaterial to me in which Department the order issues. The rules in G.O. No. 854 dated 28th October 1889 do not preclude the issue of it in the Judicial Department. The opportunity for offering remarks on the

intendents to attend to one view. It requires the sanction of Government to the preparation of estimates for works likely

ed a few days prior to that date. It is not stated that any other letters passed between these two officers, ^{on the subject} ~~if there were any~~ ^{in the absence of any} letters. The Govt. cannot but consider the explanation of the Ex. Eng. to be eminently unsatisfactory. From the correspondence before Govt. it appears that the first call for an estimate was made on 16th August 1892 the first reminder being issued on the 10th March 1893. No notice was apparently taken of either of these communications by Mr. C.J. Peters who was then the Executive Engineer. He was succeeded by Mr. C.W. Wood on the 30th March 1893. The Supt. of the Jail sent a second reminder on the 9th April & Mr. Wood inspected the jail on the 4th May - but without apparent result for the Supt. sent third & fourth reminders on the 24th June & 29th July to the latter of which Mr. Wood replied that the estimates were "under preparation". Fifth, sixth & seventh reminders dated 10th August, 30th October & 19th November brought forth no reply from Mr. Wood who left Bellary on transfer the 24th January 1894. His successor Mr. J. Medlicott appears to have taken no action whatever until the beginning of May when the conversation referred to above seems to have taken place. It is possible that he was not aware of the delay which had already occurred; this should be ascertained in order that

C.S. (from orders)

Encl. 2407 d/ 3-12-94

Govt. may be in a position to know if Mr. Medlicott was to blame. Mr. Wood's explanation for the delay which took place during his tenure of the appointment should be obtained & submitted to Govt. forthwith. Mr. Peters who is now on leave should be called on for a similar explanation immediately on his return to duty.

(from orders)

The Secretary to Govt. P.W.D. for Counter-initials

the draft order was afforded.

(Intd) J.F.P.
28/11/94

Transferred accordingly
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Public Works Department.

No. 602 W
Dated 13 March 1895
Despatched
Received 15/3



SUBJECT.

Orders on the explanations offered by Mr. Medley and Mr. Wood for their share of the delay in the preparation of estimate for converting the dip well in the Bellary Jail into a draw well.

For orders,

With ref. to para 4
of the S. W. W. G. -

10/3/95
28 March 1895 No. 688
C.S.

The S. & P. Prison will be requested to obtain & submit with his remarks the explanation of the Supt. of the Bellary Jail who was responsible for not mentioning the receipt of Mr. Wood's letter of the 8th August 1895.

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The S. & P. Prison
with Mr. Wood's letter
Chief Engineer } despd
28/3/95

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CURRENT NO. 1290

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from Mr. J. H. Medlicott, Executive Engineer, Madras Division, R 615 S-E dated 7th January 1895.

Do — Mr. C. W. Wood, Executive Engineer, Tinnevely Division, R 28 of 10th Jan'y 1895.

Do — the Superintending Engineer III Circle, R 2472 dated 21st January 1895.

Note by the Chief Engineer, P. W. Department, dated 6th February 1895: —

Submitted for the consideration of Government.

2. I have gone very carefully through the whole of the correspondence, from a perusal of which it is clear that Mr. Medlicott is in no way to blame, nor is any delay to be laid to his charge; he dealt with the matter within sixteen days of taking charge of the Division, and all subsequent delay as well as a great part of that which had already occurred was due to the obstinate refusal of the Superintendent to attend to the orders which require the sanction of Government to the preparation of estimates for works likely to

cost more than \$500. Mr. Medlicott's proceedings require no defence, and he may in my opinion be left out of the discussion.

3. The original request for the preparation of an estimate for the improvement of the well appears to have been received by Mr. Peters, in August 1892, passed on to the Sub-Divisional officer and then forgotten, a proceeding I am sorry to say, entirely characteristic of Mr. Peters usual practice; he has however left the service, and it is useless to consider his proceedings any further.

4. Mr. Wood took charge of the Division on the 31st March 1893 and his attention appears to have been drawn to the matter by a reminder dated 9th April, to which he replied on the 29th July, that the estimate was under preparation; a few days later (8th August) he told the Superintendent that an estimate had been made but that as the cost was over \$500 the sanction of Government was necessary to its submission which sanction the Superintendent was requested to obtain. The latter officer replied to this on the 24th October (a delay of two months) that fresh sanction did not seem necessary as Government had already called for a plan and estimate.

It should be observed here that an estimate called for by Government was converting a dry well into a draw well,

apparently on his own authority, was for the provision of a pump and pipes, which appears to have been later on expanded into a complete system of piped water supply. Mr. Wood was therefore perfectly right in declining to submit the estimate without fresh sanction and was supported in so doing by the Superintending Engineer. For all delay subsequent to the 8th August the Superintendent is solely and entirely responsible, and I think it advisable to draw the attention of Government to the fact that in the press of correspondence submitted by the Superintendent he entirely omits all reference to Mr. Wood's letter R. 1918 of the 8th August 1893.

5. The Inspector General's remark that "the decision communicated in Mr. Medlicott's letter R. 627 of 17 May 1894 might have been arrived at at any time during the last 18 months" is strictly true, but the Inspector General was unaware that so far as nine out of the eighteen months were concerned the decision actually had been communicated.

6. There remains for consideration the delay of four months from the 9th April to the 8th August for which Mr. Wood is apparently responsible. It certainly appears at first sight that even this is longer than

so small a matter ought to have occupied, but it must be considered first that the Division, to which Mr Wood was entirely new, is a very large and troublesome one including the two civil districts of Bellary and Amantapur, that Mr Wood's predecessor was notorious for his want of business capacity, and probably left a considerable mass of arrears to be cleared off, and that the preparation of even an approximate estimate for the work asked for by the Superintendent required a certain amount of enquiry as to the cost of pump and pipes, an examination of the grounds, and probably the execution of a certain amount of levelling and surveying.

8. Allowing for these considerations the avoidable delay is reduced to an amount for which I cannot consider any serious blame rests upon Mr Wood.

Order thereon No. 602 W d/ 13 March 1895

In No 3164 W dated 10 December 1894, Mr Wood and Mr Medlicott were called on to submit such explanation as they had to offer for their share of the delay in the preparation of an estimate for converting the dip well in the Bellary jail into a draw well.

The explanations have now been submitted and are reviewed by the Chief

Engineer in his note recorded above.
3. His Excellency the Governor in Council agrees with the Chief Engineer that no blame whatever attaches to Mr Medlicott in connection with the matter; and very little to Mr Wood who succeeded to a charge which must have presented considerable difficulties at starting.

4. Such notice as may be necessary will be taken in the Judicial Department of the Superintendent's action in not mentioning the fact that in August 1893 Mr Wood requested him to obtain the sanction of Government to the preparation of the estimates called for by him.

(True Extract)

J. S. J. (Cand. R.E.,
Under Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

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The Judicial Dept, with C.R. 9219 3
and Enclosures - to be returned

Suptg. Engr. III Circle

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Current No. 2511

Jud DEPARTMENT.

From *J. G. P. P. P.*

No. 2720

Dated 16. 5. 95

Received 18. 5. 95

Enclosures 3

SUBJECT.

Sub 9 in orig! a letter no 1301 &
9. 5. 95 from Surg Lt Col O'Mara,
now medical officer of the Tachina
holy jail furnishing the explana-
tion ^{called} for in Judl. memo no 688 &
28. 3. 95 + also his remarks in
connection therewith regarding
the cause of delay in carrying
out of the orders of Govt. referred
to —

Endt 1143: 28. 5. 95

To.

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7. 5. 95 P. W. D.

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CURRENT NO. 3142.
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Public Works Department.

Encl. No 1143/95

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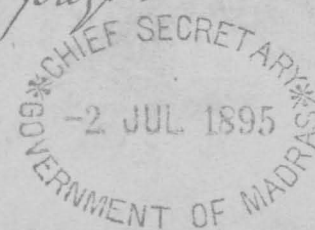
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No. 1593 W

Dated 28th June 1895

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Received 2nd July 1895
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SUBJECT.

Explanation from the
Inspector-General of Prisons
regarding the remarks
of the Chief Engineer
for the delay in the pre-
paration of an estimate
connected with the
water supply of the
Bellary jail, recorded

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To the S. Secy of Prisons (Ho)

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Letter from the Inspector-General
of Prisons, Madras No. 2720 dated 16th May
1895

Endorsement in the judicial Dept.
No. 1143 dated 28th May 1895

Note by the Chief Engineer P.W.D.
dated 5th June 1895

Relative to the delay in the
preparation of an estimate for convert-
ing the dip well in the Bellary jail
into a draw well.

Order thereon No. 1593 W.D. 28th June 1895

Recorded.

2. The Government accepts as
perfectly satisfactory the explanation
given by Surgeon Lieut. Colonel O'Hara
with regard to para 4 of S.O. No. 602 W of
13th March 1895.

(True Extract)

Whakpikil
Under Secy to Govt P.W.D.

To.
The Supd. Engineer III circle
in judicial Dept ✓
(40-4,000-14-3-95.)

Returned with thanks to
the Public Works Department.

Chief Clerk
J. St. George
4th March 1896.

To the Under Secretary
Public Works Dept.
4th March 1896.

Francis
As Under Secretary
to Govt.

Note for U.S.

Submitted that a copy of
the Office note from the
P.W.D. No 3817 C & 28-11-94
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the office & that the whole
file is not necessary. The
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