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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 29th September 1857.

No. 47. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 14th September 1857, No. 3678.

Read the following letter from Captain F. H. RUNDALL, District Engineer Godavery Division; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp at Dowlaishwarum, 1st September 1857, No. 515.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward the enclosed documents received from Mr. G. Taylor, one of which has been already submitted direct to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and apparently returned to Mr. Taylor for the purpose of being re-transmitted through me.

2nd. It is scarcely needful to accompany the same with any remarks, as the correspondence quoted therein at length by Mr. Taylor explains itself, but it may be well for me to point out, that the delay experienced in the receipt of cash by Mr. Taylor was, owing to the irregular dates at which his indents for money were received, arising as it now appears to his not having been furnished with the Manual of Instructions. I am of course responsible for the omission, but I am under the full impression that a copy *was* despatched to him, for upon the receipt of the packet from Madras, the several copies were immediately circulated to the various Officers as far as they would go, and lithographed copies made of such portions of the Manual as applied to executive Officers, prepared for those for whom printed copies were not available.

3rd. I had as Mr. Taylor states, been in the habit of sending him drafts, together with my usual memo. that the amount of his indent had been placed with the Tahsildar, and had done so solely with a view to his convenience, as from his indents reaching me at irregular times, the month would probably pass over before the amount could be drawn, and so would have to be refunded to the Collector's Treasury, and have occasioned Mr. Taylor further disappointment.

4th. I however had no intimation from Mr. Taylor, that he had never received the Manual of Instructions, and can scarcely believe him to have been ignorant of the existence of the document, as I know him to have been in communication with other Officers in the District, who would probably have explained to him the causes of delay in the receipt of money, in which case, a simple representation of the Manual not having reached him would have overcome all difficulties. The reason of the draft not having been forwarded with my memo. of the 27th May, arose from my concluding, that as his indent for the amount required in the ensuing month was despatched so long in advance, that an indent for the actual cash would follow, not having the least idea that the Manual of Instructions had not reached Mr. Taylor.

5th. The length of time elapsing between the indent reaching the Collector, and the cash being supplied to the executive Officers was, for some time a matter of universal complaint, and originated in the fact I imagine of its being the busiest season of the year with the Collector, who was out on Jummabundy, and the consequent delay in the transmission of the requisite orders to the Hoozoor, and the conveyance of the money itself to the respective Talooks.

6th. Equal inconvenience to that experienced by Mr. Taylor was felt by many others, but they were able to understand the delays consequent on the working of a new system.

7th. As respects my returning Mr. Taylor's communications of the 8th and 11th Instant; I think the Government will agree with me, that they were not documents that could be admitted on record. The style of Mr. Taylor's correspondence is already well known to the Government, and as long as it was confined to matter purely official. I allowed it to pass, but the letter to which I replied on the 25th March last, was such, that I was obliged to inform Mr. Taylor, that as, long as the relative position assigned us by the Government existed. I could not consent to receive any more communications couched in similar language, rather therefore than represent the same to Government, and take up their time with such matters, more especially as Mr. Taylor's term of service was drawing to a close, I adopted the shorter course of returning his letters.

8th. As respects the wihtholding of important documents from Mr. Taylor, and his subsequent insinuation that I have refrained from transmitting his letters addressed to yourself. I trust it is scarce necessary for me to state, that such has not been the case.

9th. In conclusion, I could only beg to state, that so far from having thrown any obstacles in Mr. Taylor's way as he appears to think, I have on the contrary done all in my power to assist him, and perhaps have rather failed in my duty to the Government in having allowed him to pursue his own way for so long.

Resolved, to forward the accompanying original letter, and enclosure, from Mr. Taylor to the address of the Right Honorable the Governor, with a copy of the foregoing communication No. 515 of the 1st Instant, from the District Engineer Godavery Division.

Captain Rundall very appropriately observes, that as the correspondence quoted at length by Mr. Taylor explains itself, it is scarcely necessary that he should offer any remarks on it.

Mr. Taylor's connexion with the Public Works Department having ceased from the 1st Instant, the Chief Engineer does not suppose that any expression of his own opinion is required further, than to observe, that he considers Captain Rundall completely refutes all the charges advanced against him, and Colonel Faber regrets that Government should be troubled with the perusal of so voluminous and uninteresting a document as that which accompanies Mr. Taylor's letter.

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

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, No. 1833; dated 26th September 1857.

With the above Proceedings, the Chief Engineer forwards a letter from Mr. G. Taylor, Covenanted Civil Engineer, enclosing a statement of charges against Captain Rundall and his refutation of the same. The Government observe that if the Manual, the non submission of which by Captain Rundall forms one of the charges, was really not transmitted to Mr. Taylor it was from an accident, and the omission would have been supplied had Mr. Taylor represented its existence. Mr. Taylor's connection with the Public Works Department having now ceased, the Government consider it unnecessary to take further notice of the paper enclosed in his letter of the 21th Ultimo.

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

No. 56/8.

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

Under date the 14th September 1857.

Read the following

No. 515.

From Captain F. H. Rundall
Public Works Engineer Ga Divn

To
Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer & Secretary to Govt Public Works
Dept Fort Saint George

Dated 1st September 1857

Have the honor to forward the enclosed documents received from Mr G. Taylor, one of which has already been submitted direct to the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and is herewith returned to Mr. Taylor for the four sets of Diaries retransmitted therewith.

2nd. I am sorry to be necessitated to accompany the same with any remarks, as the Correspondence quoted therein at length by Mr. Taylor explains itself - but it may be well for me to point out, that the delay experienced in the receipt of Cash by Mr. Taylor was owing to the irregular date at which the indents for money were received, arising as it more especially did from his not having been furnished with the Manual of instructions - Sums of Cash were remitted for the enquiring Civil Servants under the full impression that as Cash was despatched therein for whom the receipt of the packet from Madras the several Chits were immediately

Enclosures
1 Letter from Mr G Taylor dated 24th Augt 57
1 Statement of Charges on the foregoing Letter dated 25th July 57

Circulated

circulated to the various Officers as far as they were fit, and lithographed Copies to be made at each Station of such annual as affected the Executive Officers, for the Boards formerly printed Copies were not available.

3d Such as Mr Taylor states, have in the practice of sending Drafts together with the Remarks, Reasons &c &c which Drafts, when returned, [illegible] Mr Taylor had done to the Collector, with a view to his convenience as regards the Indents, receiving such a return as these, the amounts varied, probably as the exigencies for the amount could be drawn, and he would have to apply to the Collector - Towers, and have recourse with Mr Taylor further discussion.

4th [illegible] the Collector, and which would [illegible] and Cash drawn - were in the Communications with the Officers in the District, who would probably have explained to him the causes of delay as the receipt of money, in many cases, a simple representation of the circumstances would have overcome the difficulties - The return of the Drafts unaccompanied with any Remarks which 2nd Mr Power, drew from me a correspondence, that has been for the reasons, to which on the occasion, which I related as long as necessary, the Collector, who would [illegible] the Accounts of Instructions [illegible]

5th The length of time elapsing between the Indent reaching the Collector, and the Cash being supplied to the Executive Officers was, for some time a Matter of universal Complaint, and originated in the fact I mentioned of its being the busiest season of the year with the Collector, who was out on Immunsabundy, and the Consequent delay in the transmission of the requisite Orders to the Moozoor, and the conveyance of the money itself to the respective Talooks.-

6th Such inconveniences to that experienced by Mr Taylor was felt by many others, but they were able to understand the delays consequent on the working of a new System. —

7th As respects my returning Mr Taylor the Communications of the 8th and 11th Instant, I think the Government will agree with me, that they were not documents that could be admitted on record - The Style of Mr Taylor's Correspondence is already well known to the Government, and as long as it was confined to matter purely Official - I allowed it to pass - but the letter to which I replied on the 25th March last, was such, that I was obliged to inform Mr Taylor, that as long as the relative position assigned us by the Government existed - I could not consent to receive any more Communications Couched in similar language, rather therefore than represent the same to Government, and take up their

their time with such matters, more especially as Mr. Taylor's time of service was drawing to a close, & adopted the shorter course of addressing his letter

Sir

to me with the withholding of any relative documents from Mr. Taylor, such his subsequent communication that I should be required from time to time letters addressed to yourself. I should receive

the case.—

Q. In consequence, I could only beg to state that so far from having known any objection until Captain was at his request to him, Colonel

done all in my power to assist him and to forward

to Government

Sir

Your obedt Servt

Chas. Fabers

Lieut. Colonel

Chief Engineer (S) Pr.

Dated Engineer Office Calcutta
the 1st October 1855.

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Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer (S) Pr.

Colonel Fabers
Chief Engineer

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the 1st October 1855.

Chief Engr. D. C.

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Public Works Dept

1833

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Dated Fort St. George the 21st September 1837

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of

the Chief Engineer.

Fort St. George 11th Septr 1837

No 6678

With the above

Proceedings the Chief

Engineer forwards a

Letter from Lt. J.

Taylor, Executive Civil

Engineer, enclosing a

Statement of Charges

against Captain Rundall and his reputation

of the same. The

Govr &c.

Gov! observe that if the manual, the non submission of which by Captain Randall forms one of the charges, was really not transmitted to Mr Taylor it was from an accident, and the omission would have been supplied Read Mr Taylor represented its existence. Mr Taylor's connection with the Public Works Department having now ceased, the Gov! considers it unnecessary to take further notice of the papers enclosed in his letter of the 2d ultimo.—

J E

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with the papers

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Ord. to Cons: 29th Sept.

No. 1833.

Extract Minr: of Cons:
Dated 26th Sept. 57.

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