Local & Munl. (1896) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1073 L

DATED 11th June 1896

[Despatch Abstract.]

Building.

Recording, with remark, letter from the President, District Board, Vizagapatam, forwarding explanation submitted by the Local Fund Engineer for the delay in the construction of Veeraghottam hospital --.

BACK PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.

FURTHER PAPERS.

G.O.	No.	Department.	Date.	G O.	No.	Department.	Date.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPT.

G.O., DATED 11-6-96

No. 10732

INDEXED.

When given for copying.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Bulletin

Recording, with remarks, letter from the President, District Board, Vizagapatam forwarding explanation submitted by the L. S. Engineer for the delay in the construction of the Veeraghottam Hospital—

Transmitted in Govt. Letter No. 1032 dated 15th Oct 1896

BACK PAPER, No. of 189 .

FURTHER PAPER, No. of 189 .

READ AGAIN ORDER OF GOVERNMENT, DATED
189 , No. , MISCELLANEOUS.

ENCLOSURES.

CURRENT No.

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT WITH DITTO.

PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL (not paged).

N.B.—
A — Copy in full.
B — Not to be copied.
P — Copy abstract only.
Q — Copy heading only.

Copied by V.G.R. 1/16.

Examined by [illegible]

No 419

DISTRICT BOARD'S OFFICE,
VIZAGAPATAM,
Dated 14 May 1896.

Loc[illegible] Dept.
C[illegible] 14432

From

W. O. Horne Esqr.
PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,
VIZAGAPATAM.

To

The Honorable J. F. Price
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,
LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,
MADRAS.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward herewith, as directed in para 4 of Government order No 19462 dated 19th October 1895, reviewing the Local Fund Administration Report for 1894-95, the explanation submitted by the Local Fund Engineer for the extraordinary delay in the Construction of the Veeraghattam hospital building, together with a brief abstract of the correspondence which took place from January 1892 to February 1894 regarding the selection of the site required for the hospital.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt,

[illegible]
Clerk For President District Board

No. C/265 of 1896.

District Board Engineers Office
Camp Visagapatam
Dated the 19th March 1896.

From

P. B. Arbuthnot Esquire
District Board Engineer
Visagapatam.

To

The President
District Board
Visagapatam.

Sir,

In reply to your Proceedings No 100 dated 15th February 1896 I have the honor to give a brief History of Local Fund Dispensary at Veeraghottam.

2. It was first sanctioned before I came to the District in May 1892 and from that date up to 10th June 1893, there appears to have been a lot of correspondence about alterations between the Supervisor, the Taluq and District Board. Why so little work (about 3/4 of concrete) was done between June and September 1893, I do not Know as the Supervisor was in charge. The first time I saw the place was in august 1893, and not approving of the site selected, I suggested altering it, and sent a new site plan to Taluq Board in November 1893.

3. The matter was under correspondence until

until February 1894, when the Board resolved to keep to the old site. Then the grant for 1893-94 lapsed in March 1894. In the beginning of the official year 1894-95 instructions were issued to the Supervisor and Overseer to go on with the work but the reply was that no one could be found willing to take up the work at the sanctioned rates, which were far too low. This is of course perfectly correct. The rates were such that the work could not possibly be done for them.

4. A revised Estimate was therefore submitted on 24 June 1894 by supervisor, but the amount was considered too much by me and data for the rates and other information were asked for on 7 July 1894, and the estimate reduced; after receipt of particulars which were not forthcoming until the revised estimate was checked and submitted to the Visianagram Taluk Board on 30 August 1894. They made a reference on 15 September 1894 requesting to know whether this estimated amount was including or excluding the amount spent in 1892-93. This information was supplied to them on 5 October 1894 and the estimate was received sanctioned on 25 October 1894. Orders had already been issued to the Overseer and Supervisor to go on with the work.

5. Just about this time Mr Stewell the Supervisor was dismissed for neglect of duties and other irregularities and the acting Supervisor R. Narayanaswamie on his inspection of the division found, that no progress at all was being made and the contractor said he could not go on with the work until his old claims of 1893-94 were settled. Owing to pressure of work at the end of official year, and the difficulty found in bringing up old references in the overseers and supervisors offices, this was not done until March 1895 and the contractor was settled up.

6. I came to Veeraghottam in May 1895, and myself started the work from the point at which it had been left in 1892-93. Not a bit of work was done during the whole of these two years between March 1893 and May 1895. The contractor then promised me that the building would be finished in 6 months, and both the overseer and Supervisor were given the most stringest orders which were repeated at intervals whenever it was thought the work was getting slack. To these reminders, the overseer and Supervisor have frequently replied stating that the work was progressing satisfactorily and these statements made officially. I was bound to accept it as they both said the work would undoubtedly be finished in December.

7. In January when I went on one months leave, the overseer was ordered to remain at Veeraghottam

Veeraghottam till the work was finished, but this he did not do; and on march 1st, after completing the inspection of the other part of the Palacada Division, I came to Veeraghottam.

8. To show how much reliance can be placed on the reports received from overseer and superior I give below a detailed statement of the state I found the work in and in parallel column the reports of the overseer and superior with date.

Overseers Reports	state of work was found on 1-3-96.
On 20th June 1895 "walls nearly completed"	One gable wall still under construction was finished on 2nd march 1896.
1st Febuary 1896 Verandah wood work is going on.	Verandah wood work only finished.
13. Febuary 1896 do — is finished.	
29th Febuary 1896 Reepers are being fixed —	
6. August 1895 Wood work is in progress no work. Rains are heavy	No attempts being made to prepare trusses, the Key bolts of these are being made in Palacada and were said to be coming on 2nd evening without fail. After sending overseer back to Palacada on 4. march 1896 one bolt was received on 6. evening and the others have been sent for to Chicacole. They are not to hand yet (7. march 96 afternoon) and will only be received on the 9.
24 - do - Continues to do so till 23rd September 1895 when he says E. Engineers orders have been Communicated to Contractor to finish work before January 1896.	
1st October 1895. Contractor sent for Salwood for rafters.	
10. - do - do - do - do.	
23rd October 1895. Contractor brought Salwood; and Chunnam work will go on from 24. October 1895 —	
1st november 1895. Log Sale Sawing.	
13th do - do nearly	
24. do - Contractor went for more logs.	
2nd December 1895. do - do.	
24. - do - Cutstone work is in progress -	The cutstone for flooring was all at site, but no attempt was being made to lay it. After sending all over the country I have succeeded in getting stone masons only on 6. march 1896 and the work is now going on.
27. - do - is ready: wood work in progress.	No plastering had been done. I have now got the verandah and 2 rooms finished and the third in progress on 7. march 96.
1st January 1896. Wood work in progress.	No attempt whatsoever was made to get wood work ready: most of it being yet unsawn and no sawyers procurable. After sending to four villages, Runapam amongst them, I got some only on 7. march 1896 and Sawing is going on.
14. do - do - do.	
28. do - do - do.	
29. Febuary 1896. Iron work is going on gable walls under construction.	

9. All this work should have been finished during the time the masonry work was going on, had the overseer and supervisor attended to their duties.

10. The roof wood work would now be finished and tiling in progress, had they done so; but everything has been left to the last minute.

11. Notwithstanding the Supervisor's and overseer's constant visits here, I found on enquiry that the following which were supposed to have been here since September 1892, are not to be found.
4 Teak wood valley rafters.
14 Salwood windows.
I have had to Telegraph to Visagapatam for these.
Also no tar here, or procurable nearer than Visagapatam (required for the flooring), but it had not been sent for. No glass for fanlights. No weatherboards, which, cannot be made here.

12. The overseer was with all this missing, quietly sitting down doing nothing in fact, did not even know that these articles were missing. With such subordinates as these, it needs I think, little explanation on my part as to why this hospital was not finished.
Of course, I am prepared to accept my share of blame in the matter, but, I must trust to my subordinates to some extent and it is perfectly clear from the present case that I cannot do so but must look into every little thing down to the hinges of a window.
I am remaining here till the end of the month if necessary, to furnish the building, and if it can be finished, it shall be done.

I have &c
(Signed) P. B. Arbuthnot
District Board Engineer.

(True copy)

For President of Board

Chn

182

1
143/96

Note

Correspondence: regarding the construction of Veeraghottam Dispensary (from January 1892 to February 1894).

In January 1892. The President District Board directed the Supervisor Mr. T. A. Venkatarangam Pillai to submit the estimate for Rs 2500 provided in the Budget for 1892-93 (vide Proceedings no 35 dated 12. January 1892).

18 May 1892. The Estimate for Rs 2500 was submitted with slight alterations with reference to the Estimate and Plan revised by the President District Board for Amilly Dispensary (vide Supervisor's letter no 10 dated 18. May 1892).

28 May 1892. The Estimate was submitted to the President District Board by the President Taluq Board for approval of the District Board suggesting that pillars in the rear of the building opposite to the gate ways should be fixed on the sides (vide letter no 392 dated 28. May 1892).

20th June 1892. The District Board approved of the Estimate. (vide Resolution no 1 under reference dated 20. June 1892).

June 1892 - The Resident District Board ordered the Supervisor to alter certain doors and windows. (vide Proceedings no 776 dated 22nd June 1892).

21st July 1892. Site selected near the Police Station by Mr. Shipley (vide his letter no 530 dated 21st July 1892).

29th July 1892. The new site selected was approved by the Resident District Board (vide Proceedings no 870 dated 29. July 1892).

6. August 1892. The Resident District Board ordered the Supervisor to submit rough sketch of the ground near the Police Station (vide official memo no 553 dated 6. augt 1892).

19. October 1892. Sketch called for was submitted by the Supervisor with his letter no 28 dated 19. October 1892 and permission sought to excavate trial pits.

28. October 1892. Permission granted by the President Taluq Board (vide no 731 dated 28. October 1892).

12. February 1893. The Supervisor reported that he excavated trial pits and found the ground is silt, and requires more deep foundation than provided in the Estimate, and submitted a deviation statement for extra amount of Rs 177 (vide his letter no 34/V dated 12. February 1893).

6. March 1893. Statement sanctioned (vide Taluq Board's resolution no 4 dated 6. March 1893).

5. November 1893. Mr. Arbuthnot District Board Engineer submitted site plan (vide his letter no 31 dated 5. november 1893).

21st November 1893. The Resident Taluq Board asked the Engineer why the site selected by Mr. Shipley and approved by the President District Board is to be given out (Vide his no 773 dated 21st november 1893).

25. November 1893. Reason given by the Engineer for selection of a new site (vide his letter no 38 dated 25. november 1893).

27. December 1893. Mr. Tomlinson was asked to inspect the site and give his opinion. (vide President Taluq Board's no 878 dated 27. December 1893).

19. January 1894. Mr Tomlinson gave his opinion that the first one may be approved.

1st February 1894. The Taluq Board approved of Mr. Tomlinson's views on the subject (vide Board's resolution no 4 dated 1st February 1894).

8. February 1894. Resolution no 4 communicated to the Engineer with an order to Commence the work as soon as

as possible -

Febmary 1894. The Engineer in acKnowleding the receipt of the resolution distinctly said that he would not be responsible for any damages se (vide no 52 dated 18 Febmary 1894).

(Sd) P. B. Arbuthnot
District Board Engineer

(True copy)

For President District Board

182

2/1434/96

ter ashmible -

1896.

Local and Municipal Department.

In a letter from the ~~Collector,~~ President, Dt. Board, Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Local and Municipal Department, Madras, No 419 dated 14 May 1896.

Enclosure No. One

Subject:

Copy of the Local Fund Engineers explanation together with a brief abstract of the correspondence between himself and the President Taluq Board.

1896.

Local and Municipal Department.

CURRENT No. 1443

From

THE PRESIDENT, DISTRICT BOARD,

VIZAGAPATAM.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT,

MADRAS.

Dated 14
Despatched } May 1896.
Received

No. 419

Enclosures. One

Subject:

Forwarding the explanation submitted by the Local Fund Engineer for the extraordinary delay in the construction of the Veerabhottam hospital.

C.S.
Revise.

Order No. 1073 Local dt. 11.6.96

Recorded with the remark that the explanation offered for the delay cannot be considered by any means satisfactory, that due notice should be taken of the conduct of the ~~overseer~~ subordinates ~~the Executive~~ at fault.

P.B. 29/6/96 WHD 1.6.96 S.D. 9/6/96

Note: The subordinates have left the Department.

To

The President, District Board,
Viz.

Dated 16/6.

R. 1415 (With order) 25/6

When given for copying ____
When copied ____
When examined ____
When signed ____
} 189.

READ AGAIN G.O., No. 189, DATED

CURRENT No.

ENCLOSURES TO C. No.

ORDER OF GOVERNMENT	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
LETTER OF GOVERNMENT.								
STATEMENT WITH DITTO.								
PAPERS NOT FILED UP, BEING MEANT FOR DESPATCH IN ORIGINAL.								

N.B.—
A = Copy in full.
B = Not to be copied.
P = Copy abstract only.
Q = Copy heading only.