

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 2nd February 1858.

No. 6. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 14th January 1858, No. 6629.

Read the following letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Tanjore, 10th January 1858, No. 24.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the communication marginally noted and, with all deference for your more extensive experience, to observe that 5th January 1858, No. 6382. with half of the strength of the account branch of the Hoazoor Marahmut Establishment at my disposal for bringing up the arrears of the Executive department spread as they are over a series of years the task of attempting their completion will be a hopeless one.

This Establishment comprises eight individuals of these four will remain under my orders that is the District of Tanjore with its enormous outlay for Marahmut during many years past, is to have only as much aid as I believe was allowed to the neighbouring Collectorate of Trinchinopoly.

To me the point is of no importance personally as the arrears to be adjusted have not occurred during the 12 months of my management of the Tanjore District nor can they be attributed to neglect on the part of my predecessors. They have arisen out of the system and I apprehend that ordinary measures will not suffice for the removal of the difficulties which that system has created.

Adverting further to the letter* of the District Engineer of which a *2nd January 1858, No. 361. copy accompanies and to my reply† I beg to add that for the present I † Do. Do. have not felt at liberty to detain any portion of the Collector's late servants, lest their future prospects or present interest suffer detriment.

Enclosed is a list of arrears which remain to be brought up in this Department and I beg to add that the Talook Groomstahs are at this moment actually engaged in preparing the Bills for 1856-57. They however with the rest of the servants have been ordered to proceed to the District Engineer's office at Tranquebar.

Letter from Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer, Tanjore; to H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore, dated Tranquebar, 2nd February 1858, No. 361.

SIR,

With reference to your letters, dated 31st December 1857, and 1st Instant, Nos. 433 and 1 respectively, in which you state, that the Hoazoor and Talook establishments, will be duly transferred from the 1st January 1858, and afterwards add that you are applying for authority to retain them, for 12 months; I have the honor to inform you, that I cannot consider the transfer to be final until the orders of Government in Extract Minutes Consultation of the 30th October 1857, No. 2037 be complied with.

As soon as the transfer of the Marahmut establishment is made appointments will be allotted agreeably to the intention of Government as expressed in Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 26th November and 23rd December 1857, No. 2185 and 2376 respectively, but it stands to reason that if the transfer of the Marahmut establishment, is merely to be nominal, it cannot be expected that the establishments are to be paid, from the funds of this Department, without doing the duties of it.

Letter from H. D. PHILLIPS, Esq., Acting Collector of Tanjore; to Major W. J. BIRDWOOD, District Engineer Tanjore, dated 10th January 1858, No. 23.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of date the 2nd Instant, No. 361.

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The object of the Government in the several communications recently addressed to the Chief Engineer respecting a provision for the members of the Collector's Marahmut establishment, has evidently been to prevent hardship to the Public servants who, by a mere change of management, are simply transferred to your control from mine.

It is clear, however, that the benevolent instructions of the ruling authority will be frustrated, if, after the intimation conveyed to me in your letter under reply, I retain any of them at my own disposal for works to be performed in the Collector's office. I therefore have sent them all to your head quarters, where, I infer, they will at once be installed in those situations with which the Government required them to be provided before the transfer was allowed. I have been under the impression that a certain office had actually been allotted to each of them or I certainly should not have given the assent contained in my letter to you of the 2nd Ultimo, No. 394.

Should there be any delay or difficulty in this respect it will, of course, become my duty to represent to the Government that there has been a non fulfilment of the particular condition* for the observance of which the transfer was deferred, and the subsequent adjustment of which became the basis whereon the Government permitted the transfer to have effect.

* Vide Minutes of Consultation dated 5th November 1857, No. 2069.

I transmit a copy of this letter to the Chief Engineer for any orders he may deem necessary.

Account Returns &c. in arrears to be worked up by the Marahmut establishment under the Collector of Tanjore.

1. Bills for 1856-57 amounting to Rupees 5,00,000.
1. Do. for the remaining 8 months of 1857 amounting to Rupees 1,60,000.
1. Replies to retrenchments for Rupees 14,00,000.
1. Adjustment of balances due to and recoverable from parties from 1827 to 1854.
1. Do. from 1855 to 1857.
1. Do. of money (Rupees 43,000) remaining in deposit in the Treasury composed of various sums and which has accumulated since 1827.
1. Arrangement of the office Records.
1. Submission of Progress Reports from June to December 1857.

(Signed) H. D. PHILLIPS.

Acting Collector.

Resolved, in continuation of the former Extract from the Chief Engineer's Proceedings Nos. 6378 and 6522, of the 4th and 8th January 1858, that a copy of Mr. Phillips's despatch No. 23 of the 10th January 1858, with enclosures, be forwarded for the early consideration and orders of Government.

2. Resolved also that having regard to the large interests at stake, and to the importance of the District Engineer being enabled to undertake the present Executive under the least disadvantageous circumstances possible, it be respectfully suggested to Government that the Collector of Tanjore should be authorized to bring up his Marahmut arrears (which Colonel Faber does not consider to be particularly formidable) by a special and stipendiary Agency to have no other duty than the preparation of Bills and accounts of former years, so that the District Engineer's Executive and office establishments may, from the first, be free from all other claims on their time, and be in a position to give up the whole of their attention to the directly Executive operations of the year.

3. It is more than questionable whether even in a strictly pecuniary point of view, it will not be found ultimately more economical to authorize the Collector to make his own arrangements for writing up all arrears of Marahmut without connexion with or dependence on, the Dis-

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trict Engineer, and the Chief Engineer ventures to strongly recommend that the two offices of Collector and District Engineer be maintained perfectly distant and apart from each other.

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

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, No. 147; dated 27th January 1858.

1. The list of arrears forwarded with the Acting Collector's letter does not contain a statement of arrears which will require a large establishment to clear.

2. The bills for 1856-57 are probably already commenced, and the materials for all those of 1857-58 must be at hand, the arrears of out-standing balances and of deposits, although of long standing, are probably not for large amounts, nor made up of very numerous items.

3. The Government therefore trust that the Acting Collector will make every endeavor to clear off all arrears with the aid of the extra establishment granted to him in Extract Minutes Consultation of this day's date No. 146, and the District Engineer will understand it to be the desire of Government that he should afford Mr. Phillips every aid in his power, if reference should be made for information from that part of the establishment which is to be immediately transferred to him.

4. The Government consider it essential that the Acting Collector should have the services of Goomastahs who have been employed on the Marahmut accounts hitherto, and they do not approve of the Chief Engineer's suggestions that all these servants should be sent to the District Engineer while the Collector entertains men wholly ignorant of the particular accounts they would be required to prepare.

(Signed) H. FORBES.

Acting Secretary to Government.

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

Under date the 14th Aug = 1853

Read the following letter

From
Wm N. D. Phillips

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To
Colonel C. P. Fisher

Chief Eng.

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Aug 18
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Cornel C. P. Faber
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Referring further to the letter of the District Engineer of which a copy accompanies and to my reply I beg to add that for the present I have not felt at liberty to detain any portion of the Collector's late servants, lest their future prospects or present interests suffer detriment.

Enclosed is a list of arrears

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Tanjore Dist. Office
10th Jan'y 1858.

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A. D. Phillips
Asst. Comm.

Enclosure 3.

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Extract

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Wm. H.

Wm. H. Esq.
Chief Secy.

P. H. D.

N^o 147.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the January 1855.

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Extract from the Minutes of the Chief Engineer of the Department of the Interior

Under date the January 1855
See No 147 of 27 January 1855

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Chief Engr
Sep 28th
Retd 3 Engrs Enc 19 #3/58

Public Works 1858 & 1859
As to Com. 22 February

Feb 14/9.

Extract Min. of Cons.
Dated 29th Jan 4/58.

Expenses under an
Order from the Acting Collector
of Customs relative to the transfer
of the Steamship Establishment
to him.

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19 June 1858.