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Read the following letters.

No. 20. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 24th April 1857, No. 12050.

SIR,

1. In Extract Minutes of Consultation No. 1938, dated 22nd October 1856, Government in para. 3, authorised the purchase at the contract price, of the quantity of timber about 45 or 50,000 Cubic feet,* which would remain over on the completion of the work in progress at the Bellary Barracks, and requested me to report the exact quantity of the surplus timber, and the amount which will have to be disbursed in its purchase.

* Chief Engineer's Letter No. 5444, dated 1st August 1856.

2. It was further directed that on the purchase being completed, the timber was to be taken charge of by the District Engineer, who was to render a half yearly account of the stock, debiting each work with the cost price of the timber issued, and crediting timber with the cash refunded.

3. In para. 4 of the same order, Government desired an explanation of the circumstances, under which so large a quantity of timber was so pressingly applied for, from the Mysore authorities, in excess of what was actually required.

4. The foregoing Order was communicated to the Collector, and District Engineer of Bellary, and to the Officer in charge of Military Buildings in the Ceded Districts, (with Extract from Proceedings No. 7613, dated 29th October 1856,) with a request that the information called for might be supplied.

5. With a letter No. 453, dated 22nd December 1856, the District Engineer forwarded a memorandum from Captain Barrow, the Officer in charge of Military Buildings at Bellary, of the quantity of surplus timber, altogether 1800 beams, or about 43000 Cubic feet, and stated, that Chedumbrum Moodeliar, the Toombuddra Channel Superintendent, had been ordered to take charge of the same, and to store it at Wallabapoor.

6. The District Engineer in his present letter No. 251, dated 21st Ultimo, requests, that funds may be placed at his disposal for the purchase of the Surplus timber, as shewn in Captain Barrow's memorandum referred to in para. 5. The cost being as follows.

	Rs.	A.	P.
43,000 Cubic feet at the contract price of 13 annas ₱ Cubic feet if delivered at Bellary	34,937	8	0
or 43,000 Cubic feet at 10 annas ₱ Cubic feet if delivered at Wallabapoor.	26,875	0	0

7. It appears that the contractors have already advanced Rupees 15,000 for the timber, but that as yet they have only delivered at Wallabapoor 30 teak wood, and 50 red wood beams, containing Cubic feet 1790-10 as shewn in the memorandum which accompanies the District Engineer's letter.

8. The cost of the 1790-10 Cubic feet of timber delivered, would @ 10 annas ₱ Cubic feet be Rupees 1118-15-8 and I consider that at present the payment of this amount only, should be made by the District Engineer, the remainder to be paid for as received in quantities, of not less value than Rupees 1000.

9. I further consider that the whole of the timber should be delivered at Wallabapoor, but on this point, the District Engineer will be requested to give his opinion, and that Officer, as well as the Collector, will be again requested to furnish an explanation of the circumstances under which so large a quantity of timber was applied for from the Mysore authorities, in excess of what was actually required.

10. In consequence of the delay that has already occurred in replying to the order of Government of the 22nd October last, No. 1938 I consider it advisable not to delay the information now afforded respecting the quantity, and cost of the surplus timber.

11. It need scarcely be brought to the notice of Government, that if the new Military Hospital sanctioned by the Government of India in List No. 1 of Budget 1856-57 in their letter of the 11th July 1856, had been carried into execution, this timber would have been immediately applied to that fine structure for the early execution of which so large a supply on hand offers great inducement.

No. 21. From Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 29th May 1857, No. 773.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter, No. 12050, dated 24th April 1857, I have the honor to state that, as explained* by Supervisor Portor, in charge of the Military Buildings at Bellary, the large excess in the quantity of timber procured from Mysore, was occasioned by application having been made to cut 3,000 *logs*, instead of 32,000 *Cubic feet* and in the Extract from Captain Barrow's letter to the District Engineer, it is further observed, that logs formerly furnished from the Mysore jungles, usually cut up into about 5 or 6 rafters only, whereas those now furnished, have cut up into from 10 to 12 each.

* Letter No. 146, 1st May 1857

2. The foregoing explanation is all that is likely to be obtained, as the Collector of Bellary states, that no correspondence regarding the timber has passed through his office.

3. The construction of the new European Hospital having been postponed, I would suggest, that the whole of the surplus timber be stored at Wallabapore, to be paid for as suggested in my letter of the 24th April last, and that authority be given for using it for the general purposes of the District. If the timber is to be so used, the District Engineer reports, that Wullabapore, will be as good a place as any other for storing it.

43,000 cubic feet at Rupees 26,875.

4. The Chief Engineer cannot however forbear remarking, that the Storage of so large a quantity of fine timber, seems in itself to constitute a reason for promptly carrying out the sanction for the new European Hospital at Bellary, conveyed in para. 36 of Colonel Baker's despatch No. 3173, of 11th July 1856.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, No. 1285; dated 2nd July 1857.

In authorizing the purchase of the surplus timber remaining, after the completion of the work at the Bellary Barracks, the Government in Extract Minutes of Consultation 22nd October last, called upon the Chief Engineer to report the exact quantity of the surplus, and the amount that would have to be disbursed. The reason why so much timber was urgently applied for from Mysore, in excess of actual requirements, was demanded at the same time. The latter enquiry was apparently met by Captain Barrow's letter* to the Civil Engineer of Bellary, submitted to Government with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 2nd December last, No. 8546, in para. 3 of which the Executive Officer stated, that the logs latterly supplied yielded just twice the quantity of wood, that the logs usually supplied had turned out, but Colonel Faber appears to have overlooked this correspondence, and called for the information from the local Officers, and in the second letter above recorded, he again submits the same particulars regarding the application for timber in excess of the actual requirements as were already furnished in Captain Barrow's letter above referred to.

* Dated 6th November 1856, No. 82.

2. In his first letter, the Chief Engineer reports that the surplus quantity amounts to 43,000 cubic feet, which would cost Rupees 34,937-8 if delivered at Bellary, or Rupees 26,875, if delivered at Wallabapoor; but that of all this quantity, only 1,790-10 cubic feet of teak and red wood have been brought by the contractors into the store yard at Wallabapoor, the cost of which at the contract price of 10 annas the cubic foot, is Rupees 1,118-15-8.

3. The Government were induced to authorize the purchase of this large quantity of timber, on the urgent representation of the Chief Engineer in his letter of the 1st August 1856, No. 5444, that it was very difficult to procure well seasoned teak; that there were extensive buildings remaining to be executed in Bellary, for which large quantities of timber were indispensably necessary; and that the contractors were anxious to keep the wood to themselves, and

sell it on their own account. On a review, moreover, of the correspondence subsequently submitted for their information, the Government observed that the contractors were permitted to cut the timber free in the Mysore jungles, at the intervention of the Executive Officer at Bellary, and exclusively for the Government buildings; and this additional circumstance confirmed their determination to reserve the surplus timber for the public use. Having thus authorized the purchase of the wood, the Government are not disposed to go back from the permission they have already accorded, even though at the present moment they do not see any prospect of the timber being brought into immediate use. Agreeably therefore to the Chief Engineer's recommendation, the timber will be purchased and stored at Wallabapoor; and the Collector of Bellary will be authorized to disburse to the District Engineer to the extent of (26,875) twenty-six thousand, eight hundred and sventy-five Rupees, stated to be the cost of the whole quantity at the contract price of 10 annas the cubic foot. Instead however of disbursing the whole sum at once, or in large payments in the shape of advances for timber yet to be brought, the Collector will only pay for such supplies of the wood, as the District Engineer reports to have been actually received into his yard at Wallabapoor; debiting it to the head "advance for the purchase of teak timber in Bellary District." The amount that may be realized by the issue of timber to the various works will be remitted by the District Engineer to the Collector after the close of every month to be carried to the credit of the head above mentioned.

4. The Government observe that the Chief Engineer refers to the Hospital project, which has now been deferred, as having promised an immediate prospect of bringing the timber into use; but it can hardly be supposed that this was the only structure to which the Chief Engineer alluded in his letter of the 1st August last, in stating that there were extensive buildings still to be erected in Bellary. Colonel Faber will be good enough to report to what other buildings he then referred, and whether any part of this timber might not be made available for works in the adjoining District of Cuddapah, at a small cost in carriage. If this is not practicable, or expedient, the timber will be stored under the charge of the District Engineer of Bellary, and will be so held in store until it is required for the projected hospital or other building in that district. It is hardly necessary to observe that the Government expect that the District Engineer will take care that the contractors bring in no more wood than that they have already cut down in the Mysore jungle, even if that quantity be less than the 43,000 cubic feet the purchase of which is now authorized; and that this order is not to be made use of by them, as sanctioning the cutting of any more timber.

5. If Colonel Faber should find that the large quantity of wood now ordered is not likely to be required for any works in the course of the next two or three years, he will be good enough to consider and state whether it will not be advisable to purchase only such a quantity of the timber as is likely to be consumed in that time, and to allow the contractors to keep the remainder to themselves, as appears to be their desire. The Government think that it is undesirable to keep a large quantity in store without any prospect of its immediate use, as it may become useless. With reference to the Quarter Master General's letter, dated 17th November 1856, communicated with the Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department, dated 18th Idem, recommending the postponement of the erection of the new European Hospital at Bellary for which an estimate of Rupees 82,330, was sanctioned by the Government of India on the 11th July 1856, His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief will be requested through the Military Department to give his opinion whether the Hospital in question will ever be required, and if so, at what probable time, as the necessity of keeping a large quantity of timber in store materially depends upon the disposal of this question.

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

Central Office of P.W.
No. 12050 Fort St George 24 April 1857.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department.

Sir

"Public" Plant.

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x Chief Engineer's Letter No. 6444, dated 1st August 1856.

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1 Brigt Letter from the Coll. Engr Bellary d/ 21 March '57. with 2 Memorandum

2.- It was further directed, that on the purchase being completed, the timber was to be taken charge of by the District Engineer, who was to render a half yearly account of the stock, debiting each work with the cost price of the timber issued, and crediting timber with the Cash refunded.

3.- In para: 4 of the same Order, Government desired an explanation of the circumstances under which so large a quantity of timber was so pressingly applied for, from the Mysore authorities, in excess of what was actually required.

4.- The foregoing Order was communicated to the Collector, and District Engineer of Bellary, and to the Officer in charge

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of Military Buildings in the Ceded Districts, (with Extract from Proceedings No 7613, dated 29 October 1836.) with a request that the information called for might be supplied.-

5.- With a letter No 453, dated 22d December 1836, the District Engineer forwarded a Memorandum from Captain Darrow, the Officer in charge of Military Buildings at Bellary, of the quantity of surplus timber, altogether 1800 beams or about 43000 Cubic feet, and stated, that Chedumbrum Moodeliar, the Toombudra Channel Superintendent, had been ordered to take charge of the same, and to store it at Wallabapoor.-

6.- The District Engineer in his present letter No 254, dated 21st ultimo, requests, that funds may be placed at his disposal for the purchase of the surplus timber, as shewn in Captain Darrow's Memorandum referred to in para: 5.- The Cost being as follows.-

43000 Cub: ft: at the contract price of 13 Annas ₹ Cub: ft: if delivered at Bellary. ——— Rs 34,937-8-.

or 43000 Cub: ft: at 10 Annas ₹ Cub ft: if delivered at Wallabapoor ——— " 26875-.-.

7.- It appears that the Contractors have already advanced Rupees 15,000 for the timber, but that as yet they have only delivered at Wallabapoor 30 teak wood, and 50 redwood beams, containing Cub: ft: 1790-10- as shewn in the Memorandum which accompanies the District Engineer's letter.-

8.- The cost of the 1790-10- Cub: ft: of timber delivered

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9.- I further consider that the whole of the timber should be delivered at Wallabapoor but on this point, the District Engineer will be requested to give his opinion, and that Officer, as well as the Collector, will be again requested to furnish an explanation of the circumstances under which so large a quantity of timber was applied for from the Mysore Authorities, in excess of what was actually required.-

10.- In consequence of the delay that has already occurred in replying to the Order of Government of the 22d October last, No 1930 I consider it advisable not to delay the information now afforded respecting the quantity and cost of the surplus timber.-

11.- It need scarcely be brought to the notice of Government, that if the new Military Hospital sanctioned by the Government of India in List No 1 of 1 Budget 1836/37, in their letter of the 11 July 1836, had been carried into execution, this timber would have been immediately applied to that fine structure, for the early execution of which so large a supply on hand offers great inducement.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
Alex Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineers

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St George 24 April 1837

A.L. Asst. Engr. D.C.

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Bellary Nº 2

Central Office of Public Works
Fort St. George 29th May 1837.

No. 1743

From - The Chief Engineer
Public
Stores
To - The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 1205 dated 24th April 1837, I have the honor to state

Letter No. 1416. 1st May 1837

* That, as explained by Superintendent Porter, on the Charge of the Military Buildings at Bellary, the large excess in the quantity of timber procured from Mysore, was occasioned by application for drawing been made to cut 3000 Logs, instead of 32000 Cubic feet and in the Extract from Captain Harrison's letter to the District Engineer, it is further obtained, that Logs formerly furnished from the Mysore jungles, usually cut into about 5 or 6 Cutcher only, whereas those now furnished, have cut into from 10 to 12 pieces.

2. The foregoing explanations is all that is likely to be obtained, as the Collector of Bellary states, that no Correspondence regarding the timber has

Dft. to Com. 28th October 1836 No. 703
" — 12th August — " 87 990
— 19th " — — 95 496
— 16th December — " 127 4128

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From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

Dated 24 April 1837.
Rec. 25th

2 Enclos: Returned

No. 1205
J.S. No. 1285. 2nd July

With reference to Govt. Mem. Cons. No. 1938 dated 22nd October 1836 forwards information respecting the quantity and cost of the Surplus timber prepared by certain Contractors for the Barrack Rs at Bellary.

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has passed thro' his Office.-

3. The construction of the new Euro: pean Hospital having been postponed, I would suggest that the whole of the surplus timber be stored at Wallabapore, to be paid for as suggested in my letter of the 24th ult. April last, and that authority be given for using it for the general purposes of the District.- If the timber is to be so used, the District Engineer reports, that Wallabapore will be as good a place as another for storing it.- 13000 feet R. 26875

4. The Chief Engineer cannot however forbear remarking, that the storage of so large a quantity of fine timber, seems in itself to constitute a reason for promptly carrying out the sanctions for the new European Hospital at Bellary, conveyed in Para 36 of Colonel Baker's despatch No. 3173, of 11th July 1856.-

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
A. Ed. Baker Colonel
Chief Engineer

Central Office of P.W.
Fort St. George -
29 May 1857.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

A. Asst. Engr. d. C.

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No 1285

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 2nd July 1857.

Read the following

Letters from the Chief Engineer

/ Nos enter 24th April & 29th May 1857 Nos 12050 & 773 /

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the same time. The latter enquiry was apparently met by Captain Barrow's letter* to the Civil Engineer of Bellary, submitted to Government with the Chief Engineer's proceedings of the 2d December last, N° 8546, in para 3 of which the Executive officer stated, that the logs latterly supplied yielded just twice the quantity of wood, that the ~~ordinary~~ logs usually supplied had turned out, Lieut Colonel Faber appears to have overlooked this correspondence, and called for the information from the local Officers, and in the second letter above recorded, he again submits the same particulars regarding the application for timber in excess of the actual requirements as were already furnished in Captain Barrow's

letter

* dated 6th November 1856 N° 82.

letter above referred to.

2. In his first letter, the Chief Engineer reports that the surplus quantity amounts to 43,000 cubic feet, which would cost Rupees 31,937-8- if delivered at Bellary, or Rupees 26,875 if delivered at Wallabapoor, but that of all this quantity, only 1790-10. Cubic feet of teak and red wood have been brought by the contractors into the store yard at Wallabapoor, the cost of which at the contract price of 10 annas the cubic foot, is Rupees 1118-15-8.

3 The Government were induced to authorize the purchase of this large quantity of timber, on the urgent representation of the Chief Engineer in his letter of the 1st August 1856, N° 5444, that it was very difficult

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to procure well seasoned teak, that there were extensive buildings remaining to be executed in Bellary, for which large quantities of timber were indispensably necessary; and that the contractors were anxious to keep the wood to themselves, and sell it on their own account. On a review, moreover, of the correspondence subsequently submitted for their information, the Government observed that the contractors were permitted to cut the timber free in the Mysore jungles, at the intervention of the Executive Officer at Bellary, and exclusively for the Government buildings; and this additional circumstance confirmed their determination to reserve the surplus timber for the

public

public use. Having thus authorized the purchase of the wood, the Government are not disposed to go back from the permission they have already accorded, even tho' at the present moment they do not see any prospect of the timber being brought into immediate use. Agreeably therefore to the Chief Engineer's recommendation, the timber will be purchased and stored at Wallabapoor, and the Collector of Bellary will be authorized to disburse to the District Engineer to the extent of (26875) twenty six thousand eight hundred and seventy five Rupees, stated to the cost of the whole quantity at the contract price of 10 Annas the Cubic foot. Instead however of disbursing the whole sum

or other building in that district. It is hardly necessary to observe that the Government expect that the District Engineer will take care that the contractors bring in no more wood than that they have already cut down in the Myseree jungle, even if that quantity be less than the 43000 Cubic feet the purchase of which is now authorized; and that this order is not to be made use of by them, as sanctioning the cutting of any more timber.

5 If Colonel Faber should find that the large quantity of wood now ordered ~~to be purchased~~ is not likely to be required for any works in the course of the next two or three years, he will be good enough to consider and state whether it

it will not be advisable to purchase only such a quantity of the timber as is likely to be consumed in that ~~next two or three years~~ time, and to allow the Contractors to keep the remainder to themselves, as appears to be their desire. The Government think that it is undesirable to keep a large quantity in store without any prospect of its immediate use; as it may become useless ~~if kept in store for a long time~~

With reference to the Quarter Master General's letter dated 17th November 1856, communicated with the Extract Minutes of Consultation in the Military Department dated 18th idem, recommending the postponement of the erection of the new European Hospital

Hospital at Bellary for which
an estimate of Rupees 82,330
was sanctioned by the Govern-
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Commander-in-Chief will
be requested through the
Military Department to give
his opinion whether the
Hospital in question will
ever be required, and if
so at what probable time, as the ne-
cessity of keeping a large
quantity of timber in store
materially depends upon
the disposal of this question

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Extract Mins: of Cons:
Dated 2d July 1857.

From Chief Engr 6th July 57 6 No
for the subject of Timber supplied for the Dwellers
Barracks for European Battalions at Ballaary
Ex. My Desp. 9th July 57 6 No 1460 in 628
Replying to Para 5, stating that the Timber
Hospl at Belldary will be required for Troops ere long

From the Chief Engr 23d Sept. 57
Cons: 22d —
On the subject of the Timber to be
supplied by certain Contractors to
the Dist Engr of Ballaary

Passing orders on certain letters
from the Chief Engineer regard-
ing the purchase of the surplus
timber remaining after the
completion of the work at the
Ballary Barracks.

From Chief Engr 15th Sept. 57 Cons 2422
Requesting to order the Collr to pay the whole
amount to Dist Engineer — with reference to para 4
of this C. M. E.

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