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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th August 1857.

No. 67. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st August 1857, No. 2611.

SIR,

I regret to have to report for the information of Government that owing to the non-receipt of returns from certain Districts in the Mofussil, I am altogether unable to complete the annual Progress report now overdue for the past season of 1856-57 within the time prescribed by the Government of India.

2. A timely special demand for the requisite documents was made on the several local Officers in a Circular order of the 8th of April last; and fixing the 25th of May for the transmission of the returns, the 31st Idem was assigned as the very latest allowable date.

3. From the experience already obtained in the two previous years, it was confidently believed that no difficulty would be experienced by the local Officers in preparing the return for the third year of 1856-57; and if my expectations had been fulfilled, it would have been easily within my own power to complete the General return within the prescribed date for transmission to the Government of India.

4. It is my painful duty to acquaint you that out of the 28 returns receivable, only 2 had come to hand by the 31st of May last.

5. The references in the margin exhibit the dates of further reminders circulated to the
18th June 1857 withholding Officers; and in one of these appeals it was distinctly pointed
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8th July Government of India being thus kept back by delays in the Provinces,
I should be under the disagreeable necessity of reporting the circumstances for the information
of His Lordship in Council, unless the returns should be sent in forthwith to the Central office.

6. I have the honor to report that up to this time no returns have been received from the following Officers:

- 1st. The Collector of Tanjore.
- 2nd. The Collector of Malabar.
- 3rd. The District Engineer of Nellore.
- 4th. The District Engineer of Bellary.

7. Revised accounts have been called for, and I hope shortly to receive them, from the District Engineer of South Arcot and from the Superintending Engineer Hyderabad Subsidiary Force; and I avail myself of the occasion to place before Government the letters cited in the margin* in explanation of the non submission of the returns at the appointed time.

* District Engr. of Tanjore dated 2nd July No. 48.
Collector of Malabar dated 16th July No. 2323.
To be obligingly returned.

8. In conclusion I have only to assure the Government that the returns are dealt with the very moment they are received in the Central office; and that so soon as the whole of the local returns shall have reached me, they will be tabulated without delay into one General Statement agreeably to the instructions of the Government of India, and forwarded to you in a complete shape with all practicable expedition.

No. 68. ORDER THEREON, No. 1548; dated 8th August 1857.

It appears from the Chief Engineer's letter above recorded, that the non-receipt of returns from certain Districts in the Mofussil prevents him from completing the annual Progress Report now overdue from him for 1856-57. This Report ought to have been submitted to the Government of India by the 31st July; and it is to be regretted that these delays should occur in almost every year. This circumstance clearly shews that very little attention is paid by the Executive Officers in the keeping of the detailed accounts of expenditure upon works according to the forms furnished by Government; for if the accounts were properly and regularly kept, there would be no difficulty in the timely preparation of the Progress reports. The present

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state of things is unsatisfactory; and the Government must insist that the local Officers pay more attention to the system of accounts, and take proper steps for the punctual submission of their Periodical returns.

2. The Collectors of Tanjore and Malabar and the District Engineers of Nellore and Bellary from whom the Reports are stated to be still due will be requested to send them within a fortnight from the date of this order. Should there be any further delay in the receipt of these Reports, the Chief Engineer will bring it to the notice of Government.

Wd) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 2644.

Central Office of P.W.

Fort Saint George

1st August 1857.

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary

to Government P.W.

Sir,

I regret to have to report for the information of Government that owing to the non receipt of Returns from certain Districts in the Mofussil, I am altogether unable to complete the Annual Progress Report now overdue for the past season of 1856/57 within the time prescribed by the Government of India. —

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late for transmission to the Government of India.

It is my painful duty to acquaint you that out of the 28 Returns receivable, only 2 had come to hand by the 31st of July inst.

The references in the margin exhibit the dates of further reminders circulated to the withholding Officers; and in one of these appeals it was distinctly pointed out that one of the most important documents required by the Government of India being thus kept back by delays in the Province, I should be under the disagreeable necessity of reporting the circumstances for the information of His Excellency in Council, unless the Returns should be sent in forthwith to the Central Office.

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Revised Accounts have been called for, and I hope shortly to receive them, from the District Engineer of South Arcot and from the Superintending Engineer Hyderabad subsidiary Force, and in all instances of the occasion to place before you the letters cited in the margin in explanation of the non submission of the Returns at the appointed time.

District Engineer of Tanjore dated 2nd July
Collector of Malabar dated 10th July

In conclusion I have only to assure the Government that the Returns are dealt with the very moment they are received in the Central Office, and that as soon as the whole of the local Returns shall have reached me, they will be tabulated without delay into one General Statement agreeably to the instructions of the Government of India, and forwarded to you in a complete shape with all practicable expedition.

Central Office of H. M.
Fort Saint George
1st August 1857

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W. L. Colver, Colonel
Chief Engineer

Cond^d M. E.

N^o 1548

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th August 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 1st August 1857.
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[Signature]

Received 1857. *[Signature]*
D. C. Russell 11th August 57
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The Chief Engineer

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The Secretary

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