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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 12th May 1857.

No. 49. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 20th April 1857, No. 11874.

SIR,

1. In explanation of the delay that has occurred in commencing the buildings for the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaisweram, I have the honor to state the following circumstances.

Extract from Proceedings No. 5803, dated 15th August 1856.
District Engineer Godavery Division letter No. 570, dated 26th September 1856
Extract from Proceedings No. 7297, dated 16th October 1856.
District Engineer Godavery Division letter No. 640, dated 25th October 1856.
Extract from Proceedings No. 7912, dated 8th November 1856.
Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners letter No. 123, dated 9th March 1857.
Extract from Proceedings No. 10962, dated 16th March 1857.
District Engineer Godavery Division letter No. 167, dated 28th March 1857.

2. The sanction of the Government of India to the Estimate of Rupees (47,028) forty-seven thousand, and twenty-eight, was conveyed in Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1405, dated 12th August 1856, and communicated to the Collector of Rajahmundry, and the District Engineer Godavery Division, with Extract from Proceedings No. 5803, of the 15th Idem.

3. In a letter No. 570, dated 26th September 1856, the District Engineer Godavery Division, requested to be informed, if the buildings were to be carried on under the Superintendence of his Department, or under that of the Officers with the Sappers and Miners, and also requested that he might be furnished with the Plans, and Estimates.

4. In reply to the above, in a letter No. 7297, dated 16th October 1856, the District Engineer was informed, that in accordance with the Manual of Instructions, funds on account of the buildings in question could only be drawn by him "as the Head of the Department, in Account "Current with the Chief Engineer," and that being the case, on the understanding that the responsibility of the work rested with him, I should be prepared to approve of any executive arrangements thatmight be suggested, and reported to the Central office, in communication with Captain Carpendale.

5. On the 25th October 1856, in a letter No. 640, the District Engineer reported, that Captain Carpendale had expressed a wish, that all his men should be employed in the construction of the new buildings, and requested that the Plans and Estimates might be forwarded.

6. In reply to the above, in Extract from Proceedings No. 7912, dated 8th November 1856, the District Engineer was informed, that the Plans, and Estimates had not been returned by Government, and it was suggested, that copies of them in the interim, should be furnished from his own office.

7. Four months subsequently, in a letter No. 123, dated 9th March 1857, the Commanding Officer of the Sappers and Miners, Lieutenant Winscom, requested to be informed, when the buildings were to be commenced, and in reply, in Extract from Proceedings No. 10962, dated 16th Idem, he was referred for information to the District Engineer, who it was supposed, no reply having been received to the reference that was made on the 8th November, had made the preliminary arrangements for the work.

8. It now appears from his letter No. 167, dated 28th Ultimo, that the District Engineer has done nothing, in consequence of the Plans, and Estimates not having been sent to him from the Central office.

9. Had the District Engineer on the receipt of Extract from Proceedings of the 8th November last, in which he was requested (although under an erroneous impression that the originals were in his office) to provide copies of the Plans and Estimates, declared his inability to do so, the delay that has occurred would have been avoided.

10. With the foregoing explanation, I have now the honor to request, that the Plans in question which are still in the Government Office may be returned.

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, No. 895; dated 9th May 1857.

The Government cannot but regard with dissatisfaction the delay that has been allowed to occur in commencing the buildings for the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaisweram, which were

ordered so far back as 12th September 1856. Much of this delay would have been avoided, had the District Engineer Godavery Division informed the Chief Engineer, that the plans of which he had been requested to supply copies to the Commandant of the Corps, had not been originally prepared in his office. It is observed that the plan and estimate sent up by the Chief Engineer for these works on the 3rd September 1855, were submitted to the Government of India on the 6th Idem, and retained by them for consideration in connection with the rest of the Budget for 1856-57, as intimated in their letter of 2nd November 1855. An application will this day be made to the Government of India to return the documents in question; and they will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer as soon as received.

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

No. 51. Ordered in consequence that the following letter be despatched.

From H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government of Fort St. George, to Lieutenant Colonel W. E. BAKER, Secretary to the Government of India, D. P. W., dated 9th May 1857, No. 896.

SIR,

I am directed to request that you will be so good as to return the plan and estimate for the buildings for the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaisweram, submitted to the Government of India with Colonel Marshall's letter of 6th September 1855, No. 2506, which, as intimated in Captain C. H. Dicken's letter of 2nd November 1855, No. 2289 were retained for consideration, and have not been since returned. The estimate for the work in question was sanctioned by the Supreme Government in para. 34 of your letter, dated 11th July 1856, No. 3173; but the work cannot be commenced until the plan and estimate are returned.

No. 5803

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

Under date the 15 August 1856.

Read the following Extract Minutes of Consultation.

Communicating the orders of the Govt of India on the Projections included in the Budget of this Presidency for the current official year.

(Here Enter 12 August 1856 No 1405.)

Resolved, that a printed copy of the foregoing Order of Government No 1405 dated 12th Instant be circulated to all Collectors, Civil Superintending District Engineers, and the Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal for their information and guidance, and with a request that the information called for may be supplied as soon as possible.

(Sd) C. E. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

District Engineers Dept & G Dn

From No 570 26 September 1856.

Captain T. H. Rundall
District Engineer Godg Divn

To Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
Fort St. George

"Public"

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes of Consultation dated 15 Instant desiring certain works contained in Budget for 1856/57 to be carried on, I have the honor to request you

you will inform me if the Buildings for the Sappers and Miners are to be carried on under the Superintendence of my Department, or under that of the Officer with the Sappers and Miners.

2nd. It would afford a good opportunity for the Infantry Officers attached to the Sappers to learn practically the art of building, and the work would therefore be better directed by the Engineer Officers with the Corps, while at the same time it would save my detaining an Officer for the special duty.

3d. I find from Captain Carpendale that the Plans and Estimates were prepared in the Central Office, and that he has as yet received no copies. I shall feel obliged by your supplying me with them, unless you should approve of my suggestion, and transfer the Executive duty to the Sappers.

Have &c.

Rajahmundry Dist.
Camp Dowlaiswaram
26th September 1836.

(Sd) J. H. Rundall Captn
Dist. Engineer Gody. Dn.

No 7297

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George 16 October 1836.

From

The Acting Superintending Engineer
Northern Circle

To

The District Engineer
Godavery Division.

Sir,

1. In reply to your letter, No. 570. of the 26 Ulto, I have the honor by desire of the Chief Engineer to

to inform you that in accordance with the Manual of Instructions, funds on account of the building in question, can only be drawn by you as the Head of the District, in A/C with the Chief Engineer.

2. This being the case and on the understanding that the responsibility of the work rests with you, the Chief Engineer will be prepared to approve of any Executive arrangements Captain Carpendale and you may suggest, and report to the Central Office.

Have &c.

(Sd) C. C. Johnstone Capt.
A.D. Sup. Engr. Circle

No 640

District Engineer's Office G.D.
25th October 1836.

From

Captain J. H. Rundall
District Engineer Gody. Dn.

To

Colonel C. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Sir,

"Public"

With reference to the letter of the Superintending Engineer Northern Circle No 7297, dated 16 Instant, I have the honor to state, that on communicating with Captain Carpendale, that Officer has expressed a wish, that all his men should have the opportunity of being employed in the construction of the new Buildings; and for that purpose, he would arrange to have an Officer always on the work, while the

he himself would be at hand to overlook the operations.

2d. As this will be an excellent opportunity for the Sappers, both European and Native, acquiring a good deal of knowledge in the different parts of the construction of buildings - I trust it will meet with your approbation, and that you will have the goodness to forward me the Plans and Estimates, that the preparation of the materials may be at once entered upon.-

I have &c.
Rajahmundry District / S/ of J. R. Rundall Capt.
Camp Dowlaiswerum / 25th October 1836. / District Engineer Godavery Div.

No 7913

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

Under date the 8th November 1836.

Read the following letter from the District Engineer Godavery Division

(Here Enter 25 October 1836 No. 640)

Resolved, to inform Captain Rundall, District Engineer Godavery Division, that the Plans and Estimate for constructing Buildings for the Head Quarters of the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaiswerum, have not been returned by Government, and the Chief Engineer suggests, that copies of them in the interim, should be furnished from his Office.- / A true Extract /

To the District Engineer / Godavery Division / I S/ C. C. Johnston Capt.
A.G. Supt. Engr. Circle

No 123

To The Chief Engineer
Department of Public Works
Fort St George

Sir.

I have the honor to request information as to when the permanent Barracks (lately sanctioned) for the Europeans, the Store room, and other public Buildings for the Corps of Sappers and Miners are likely to be commenced.- The temporary buildings which are now used are in a very dilapidated state and if not immediately to be replaced by the permanent ones, will need extensive repairs before the rains begin. May I therefore request an answer at your early leisure.-

I have &c.
Dowlaiswerum / 9th March 1837. / I S/ Geo. A. Maisconm Lieut.
Comng Sappers & Miners.

No 10902

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

Under date the 16th March 1837.

Read the following letter from the Officer Commanding Sappers & Miners

(Here Enter 9 March 1837 No. 123)

Resolved, to request the Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners to communicate with Captain Rundall, District Engineer Rajahmundry, regarding the Buildings alluded to in the foregoing.

foregoing letter.-

(A true Extract)

/Sd/ C.C. Thurston Captain

A.D. Supt. Engineer N. Circle

To

The Officer Commanding
Sappers and Miners.-

No 167

District Engineers Office Gh.
28th March 1837.

From

Captain J.H. Rundall
District Engineer Lodz Dn.

To

Colonel C.C. Faber
Chief Engineer D. R.W.P.

Sir.

The Officer Commanding Sappers and Miners having forwarded me your letter, de: "Public"
siring him to communicate with me regarding the Plans and Estimates of the new Barracks at this place, I have the honor to bring to your recollection my letter of 26th September 1836, requesting that the Plans and Estimates might be furnished me, and your reply stating what I understood to mean, that they should be despatched from your Office.- It has only just occurred to me that you might have thought that the Plans had been originally framed by myself, and that I have therefore copies of the same in my Office- but would beg to remind you, that I have never yet seen either Plans or Estimates, and was given to understand by the late Commandant, that they had been framed in the Central Office. I would therefore solicit copies may be furnished me as soon as possible, for the working season is far advanced, and I fear much progress cannot be made before the setting in of the rains.-

Dist: Engrs Office Lodz Dn
Camp at Dowlaisweram
28th March 1837.

I have &c.
/Sd/ J.H. Rundall Capt:
District Engineer Lodz Dn.

/True Copies/

Ed Faber Colonel
Chief Engineers
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No. 895 Public Works Depart.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultations

Under date the 9th May 1857.

Read the following

Letter from the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 20th April 1857 No. 1187.)

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he had been requested to supply

Copies to the Commandant of

the Corps, had not been origin-

-nally prepared in his Office.

It is observed that

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Enclosure in a Letter from
the Chief Engineer
to the Secretary Govt
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Dated 3 April 1857.
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Copies of Cor-
respondence relative to
the delay of the Buildings
for the Sappers and Miners
at Dowlaisweram in the
Rajahmundry District.

The plan and estimate sent up by the Chief Engineer for these works on the 3d September 1855, were submitted to the Government of India on the 6th Idem, and retained by them for consideration in connection with the rest of the Budget for 1856/57, as intimated in their letter of 2d November 1855. An application will this day be made to the Government of India to return the documents in question; and they will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer as soon as received.

J. D. L.

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Intimating that an application will be made to the Government of India to return the plan and estimate of the buildings for the Sappers and Miners at Dowlaiswaram in the Rajahmundry District and that they will be forwarded to the Chief Engineer as soons received.

No 249 & 50

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