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

No. 87. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 20th July 1857, No. 2154.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 7529, dated 24th October 1856, I have the honor to state that copies of the orders of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 2228 of the 28th of November 1856, were furnished with Extract from Proceedings No. 8615, of the 4th December 1856, to the Collector and District Engineer of Cuddapah, and to the Chief Engineer Mysore, for communication to Mr. Addis.

2. In a letter No. 771, dated 12th December 1856, the District Engineer of Cuddapah gives Rupees (13,720) thirteen thousand seven hundred and twenty, as the total amount of money advanced by Mr. Addis for Trunk road No. 11 from the estimates G. and H. viz.

Advanced to Contractor David	...	...	...	Rupees...	4,730
Do. to 6 new Contractors	...	...	...	"	8,600
Tramways for Bridges	...	...	...	"	390

Total Rupees... 13,720

but instead of supporting the statement made in para. 14 of his letter No. 324, dated 27th June 1856; that if the bridges were sanctioned, the advances might be worked out without incurring any loss, as the Contractors were willing to supply material, Lieutenant Hemery states, that he believes the sum of Rupees (4,980) four thousand nine hundred and eighty, never can be replaced viz., Rupees (4,730) four thousand seven hundred and thirty advanced to Contractor David, and Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty advanced for Tramways, and further that from the remaining sum of Rupees (8,740) eight thousand seven hundred and forty, Rupees (8,600) eight thousand and six hundred, may perhaps be worked out by the new Contractors, when the bridges are built; the balance of Rupees (140) one hundred and forty, is accounted for in timber to the value of about Rupees (50) fifty, at Calcudda, and in wood to the value of about Rupees (90) ninety, used for the bungalow at that place.

3. Lieutenant Hemery with his letter furnished a statement (A) showing the expenditure on estimates G. and H. and the advances made from these estimates, and the estimate B the difference between the sanctioned amount, and expenditure as per Bills being Rupees (15,396-12-2) fifteen thousand three hundred and ninety-six, annas twelve, and pice two, or Rupees (184-3-10) one hundred and eighty-four, annas three, and pice ten, less than Rupees (15,581*) fifteen thousand five hundred and eighty-one, given as the amount of advances, and this account Lieutenant Hemery remarks appears to be very correct, as the value of some wood intended for tramways, and actually used in building the Calcudda bungalow, should have been shown as expenditure, instead of being included in the advances.

* On estimates G and H Rs.	13,720.
Do. B	1861.
	Rupees 15,581.

4. With reference to the sum of Rupees (4,730) four thousand seven hundred and thirty, one of the sums mentioned as not likely to be recovered, Lieutenant Hemery makes no allusion to the circumstance of burnt bricks having been actually supplied to the value of Rupees (3,287-8) three thousand two hundred and eighty-seven, and annas eight, but merely remarks in concluding his letter that "If contractor David had repaid the sum of Rupees 1,442-8 as stated by Mr. Addis, that amount should still be available, instead of which there is not a Rupee remaining "on G. and H. estimates, either in Mr. George's hands, or in the Collectors Treasury."

5. The apparent discrepancy in the statements made in his letters of the 27th June, and 12th December 1856, was pointed out to Lieutenant Hemery in Extract from Proceedings No. 1150, dated 12th June 1857, and that Officer in his reply* observes, that the remarks made in his letter of the 27th June, referred solely to the sum of Rupees (8,600) eight thousand and six hundred advanced by Mr. Addis to Contractors in March 1856, a few days before he left the Cuddapah District, and that that advance is now being worked out gradually, by means of the sum of Rupees (13,300) thirteen thousand and three hundred, placed at his disposal by Government on the 28th November 1856.

* No 324 dated 19th June 1857.

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6. Lieutenant Hemery in this letter states the circumstances under which Mr. Addis left Mudnapilly, without coming to any satisfactory explanation respecting the accounts of Trunk road No. 11, and observes, that on his asking Mr. Addis to proceed to Royachoty, to which place the Records of his late Office had been sent, that Gentleman said it was no use his going as "he knew nothing whatever about his accounts, and that he could explain nothing regarding them."

7. Lieutenant Hemery, having rejected the bricks to the value of Rupees (3,287-8) three thousand, two hundred, and eighty-seven, and annas eight, supplied by the Contractor David, as infamously bad, and there being no document on record to prove that the sum of Rupees (1,412-8) one thousand four hundred, and forty-two, and annas eight, was refunded by the contractor, advances a claim against Mr. Addis, for the amount of Rupees (4,730) four thousand seven hundred, and thirty, and for Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty, a portion of the advance on account of tramways for bridges, making a total of Rupees (4,980) four thousand nine hundred and eighty.

8. A copy of Lieutenant Hemery's letter has been forwarded for any remarks Mr. Addis may have to offer, but to continue longer the correspondence on this subject, is evidently a waste of time, and not likely to lead to any satisfactory result. I am therefore of opinion, either that Mr. Addis, should be called upon to make good the deficiency, or that Government should authorize the sum of Rupees (4,980) four thousand nine hundred, and eighty, to be written off in the accounts of Trunk road No. 11, to the head "Profit and Loss."

9. The former course is the one I would advocate, for though the amount is a large one for Mr. Addis, to refund, it will be a useful lesson to him, by teaching him the necessity of exercising greater prudence, and more careful supervision in the conduct of the important works with which he is now entrusted as an Executive Officer in the Mysore D. P. W.

No. 88. ORDER THEREON, No. 1558; dated 11th August 1857.

In Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 28th November last, No. 2228, the Government had under consideration a correspondence submitted by the Chief Engineer on the subject of certain contracts for the supply of materials on Trunk road No. 11, made by Mr. Addis, late Assistant Superintendent of roads, and now an Executive Officer in the Public Works Department in Mysore. The points adverted to in the correspondence laid before Government related to the following Proceedings on the part of Mr. Addis.

- 1st. Advancing funds out of estimates for the construction of the road, for the supply of materials to masonry works not sanctioned.
- 2nd. Adjusting the accounts of the contractor, David, without an examination of the bricks supplied, the bad quality of which had been brought to his notice; and giving advances to other contractors, without taking adequate security.
- 3rd. Regarding a balance of Rupees 1,412 due by contractor David, which Mr. Addis stated had been made good to the Department, but which Lieutenant Hemery reported was not so shown in the accounts.

2. As it was stated that further information had been called for from the Civil Engineer on the last point, the Government observed that they would await its receipt, and would then record their views on the entire case. That information having been furnished in the Chief Engineer's present letter, the Government will now proceed to state their sentiments on Mr. Addis' proceedings in the instances above noticed.

3. After an attentive perusal of the correspondence which has been laid before them, the Government must remark that Mr. Addis' proceeding in making advances for works not sanctioned, out of sums designed for other objects, was highly irregular. They consider him also to have neglected the interests of Government, in not inspecting the bricks supplied by contractor David, before adjusting his accounts, and releasing his securities, especially as he was fully aware, as his Memo. to Assistant Overseer Howell, dated so far back as September 1855, shows,

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that the contractor was not fulfilling the terms of his contract. They are further of opinion that Mr. Addis' proceeding in making subsequent advances to other contractors, to the extent of Rupees 8,600, for the greater portion of which he took no security, was likewise highly blameable.

	Rs.	
* Advanced to contractor David.....	4,730	
Do. to six new contractors.....	8,600	
Do. for Tramways for bridges.....	390	
Total.....	13,720	

4. It appears that out of the sum of Rupees 13,720* advanced by Mr. Addis from estimates G. and H, Rupees 4,980 are irrecoverable, viz. Rupees 4,730 advanced to contractor David, and Rupees 250 advanced for Tramways. Out of the remainder, Rupees 8,600 are now being gradually worked out by the new contractors; and the balance of Rupees 140 is accounted for in timber, either used or remaining in hand.

5. With regard to the bricks supplied by the contractor David, amounting in value to Rupees 3,287-8, Lieutenant Hemery states that they were rejected by him as wholly unsuited for building purposes; and his view of the quality of those bricks is supported by Mr. George in his report dated 15th May 1856. As regards the balance of Rupees 1,412-8, due by the contractor, and which Mr. Addis states was repaid by him, Lieutenant Hemery reports that there is no document on record to prove that the refund was made, as alleged.

6. Under these circumstances, and with a view to mark his sense of the great irregularity, and disregard of the interests of Government, which have characterized Mr. Addis' late proceedings in connection with Trunk road No. 11, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, as recommended by the Chief Engineer, to hold Mr. Addis responsible for the entire advance to contractor David, as well as for the unaccounted portion of the advance for Tramways, amounting together to Rupees (4,980)† four thousand, nine hundred, and eighty.

	Rs.	
† Advance to contractor David.....	4,730	
Portion of advance for Tramways.....	250	
Total.....	4,980	

Colonel Faber will be pleased to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief Engineer of Mysore, with a request that he will be good enough to communicate the same to Mr. Addis, and state by what instalments he would recommend that the amount should be recovered from that gentleman.

7. The Chief Engineer will circulate a copy of this order to all the Officers of his Department.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Central Office of C. Works.

N^o 2154

Fort Saint George,

20th July 1857.

From,

The Chief Engineer;

To, The Secretary to Government G. W. D.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter N^o 529, dated 24th October 1856, I have the honor to state that copies of the orders of Government conveyed in Extract - 9 - Minuted Consultation N^o 2228, of the 28th of November 1856, were furnished with Extract from Proceedings N^o 8615, of the 1st December 1856, to the Collector and District Engineer of Cuddapah, and to the Chief Engineer Mysore, for communication to Mr. Addis.

2 In a letter N^o 771, dated 12th December 1856, the District Engineer of Cuddapah gives Rupees (13,720) Thirteen thousand Seven hundred and twenty, as the total amount of money advanced by Mr. Addis for Trunk Road N^o 11, from the Estimates G. and H. viz.

Advanced

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Advanced to Contractor David... Rupees 4,730—
 ...to New Contractors... 8,600—
 Ramways for Bridges... 390—

Total Rupees 13,720—

...of reporting the statement made in para 11
 of his letter. R. 224, dated 27th June 1856, that if the bridges
 were sanctioned, the advances might be worked out, without
 involving any loss, as the Contractors were willing to supply
 material, Lieutenant Fleemery states, that he believes the
 sum of Rupees 4,730 (four thousand nine hundred and
 eighty) may be replaced with Rupees 4,730 (four thousand
 seven hundred and thirty) advanced to Contractor David,
 and Rupees 250 (two hundred and fifty) advanced for
 Ramways, and further that from the remaining sum of
 Rupees 8,740 (Eight thousand seven hundred and forty), Ru-
 pias 8,600 (Eight thousand and six hundred), may perhaps
 be worked out by the new Contractors, when the bridges are
 built, the balance of Rupees (140) one hundred and forty,
 is accounted for, in timber to the value of about Rupees
 (30) thirty, at Cuddadda, and in wood to the value of about
 Rupees (90) ninety, used for the bungalow at that place.

3 Lieutenant Fleemery, with his letter insisted

a Statement (A) showing the expenditure on Estimates
 G and H, and the advances made from these Estimates, and
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 and expenditure, as per Bills, being Rupees (15,396-12-2) fifteen
 thousand three hundred and Ninety Six Annas twelve, and
 Pice two, or Rupees (184-3-10) One hundred and eighty four,
 Annas three, and Pice ten, less than Rupees (15,581) fifteen
 thousand five hundred and eighty one, given as the amount
 of advances, and this account Lieutenant Fleemery remarks
 appears to be very correct, as the value of some wood intended
 for Ramways, and actually used in building the Cuddadda
 bungalow, should have been shown as expenditure, instead
 of being included in the advances.

on Estimates G & H Rs 13,720.
 --B-- 1851.
 Rs 15,581.

With reference to the sum of Rupees 4,730 (four
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 tioned as not likely to be recovered, Lieutenant Fleemery
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 having been actually supplied to the value of Rupees (3,287-2)
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 but merely remarks in concluding his letter that "If
 Contractor David had repaid the sum of Rs. 4,42-8-

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as stated by Mr. Addis, that amount should still be available, instead of which there is not a Rupee remaining on G & H Estimates, either in Mr. George's hands, or in the Collector's Treasury.

5 The apparent discrepancy in the statements made in his letters of the 27th June, and 12th December 1856, was pointed out to Lieutenant Hemery in Extract from Proceedings No. 1150, dated 12th June 1857, and that Officer in his reply, observed, that the remarks made in his letter of the 27th June, referred solely to the sum of Rupees (8,000) Eight thousand and six hundred, advanced by Mr. Addis to Contractors, in March 1856, a few days before he left the Cuddalore District, and that that advance is now being worked out gradually, by means of the sum of Rupees (13,300) Thirteen thousand and three hundred, placed at his disposal by Government on the 28th November 1856.

6 Lieutenant Hemery, in this letter states the circumstances under which Mr. Addis left Cuddalore, without coming to any satisfactory explanation, respecting the accounts of Banks & Co. & Co., and observed, that on his asking Mr. Addis to proceed to Cuddalore, to which place the Records of his late Office had been sent, that

Gentleman said, it was no use his going as 'he knew nothing whatever about his accounts, and that he could explain nothing regarding them.'

7 Lieutenant Hemery having rejected the bills to the value of Rupees (3,287-8-) Three thousand two hundred and eighty seven and Annas eight, supplied by the Contractor David, as infamously bad, and there being no document on record to prove that the sum of Rupees (4,12-8-) one thousand four hundred and forty two, and Annas eight, was refunded by the Contractor, advanced a claim against Mr. Addis for the amount of Rupees (4,730) four thousand seven hundred and thirty, and for Rupees (250) Two hundred and fifty, a portion of the advance on account of tramway for bridges, making total of Rupees (4,980) four thousand nine hundred and eighty.

8 A copy of Lieutenant Hemery's letter has been forwarded for any remarks Mr. Addis may have to offer, but to continue longer the correspondence on this subject, is evidently a waste of time, and not likely to lead to any satisfactory result. I am therefore

Yours

of opinion, either that the India should be cabined
 open to make good the deficiency, or that Government
 should contribute the sum of Rs. 1,48,000 towards
 the hundred and eighty, to be written off in the account
 of the India Board. To the head "Credit and Debt."

9 The former course is the one I would advise,
 for the amount, is a large one for the India to
 demand, it will be a useful lesson to him, in teaching
 him the necessity of securing greater production, and not
 continue to depend on the Government for his support, which
 will not be a good example for the other provinces.
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I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient
 Servant,
 Chief Engineer.

Central Office of the
 Fort Saint George
 20th July 1857
 To, The Secretary to Government
 The Engineer

C. W. D.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 11th August 1857.

Read the following letter
from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 20th July 1857 No-2154)

In Extract from the
Minutes of Consultation of the
28th November last No-2228, the
Government had under considera-
tion a correspondence submitted
by the Chief Engineer on the
subject of certain contracts for
the supply of materials on
Frank Road No-11, made by
Mr. Adolphe, late Assistant Super-
intendent of Roads, and now
an Executive Officer in the
Public Works Department in
Mysore. The points adverted to
in the correspondence laid before

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[Signature]

Received 15th December 1857 No-3233

Public Works Department
Circular No 111668

Chief Engineer

Secretary to Government

[Signature]

Date 20th July 1857

Received 21st July 1857

No 2154

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Suggesting that the money

advanced to Mr. Adolphe on

account of the Public Works

may be repaid from the

proceeds of the Mysore

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Government, related to the following proceedings on the part of Mr. Aldrich.

1st Advancing funds out of estimates for the construction of the road, for the supply of materials to masonry works not sanctioned.

2^d Adjusting the accounts of the contractor, David, without an examination of the bricks supplied, the best quality of which had been brought to his notice, and making advances to other contractors, without taking adequate security.

3^d Regarding a balance of Rs. 442 due by contractor David, which Mr. Aldrich stated had been remitted to the Department, but which Mr. Denny reported was not to show in the accounts.

As it was stated that further information had been called for from the Civil Engineer on the last point, the

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Government observed that they would await its receipt, and would then record their views on the entire case. That information having been furnished in the Chief Engineer's present letter, the Government will now proceed to state their sentiments on Mr. Aldrich's proceedings in the instances above noticed.

3. After an attentive perusal of the correspondence which has been laid before them, the Government must remark that Mr. Aldrich's proceeding in making advances for works not sanctioned, out of sums designed for other objects, was highly irregular. They consider him also to have neglected the interests of Government, in not inspecting the bricks supplied

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by Contractor David, before adjusting his accounts, and releasing his securities, especially as he was fully aware, as his Memo: to the Overseer Howell, dated 26 June 1856, as Sept. 1855, shows, that the Contractor was not fulfilling the terms of his contract. They are further of opinion that all the losses proceeding in making subsequent advances to other Contractors, to the extent of Rupees 3,000, for the greater portion of which he took no security, was likewise highly blameable.

It appears that out of the sum of Rupees 13,720 advanced by the Sd. Estimator C. & H., Rupees 4,980 are irrecoverable, vizt

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 13,720 advanced to Contractor David 4,730.
 do to Sd. new Contractors 8,590.
 do for tramways for bridges 390.
 13,720.

Rupees 4,730 advanced to Contractor David, and Rupees 250 advanced for tramways. Out of the remainder, Rs. 8,600 are now being gradually worked out by the new Contractors, and the balance of Rupees 120 is accounted for in timber, either used or remaining in hand.

With regard to the bricks supplied by the Contractor David, amounting in value to Rupees 3,287-8-4, Lieutenant Emery states that they were rejected by him as wholly unsuited for building purposes, and his view of the quality of those bricks is supported by Mr. George in his report dated 15th May 1856. As regards the balance of Rupees 1,442-8, due by the Contractor,

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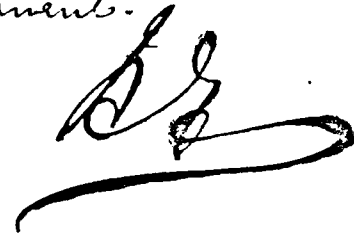
and which Mr. Adolphe states was repaid by him, Mr. T. J. Emery reports that there is no document on record to prove that the refund was made, as alleged.

Under these circumstances, and with a view to mark his sense of the great irregularity and disregard of the interests of Government, which have characterized Mr. Adolphe's late proceedings in connection with Frank Road & Co., the Right Honorable the Governor in Council resolves, as recommended by the Chief Engineer, to hold Mr. Adolphe responsible for the entire advance to Contractor David, as well as for the unaccounted portion of the advance for tramways,

Advances to Contractor David --- ^{Rs.} 4,730.
Portion of advance for tramways.. 250.
4,980.

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tramways, amounting together to Rupees (4,980) four thousand nine hundred and eighty. Colonel Faber will be pleased to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chief Engineer of Mysore, with a request that he will be good enough to communicate the same to Mr. Adolphe, and state by what instruments he would recommend that the amount should be recovered from that Gentleman.

The Chief Engineer will circulate a copy of this order to all the Officers of his Departments.



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