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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 7th December 1858.

No. 146. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 23rd November 1858, No. 5719.

SIR,

A recent discussion having taken place between myself and the District Engineer of Nellore as to the duty of a District Engineer or Inspecting Officer placed in charge of a large work to report on the quality and description of Material and workmanship supplied and made use of, and the opinion of that Officer appearing to be much opposed to the spirit of the regulations of the Department and very objectionable, I deem it advisable to submit the subject for the consideration of Government with the view of some defined rules being laid down and promulgated for the guidance of the Officers of the Department particularly as I have reason to believe that the views of Captain Mullins are not singular.

Enclosure one.
Extract from Captain Mullins's letter No. 2549 of 17th November 1858.

Pages 582, 583, of Grants C. O. Book.

Extract from a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore, to the Officiating Chief Engineer No. 2549.

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I did not consider then nor do I consider now that the quality of the Materials or workmanship at any time that I inspected the works required notice by me in the weekly reports of progress.

Camp Boochyreddipolliem, 17th November 1858.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain,
District Engineer Nellore.

No. 147. ORDER THEREON, No. 2648; dated 7th December 1858.

The Officiating Chief Engineer adverts to a discussion which has taken place between himself and the District Engineer of Nellore, as to the duty of a District Engineer, or Inspecting Officer, placed in charge of a large work, to report on the quality and description of material and workmanship supplied and made use of, and submits the point for the decision of Government, in view to some defined rules being laid down and promulgated for the guidance of the Officers of the Public Works Department.

2. The Governor in Council regrets that the Officiating Chief Engineer should occupy the time and attention of Government, by submitting for their decision questions which he is fully competent authoritatively to decide. Clause 8 of the Rules* prescribing the duties of District Engineers, enjoins that "District Engineers shall inspect the works of their subordinates," and Clause 9 describes one of the objects of the inspection to be, to "ascertain the quality and money value" of the works examined. The Governor in Council sees therefore no necessity for any further rules being promulgated on the subject. It is plainly the duty of District Engineers to furnish information to the Head of the Department on points so obviously necessary to enable him to exercise a due control over the expenditure on Public Works.

* C. O. B. page 582.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

Extract from a letter from the District Engineer of Nellore to the Officiating Chief Engineer No 2579.

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I did not consider then nor do I consider now that the quality of the materials or workmanship at any time that I inspected the work required notice by me in the weekly reports of progress.

Camp Boochyreddipolliem 17th Nov 1858.

/Signed/ J. Mullins Capt. Dt Engr Nellore

/True Extract/

Lt Colonel Lieut Colonel
Officiating Chief Engineer

Central Office of Public Works
Fort Saint George 23d Novemr 1838

No 5719

From

The Officiating Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government Dept

Sir

Public

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of

to

Enclosure one Extract from Capt Mullins letter No 2549 of 17 Nov 1838.

Enclosure in a letter from the Officg Chief Engr to the Secy to Govt dated

No 5719
dated 23d November 1838

Rec'd 24 November 1838

P.P. 3826/38

Extract of a letter from the Executive Engr Nellore to Capt Chief Engr. on the subject of protecting materials pre in Repair Repute

of the regulations of the Department and very objectionable, I deem it advisable to submit the subject for the consideration of Government with the view of some defined rules being laid down & promulgated for the guidance of the Officers of the Department particularly as I have reason to believe that the views of Captain Mullins are not singular

Pages 582, 583, of Grants Co. Book

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt Servt
Thos. Holmes
Officiating Chief Engineer

York St. George
23rd Novr. 1838

to

No 2848 O.M.D.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date Nov 27th Saturday 1858

Read the following

Letter from the Officiating Chief
Engineer
dated 23rd November 1858 No 5719
Where enter 23 November 1858 No 5719

The Officiating Chief
Engineer submits to the Board
a letter which he has taken steps
to obtain Minutes of Consultation
between himself and the Chief Engineer
District Engineers of Northern
Districts, the duty of the District
Engineer, or Inspecting Officer
in charge of a large work
to report on the quality
& description of work & materials
& supplies & made use of

No 146

C. 30 Nov. to 6 Dec.

O.M.D.
Con 27th December
No 2826

From
The Offg Chief Engineer
To
The Secy to Govt. D.P.W.

dated 23rd November 58
rec'd. 24th

Secl. No 5719
S.C.& No 2648 1st Dec. 1858

Requests the decision
of Govt. on the question
of the duties of an Dt Engr
or Inspecting Officer placed
in charge of a large work
& report on the quality
& description of work & materials
& supplies & made use of

to some defined rules being
laid down and promulgated
for the guidance of the Officers
of the Public Works Department.

2. The Governor in
Council regrets that the
officiating Chief Engineer
should occupy the time
and attention of Government
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sion questions which he is
fully competent authoritatively
to decide. Clause 8 of the
Rules prescribing the duties of + C.O.B. page 582
District Engineers, enjoins
that the District Engineer shall
inspect the works of the
Subordinates, and Clause 9
describes one of the objects
of the inspection to be, to
ascertain the quality and
money value of the works
executed. The Governor

in Council sees therefore no
necessity for any further
rules being promulgated on
the subject, ~~as the existing~~
~~orders are sufficient for the~~
~~purpose, and were if they~~
~~were not~~, It is plainly the
duty of District Engineers to
furnish information to the
Head of the Department on
points so obviously necessary
to enable him to exercise a
due control over the expendi-
ture on Public Works, and
~~Colonel Lumsden is requested to inform the Secretary~~
~~to this effect~~

W.B.

10 Cbrs to the Offg Chief Engr & Dated 8th

Public Works 1858 Dept. of
Corr. from Dec'r

No. 2648
Extract from Min. of Corr.
Dept. of Dec'r 1858

Observe with reference
to a question raised by the
Off. Chief Engineer, that it is
plainly the duty of the District
Engineers to inspect the works
of their subordinates and to as-
certain the quality and money
Values thereof.