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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 22nd September 1857.

No. 98. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 2nd September 1857, No. 3375.

Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Malabar; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Calicut, 21st August 1857, No. 4183.

SIR,

I have the honor to reply to your letter dated 12th June last, No. 1142.

2. The portion of the road between Mallapuram and Calicut formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin no doubt forwarded to you in accordance with my request dated 20th March last, addressed to Lieutenant Bean.

Resolution Chief Engineer 3rd March 1857, No. 10609.
To Chief Engineer 16th April 1857, No. 1141.
From Do. 23rd „ „ „ 12010.
To Do. 28th „ „ „ 1275.
From Do. 8th May „ „ 192.

3. I proceed to submit the explanation in the matter of accounts.

4. I have no means of reconciling the discrepancy, the subject of para. 4 of your letter, no accounts from the executive Department were received by me prior to May 1856. Lieutenant Bean has been supplied with a Statement of accounts particular of disbursements from the revenue treasuries and will be furnished with a copy of the present communication and enclosure from which he will be able to verify the accounts of expenditure by the Officers of the executive Department. Lieutenant Bean will no doubt be making out Bills for the expenditure of official year 1855-56, of which, as above stated we know nothing whatever, while for official year 1856-57, we have only received Accounts Current which enter into no detail of expenditure. I may remark that on the 17th July last, Lieutenant Bean sent a Bill for the expenditure of official year 1856-57, but finding a difference of Rupees 3,459-11-8, between the amount taken up from the revenue Treasury (Rupees 11,995-12-2,) and the expenditure accounted for (Rupees 8,536-0-6) I was obliged to return it under date the 20th Idem and no further communication has passed on the subject. Lieutenant Bean had I believe entrusted the scrutiny of these accounts to Lieutenant Clemons, who conducted the examination at Mallapooram and was not placed in communication with me on the subject.

5. With reference to para. 5 of your letter under acknowledgment, I beg to submit, in a Tabular form, a Statement shewing the aggregate amount placed at the disposal of the executive Officers, the amount taken up and the balance remaining from the commencement of the work up to the 30th April 1857.

6. This account will shew that Abstract B, which accompanied Major Lawford's letter dated 9th May last is correct and will obviate the necessity of further explanation of exceptions taken to various items in my account in paras. 6 and 7 of your letter. We have no means whatever of attempting to reconcile the discrepancies which may occur in the accounts of the executive Officers, the great differences which exist will be apparent from the Statement now sent.

7. The discrepancy noticed in paras. 8 and 9 arose from the Budget Statement, which was prepared in October, shewing only an assumed prospective expenditure to the 30th November. A larger expenditure was expected than actually took place. This Statement cannot be considered a legitimate item of comparison or test of account.

8. Adverting to the closing part of para. 4 of your letter, and para. 10, I venture to solicit of you to relieve me from further connexion with the scrutiny &c., of the Mundoor road expenditure and accounts.

9. Lieutenant Clemons was engaged with them at Mallapooram till he left. Lieutenant Bean has written to me under date the 4th Instant No. 1190, (a copy of which is appended) that he will undertake their further examination himself in his own office, which has been established at Cannanore, conjointly, therefore this work has not been proceeded with and could not well be undertaken under the circumstances. The accounts &c., are in a state which requires a degree of scrutiny as close and tedious as that to which the Chetwye Dam account (re-

ported on under date the 14th Instant No. 4088,) were subjected and the business of my office has been so seriously retarded by the occupation of the numerous persons who have been obliged to devote their time to this duty that I could not spare them further.

I have no establishment in Department Public Works.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter, No. 4183, dated 21st August 1857, from the Acting Collector of Malabar for the information of Government, with an intimation that the District Engineer has been called on to submit the Statement of the Calicut Mundoor and Palghaut road accounts with the least practicable delay.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 99. ORDER THEREON, No. 1805; dated 22nd September 1857.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

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

No. 3375

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works.

Under date the 2d September 1857.

No. 3375-1

Read the following Letter

Calicut 21st August 1857.

No. 4183.

From F. Robinson Esqre
Acting Collector of Malabar,

To Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer & Port Works

Fort St. George

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to your letter No. 4112 dated 12th June last, &c. &c.

2. The portion of the road between Kuttiyaram and Calicut formed the subject of the correspondence noted in the margin and doubt forwarded to you in accordance with my request dated 20th March last and also referred to Lieutenant Bean.

Revd. Chief Engr. 3d March 1857 No. 1066.
To Chief Engineer 16th April " 1411.
From Do. 23d " 12010
To Do. 28th " 12/57
From Do. 8th May " 192

3. I proceed to submit the explanation in the matter of accounts.

4. I have no means of reconciling the discrepancies, the subject of Para 4 of your letter. no accounts from the Executive Department

[illegible] received [illegible] Lieutenant Brandreth published with a Statement & account thereof & directed from the Treasurer Lawrence, and also requiring me also to explain the great Commencement of Lieutenant Brandreth's Expenditure during the month of October & which appeared upon the face of the Statement to have been nothing whatever, that no Monies upon 1826 account had been actually received, Accounts rendered which on the 1st Jan[y] 1827 exhibited a Balance of Expenditure of Official year 1826-7 of £1,[illegible] after deducting a Balance of Receipt 1825-6 £1,[illegible]-11-8 shewn the Amount to be made up from the Public Treasury £[illegible]-11-8 and the Expenditure accounted for £[illegible] which I have explained & return it herewith dated the 29th Ultimo and the further communication had upon the subject by Lieutenant Brandreth entitled the sending up these accounts to Lieutenant Glennie, the conduct of the Commissariat at Ballaspoonan, and who was not bound in communication with me on the subject.

5. With reference to Para 5 of your letter under acknowledgment [illegible]

[illegible] Lieutenant Brandreth, a statement shewing the aggregate amount placed at the disposal of the Executive Officer, the amount stated upon that Statement & the balance remaining from the commencement of the month, to the 30th April 1827.

6. The account will show that the Abstract B which accompanied Major Lawford's letter dated 6th May last is correct and will obviate the necessity of further explanation of receipts stated to exist in my account in favour of Lieutenant Brandreth. We have no means whatever of attempting to reconcile the discrepancies which may occur in the accounts of the Executive Officer, the great difference which exists will be apparent from the Statement marked B.

7. The discrepancy noticed in Paragraph 4 arose from the Budget Statement which was prepared in October, shewing only an estimated prospective Expenditure to the 30th November. A larger expenditure was expected than actually took place. This Statement cannot be considered a legitimate mean of comparison or test of account.

8. Adverting to the closing part of Para 4 of your letter, and Para 10 I venture to solicit of you to relieve me from further connexion with the securing &c. of the Mundoor road expenditure and accounts.

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9. Lieutenant Almond was engaged with Volume at Ballaspennard till the Capt. Lieutenant Brown have written to one under date the 4th Instant Copy of which is suspended), that he will undertake their father recommended himself in his own Office which have been established at Commissioners point by, therefore this work have not been proceeded with and could not will be undertaken under the Circumstances. The accounts for, now in, & Malabadee require a degree of scrutiny as close and strict as that to which the Chittagong Duties accounts Exported, are under take the 4th Instant &c were subjected and the business of my Office has been so seriously retarded by the occupation of the numerous persons who have been obliged to devote their time to this duty, that I could not spare them further.

Rs 1190

Rs 1038

Figure 29 Establishment sanctioned for this Work

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Assigned 17 Publicans
Acting Collector

Enclosed to forward copy of the foregoing Letter No 1383, dated 21st August 1827 from the acting Collector of Backergunge for the information and Orders of Government, with an intimation that the District Establishments have been called on to submit the Statements &c

the Collector Mymensingh and Dacca Jalalpore accounts with the least practicable delay.

True Extract
A. Ross Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Enclosed the Statements &c

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Public Works 1857 Department
Com. 22d Sept. No. 1746

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Public 2d
Genl. 3d } 9th November 1857.

No. 98499

No. 8334/5

Forwarded, for information, copy of a letter from the acting Collector of Shahabad respecting the Boundaries and Revenue Charges of the Dehrich Engineer have been called upon to furnish the Statement of the Collection Guaranteed by Parliament and accounts

No. 7805
22d Sept. 1857
John Russell

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