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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 19th May 1857.

No. 78. Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 30th April 1857.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General; to Colonel C. A. BROWNE, Secretary to Government, Military Department, Fort Saint George, dated 29th April 1857, No. 73.

SIR,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, and at the express request of Major Campbell in charge of the Remount Department at Oossoor, copies of correspondence* which has passed between Major Campbell and the District Engineer of Salem.

* Dated 22nd April 1857, No. 1.

2. As this correspondence offers of itself the means of coming to a decision on its merits, I have restricted myself to forwarding it without a comment.

Letter from Major J. CAMPBELL, Assistant Commissary General; to Lieutenant Colonel A. McCALLY, Commissary General, dated Oossoor, 22nd April 1857, No. 917.

SIR,

I have the honor to forward copies of correspondence* between Lieutenant Gahagan District Engineer of Salem and myself regarding the new sick stable now building here and beg to request you will be so good as to lay the same before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

* Copy of letter from Major Campbell to the District Engineer of Salem, dated 28th March 1857.
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Gahagan, to Major Campbell Assistant Commissary General, dated 31st March 1857.
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Gahagan to Major Campbell, dated 8th April 1857.
Copy of letter from Lieutenant Gahagan, to C. Balasoondrum Moodelly Actg. Asst. Engineer, dated 8th April 1857.
Copy of letter from Major Campbell Asst. Commissary General to Lieut. Gahagan District Engineer of Salem, dated 21st April 1857.

I cannot but consider the District Engineer's letter to me, as well as the one addressed by him to his Subordinate wanting in courtesy to myself, I only did my duty in reporting to him the mistakes of his Assistant in building the stable wall, and which cannot be construed into interference or issuing orders I presume.

Letter from Major J. CAMPBELL, Assistant Commissary General; to the Executive Engineer of Salem, dated Oossoor, 28th March 1857, No. 861.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that the Native Officiating Assistant Executive Engineer who is in charge of the Sick stables now building at this Depôt has made a mistake in laying the foundation down, and to correct which, he has built the brick wall on one side of the foundation leaving about 12 inches of the stone foundation projecting into the stalls, in consequence of this it will be impossible to lay the wooden blocks down for securing the horses' heads in the proper place close to the wall, the rings of the blocks will now be about one and a half foot from the wall, which will never answer, as the horses will be continually injuring themselves by getting their feet between the block and the wall, and I do not know how this mistake can be rectified, for if the stone foundation is dug up now to admit the blocks, the wall will be injured.

He has also built the brick wall crooked in several places, which he has now discovered, and is now patching up the crooked parts to make the wall look even, but I am convinced this patch work will not stand, and as it is of great importance that an expensive building of this description should be substantial, I consider it my duty to bring the above to your notice at once to enable you to rectify the same in time.

An early reply is requested.

Letter from Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem ; to Major J. CAMPBELL, Assistant Commissary General in charge of the Remount Depôt, Oossoor, dated 31st March 1857, No. 646.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 861 of the 28th Instant, (subject as per margin), and to inform you, that a copy of your letter has this day been forwarded to the Acting Assistant Engineer in charge of the 1st Division of this District, with instructions to take immediate measures for rectifying the mistakes in question.

Bringing to the notice of the District Engineer of Salem, certain mistakes which have been made in the construction of the new sick stables at Oossoor.

Letter from Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem ; to Major J. CAMPBELL, Assistant Commissary General in charge of the Remount Depôt, Oossoor, dated Salem, 8th April 1857, No. 663.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, that I have this day received a letter No. 66 of the 6th Instant from the Acting Assistant Engineer in charge of the 1st Division of this District, complaining of the interference exercised not only by you, but also by one of your Subordinates, (Mr. Farmer), in the work now being carried on by him at the Remount Depôt, and stating that Mr. Farmer has actually issued orders to the Maistry and other persons employed on the work, without his sanction or knowledge.

2. I have the honor to point out to you the extreme impropriety of any such interference; more especially when exercised towards an Officer of ability and experience as the Acting Assistant Engineer Balasoondrum Modelliar, is well known in the Department to be and request that it may be put a stop to.

3. Representations or suggestions from yourself addressed to the Acting Assistant Engineer or to me will meet with prompt attention, but I cannot allow orders or instructions to be issued by unauthorized persons on any work, for the due performance of which I am responsible.

4. I have accordingly instructed the Acting Assistant Engineer to stop the works immediately, in the event of his experiencing any further interference or disrespect.

Letter from Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem ; to C. BALASOONDRUM Modelly, Acting Assistant Engineer in charge of the 1st Division, Salem District, dated 8th April 1857, No. 664.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter Nos. 65 and 66 of the 6th Instant (complaining of the interference which has been exercised towards you in the construction of the new stables at Oossoor on the part of the Assistant Commissary General, and one of his subordinates, and forwarding an original Tamil letter to your address on the same subject, from the Goomastah who was placed in charge of the work by you) and in reply to forward a copy of my letter No. 663 of the 8th Instant to the Assistant Commissary General in charge of the Remount Depôt, in which I have requested him to put a stop to this interference.

2. I have the honor to request that in the event of your experiencing any further interference or disrespectful treatment, you will *at once stop the work*, and report the circumstance to me.

3. Any suggestions addressed to you in a proper manner by the Assistant Commissary General himself, should of course be promptly attended to.

Letter from Major CAMPBELL, Assistant Commissary General Remount Depôt ; to Lieutenant T. E. GAHAGAN, District Engineer of Salem, dated Oossoor, 21st April 1857, No. 916.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter together with copy of one* from yourself to the Acting Assistant Engineer, in which you state that the Acting Assistant Engineer and his Goomastah complain, that I as well as Staff Serjeant Farmer interfered in the work and issued orders to them, I have the honor to inform you that there is not the slightest truth or foundation for such a complaint. Staff Serjeant Farmer or myself have never interfered with the work in any way, or issued orders of any kind. When I was absent last month on duty at Madras, Staff Serjeant Farmer noticed that the stable wall was uneven in several places (the wall was not commenced when I left for Madras) and that they were filling up the uneven parts with chunam, he remarked this to the man in charge and said he did not think that such patch work would stand, and that he should report the circumstance to me.

*Dated 8th April 1857.
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On my return from Madras on the 24th Ultimo, Staff Serjeant Farmer, made his report to me, I inspected the wall and found his report to be quite correct, I asked the man in charge of the building, who had laid down the wall uneven, he replied, it was the cooly maistry. I told him I was certain Government never expected an expensive building of this description should be entrusted to a cooly maistry, and that I should report the matter to you, which I did in my letter.

Dated 28th March 1857.

Your Assistant Engineer's counter complaint, is quite in keeping with the native character, nothing more or less, than an endeavour to take the blame off his own shoulders.

I beg to inform you that, that part of the foundation projecting inside the stable wall alluded to in my letter, is of no consequence, as they are now fixing the blocks for the rings in the wall, but as I think the crooked wall and patch work unusual in public buildings and your letter under reply wanting in courtesy to me. I shall forward a copy of the whole correspondence to Head Quarters.

Dated 28th March 1857.

Had you visited the work yourself at any time I am sure all this unpleasantness would not have occurred.

Referred to Department of Public Works.

(Signed) H. MARSHALL, Lieut.-Colonel,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, No. 959; dated 19th May 1857.

Ordered to be communicated to the Chief Engineer with a request that he will call on the District Engineer of Salem to furnish an explanation on the complaint preferred by the Assistant Commissary General in charge of the Remount Depôt at Oossoor in connection with the stables under construction for sick horses at that station.

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

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 30th April 1859.

Read the following letter.

Commissary Genl's Office

Madras 29th April 1859.

No. 73.

From The Commissary General

To

The Secretary to Government

Military Department

Fort Saint George.

Sir,

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2. As this correspondence offers of itself the means of coming to a decision on its merits, I have restricted myself to forwarding it without a comment.

I have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) A. McCally Lieut Col.
Comg. General.

Referred to Department of Public Works.

(Signed) H. Marshall Lieut Col.
Dy. Secretary to Govt.

To The Department of Public Works

To

Edward Smith

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Referring to 20th the correspondence which has passed between Major Campbell and the District Engr of Salem.

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Fort St George 19th May 1857

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