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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.

No. 10. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 19th June 1857, No. 1365.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation of the 29th August last, No. 1542 para. 6, I have the honor to report that the only Statement of unpassed expenditure still due is from the Collector of North Arcot, from whom the accompanying letter received in this office on the 11th Ultimo, is submitted for the information of Government. The revised Statement from the Salem District, shewn in the Tabular report for the month ending 31st March last, to be wanting, was received on the 26th Ultimo.

2. Of the Districts noted in the margin, against each of which the remark "revision required" was entered in the Tabular Statement above referred to, as respects the Account Current for May 1856 that of Cuddapah was exempted from that requirement as reported in my letter of the 13th Ultimo, No. 276, and it now remains to be stated that during the last month Progress reports have been furnished only from the two latter Districts corresponding with the respective Accounts Current, and consequently cancelling the requirement noted in the remark against each of them.

3. The correctness of the Accounts Current from Ganjam and Nellore for May 1856, is still questionable. The correspondence relative to the revisions required to the former was forwarded to Government, (before whom it still remains,) in letter of the 8th April last No. 11676. Since that date the Collector of Ganjam, has submitted to this office, with his letter, dated 23rd April 1857, No. 183, revised Progress reports, and Accounts Current from the *District Engineer*, with a Statement exhibiting the differences between them and those furnished to him by Major Birdwood, late in charge of the District, stating at the same time that fresh Accounts were under preparation in his office, which he would submit as soon as they were ready. Up to this date they have not been received in the Central office.

4. The Collector of Nellore was twice addressed viz. on the 8th April, and 26th May last, relative to the difference found to exist between the Account Current, and the Progress report, and he was also requested on both occasions to submit the particulars of expenditure required to be attached to the Accounts Current from the month of *August* last, which he had omitted to do. With reference to the latter I beg to observe that much inconvenience is experienced by the Central office for the want of those particulars, and this want interferes very materially with the speedy preparation of the journals which are just now in a state of advancement as respects the Accounts Current from the *other* Districts.

No. 11. ORDER THEREON, No. 1280; dated 1st July 1857.

The Government observe that the delay in the submission of the Statement of unpassed expenditure for North Arcot is attributed to the non-receipt by the Collector of a Statement called for from the District Engineer on the 16th February 1857. The Chief Engineer will direct Lieutenant Mayne to lose no time in rendering the Collector's Goomastah deputed to his office all the assistance required in that Officer's communication dated 6th May, No. 120.

2. The Account Current of the Collector of Ganjam appears to have been very often returned for revision, and the necessity for this is not creditable to his office.

3. The Collector of Nellore has apparently taken no notice of the communication from the Central office dated 8th April and 26th May last, relative to the difference found to exist between the Account Current and the Progress report.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council cannot but express his great displeasure at the delay on the part of the Collectors of Ganjam and Nellore in finally revising the Account Current for may 1856, still due although more than a year has elapsed. These documents should be submitted by them within one week from the date of this order reaching those Officers, and any further delay on their part should be brought to the special notice of Government.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th July 1857.

5. With reference to Colonel Faber's remark that his letter dated 8th April No. 11676 "still remains" before Government, they observe that there was nothing in that communication that required reply.

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

Central Office 19th June 1857.

No. 1365.

From

Colonel C.E. Faber
Chief Engineer

To,

H. Forbes Esqre
Secretary to Government &c &c &c.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes
Consultations of the 29th August last & No. 1542 para 6,
I have the honor to report that the only Statement of
unpaid Expenditure still due is from the Collector of
South Arcot, from whom the accompanying letter
received in this Office on the 11th ultimo, is submitted for the
information of Government. The revised Statements from
the Salem District, shown in the Tabular Report for the
Month ending 31st March last, to be wanting, was
received on the 26th ultimo. —

N.B. Letter 7th May 1857

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2 Of the Districts noted in the Margin,
against each of which the remark "revision required"
was entered in the Tabular Statement above, Expired to
as regards the Accounts Current for May 1856 that of
Cuddapah was exempted from that requirement at
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reported in my letter of the 13th ultimo & No 276, and it now remains to be stated that during the last month 1,200 Progress Reports have been forwarded only from the two latter Districts corresponding with the Abstract Accounts-Current and consequently one-eighth of the requirement called in the annexed Memorandum of them. —

3 The receipt of the Accounts Current from Gunjam, and Office for May 1856 is still questionable. The correspondence relative to the omission required to the former was forwarded to Government (before whom it still remains) in letter of the 9th August last & No 1696. Since that date the Collector of Gunjam has submitted to this Office, with his letter dated 23rd April 1857, & No 183, revised Progress Reports and Accounts Current from the District Engineer with a Statement exhibiting the differences between them and those furnished to him by Major Bidwell late in charge of the District, stating at the same time that fresh Accounts were under preparation in his Office which he would submit as soon as they were ready. But to this date they have not been received in the Central Office. —

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4 The Collector of Nellore was twice addressed on the 8th April and 26th May last, relative to the differences found to exist between the Account Current and the Progress Report, and he was also requested on both occasions to submit the particulars of Expenditure required to be attached to the Accounts Current from the Month of August last, which he has omitted to do. With reference to the latter I beg to observe that much inconvenience is experienced by the Central Office for the want of those particulars, and the want interferes very materially with the speedy preparation of the Journals which are just now in a state of advancement as respects the Accounts Current from the other Districts. —

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Central Office 19th
Fort Saint George
19th June 1857.

Alex Taylor Colonel
Chief Engineer

Examined by C. Pitchaimuthoo Esq

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Public Works Dept

No 1280

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 1st July 1857.

Read the following

letter from the Chief

Engineer.

Here enter 19th June 1857 No 1365

The Government observe that the delay in the submission of the Statement of unpaid Expenditure for North Arcot is attributed to the non receipt by the Collector of a state-ment called for from the

the District Engineer
on the 16. February 1857.
The Chief Engineer will
direct Lieutenant Mayne
to lose no time in revi-
-sing the Collectors'
Gomastahs deputed to
his Office all the assistance
required in that Of-
-ficers communication
dated 6th Ultimo, No. 120.

2 The Account
Current of the Collector
of Ganjam appears
to have been very often
returned for revision,
solely the necessity
for which is not
to be attributable to
his Office.

3. The Collector

of

of Nellore has appa-
-rently taken no notice
of the communication
from the Central
Office dated 8. April
and 26. May last,
relative to the difference
found to exist between
the Account Current
and the Progress re-
-port.

4. The Right
Honorable the Governor
in Council commands
that the expressed his great dis-
-pleasure at the
delay on the part of
the Collectors of Ganjam
and Nellore in
finally revising
the Account Current
for

still due
for May 1856 although rough
more than a year has
elapsed. The documents
should be submitted
by them within one
week from the date
of this order recall-
-ing those Officers,
and any further
delay on their part
should be brought
to the special notice
of Government.

5. With reference
to Colonel Taber's re-
-mark that his letter
dated 8th April No 1676
"still remains" before
Government, they
observe that there was
nothing in that
communication

communication that
required reply.

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Public Works 1857 Dept.
Do to Cons: 7th July.

No. 1280.

Extract Mins. of Cons:
Dy 1st July 57.

Observing that the delay in the submission of the State=ment of unpassed expendi=ture for North Arcot, is attribut=ed to the non-receipt by the Coll.r of a Statement called for from the District Engr. & ex=pressing displeasure at the delay on the part of the Coll.rs of Ganjam & Nellore, in finally revising the Account Current for May 1856

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