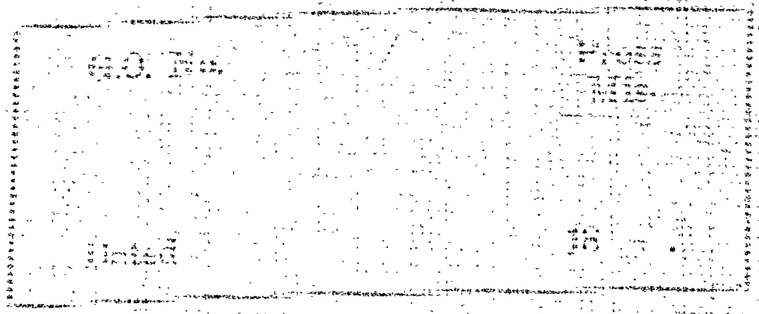
NAVAL RECORD OFFICE

REGULATIONS OF NAVAL

DEPARTMENT



No. 7. Read the following letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated Cuddapah, 20th July 1858, No. 13.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation under date the 22nd Ultimo, No. 1181, wherein it is stated in para. 2, that a copy of the District Engineer's letter to be furnished to the Board of Revenue, in view to calling upon the Collector to submit without delay an explanation respecting the conduct of the Revenue authorities in Cudree Talook complained of by Lieutenant Stewart.

2. I have great pleasure in stating that the Revenue authorities, far from shewing apathy, as complained of by Lieutenant Stewart, have immediately and cheerfully rendered the assistance required and the complaint of the District Engineer, is a libel upon them. First he complained that the Reddies of the village had not rendered the assistance required. One of them was shewn to be at the time in the Talook Cutcherry, 14 miles distant, and the other had gone in pursuit of the parties who had been engaged in a gang Robbery in the village of Boganapully, of which he is the Missul Reddy.

3. With regard to the Tahsildar and Sheristadar of the Talook, I would beg to state, that on the 10th May, Sub-Overseer Narrainswamy, wrote to the Tahsildar that a breach had taken place in the Reddepully tank and requesting assistance. He, the Tahsildar, wrote an order to the villagers of Wankaracoonta, Nullamada, and Charoopully to procure as many Woddurs as possible, or to obtain coolies. On the 11th, the Tahsildar went to enquire into the gang Robbery which took place in Boganapully, on the same date, the Talook Sheristadar received a letter from Mr. Tormy, requesting assistance from him, should the Tahsildar be absent. He, the Sheristadar, despatched a Peon named Shaik Allum, with orders to the villagers of Nullamada and Charoopully, the former to furnish 50 and the latter 30 Woddurs, on the 13th the Tahsildar received a letter from Gungereddy of Charoopully, stating that he had seen his orders and enquired about the Woddurs, and that he had been informed that they had gone to the Reddepully Tank, and that one Nagadoo had returned for Batta. A similar letter had been written by the Peon Shaik Allum. There is also a letter from Gungereddy of Charoopully directed to the "English Doray," evidently meaning Mr. Tormy, the Overseer, that the Woddur from Reddepully had gone to render assistance. From this, it is shewn that the Revenue authorities, far from shewing apathy, have cheerfully rendered the assistance required as much as lay in their power and that Woddurs have been supplied to Mr. Tormy, the Overseer, previous to the grand breach in the Tank. It further appears that the Tahsildar ordered the villagers to supply 40 mamooties or "Salakaparaloo," the necessity of Mr. Tormy riding back to Cudree to procure Tools has yet to be explained.

4. Lieutenant Stewart refers to a conversation which is said to have taken place between Mr. Tormy and the Tahsildar, in which the Tahsildar is said to have refused coolies. He, the Tahsildar, declares that no such conversation took place and could not do so, as he did not understand Mr. Tormy and Mr. Tormy could not understand him.

5. The above circumstance, were brought to Lieutenant Stewart's notice with a request that as he had complained against the Revenue authorities to the Chief Engineer, he would also forward copy of my letter to him under date the 24th June last, No. 475, explaining the circumstances of the case.

6. In conclusion, I would beg to bring under the notice of Government, that idle reports have been forwarded more than once to Government against the Revenue authorities by the Public Works Department, which, upon enquiry have been shown to be groundless and I would beg to point out the impropriety of the District Engineer forwarding to Government an one-sided statement without taking the trouble of ascertaining its correctness or allowing me to do so; this is a system detrimental to the public interests, and I have to request that Government will put a stop to it in future.

Fort Saint George, *Public Works Consultation of 17th August 1858.*

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, No. 1591; dated 11th August 1858.

Ordered to be communicated to the Officiating Chief Engineer. The explanation is considered by Government to be quite satisfactory.

2. The Collector should have submitted his letter through the Board of Revenue.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,

Chief Secretary.

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Public Works Department

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Cuddapah
Collectors Office
the 20 July 1858.

M. Mercer
Collector

To

W. H. Bayley Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort St. George

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Public Works Department
Dept to Coll: 17th No. 1628
Date
From
The Collector of Cuddalore
To
The Acting Secretary
to Government
Pub. Works Dept.
Fort Saint George

Dated 20th July
Received 23d } 1858

No. 13.

Subject No. 1591. 11th August 58.
From the Chief Engr to Govt 28/23d
Sept 58 Col No. 2236 inclo. 12 Enclt
Submitting explanation with
regard to the allegation made
by the District Engineer of
Cuddalore that no assistance
had been afforded by the Reve-
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of the Pedalepully tank in
the Pedree Talook. — With
reference to minutes of consultation
under date the 22d ultimo No 1181 —
Written Order

No. 1591.

Ordered to be commu-
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The Collector should
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the Board of Revenue.

Fort St George
11th Augt 1858

10 Copies to the Offg Chief Engr 2d Distt
3 — " — Board of Revenue
1 — " — Collr of Cuddalore

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