

1. Number of pages 6
2. Date of repair 20/10
3. Initials of person 87

[Handwritten signature]

M.R.O. 1-52,400-22-11-30

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

Cons 87 27-4-1858

G.O. No.	769	Press Mis.
Dated	24-4-1858	

Not to be folded or roughly handled

[Handwritten mark]

+17

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 51. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 10th April 1858, No. 8878.

SIR,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation No. 173, dated 30th January last, I have

- 1 Letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 31st March 1858, No. 20.
- 1 Letter from the Officer in charge of Central Circle to the Collector of Madras, No. 8741, dated 1st April 1858.
- 1 Letter from the Collector of Madras, dated 7th April 1858, No. 21.

the honor to submit correspondence between the Collector of Madras and this Department, relative to the preparation of the accounts of works, performed previously to their transfer to the charge of the Civil Architect.

2. On Mr. Kemp's being relieved from his general duties in the Collector's Office, application was made for his temporary detention there for the preparation of accounts, which was complied with, by directing his attendance there for one month; but Mr. Kemp having shortly afterwards been taken ill, the required duty has not been fully performed.

3. Subsequently application was made from this Office to the Collector, to know whether Mr. Kemp's services were more necessary in the Madras Collectorate, than those of other Surveyors in the Provinces had been, in closing the Marahmut accounts; and from Mr. Cunliffe's reply it appears, that the Surveyor under the Collector of Madras, not only estimated for all the works, but was the actual Executive Officer, and disbursing officer of cash, subject only to the supervision of the Superintending Engineer Central Circle.

4. Under these circumstances, it appears absolutely necessary that Mr. Kemp, on his return from sick leave, should be employed as before proposed, in closing the accounts; for which purpose, I have directed his attendance at the Collector's Cutcherry for (30) thirty days, after the expiration of his leave; but as I do not expect that the Supervisor will perform this duty unaided, I trust the Collector may if necessary, be authorized to employ one or more extra servants, in finally closing all the Marahmut accounts of his Department, up to the date of their transfer to the Civil Architect.

5. I think that the Collector should also be instructed to take such measures, as to ensure Mr. Kemp's release from all duty in his Office, in the time specified.

Letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle in charge of Central Circle of P. W., dated Madras, 31st March 1858, No. 20.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th instant No. 8608, informing me that as Mr. Kemp's services on his recovery will be required in the Department of Public Works, it will be expedient to make arrangements for the closing of the Marahmut accounts by means of my Revenue Establishment.

2. The materials of the ruined Calingula shall, as you suggest, be sold, but I am informed that instead of the lac of bricks supposed by Mr. Kemp to exist, there are now remaining about half lac only, the rest probably have been carried off by the villagers, if no proper watch was placed over them.

3. With respect to Mr. Kemp's immediate removal, I have to state that the Marahmut operations were entirely under him, and that he has submitted as yet no detailed account of the expenditure. My Sheristadar's Establishment therefore has had no cognizance over it.

4. It is in my opinion very important that Mr. Kemp should remain a few days longer with me until he submit his accounts. In his absence, we have no one to afford explanation which may be requisite.

5. The person who has superintended the work and disbursed the money, should also close the accounts, and the delay of a few days in his joining the Department of Public Works, cannot I think compare with the importance of Mr. Kemp himself thus accounting for the expenditure which has taken place under his direction. I trust therefore that he may be directed to do so.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 27th April 1858.

Letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer Southern Circle in charge of Central Office of Public Works; to B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras, dated 1st April 1858, No. 8741.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 20, dated 31st Ultimo, I have the honor to request you will be good enough to inform me whether the disbursement of money and the executive responsibility of all Marahmut works were exclusively vested in the Surveyor formerly attached to the Madras Collectorate and not as in other Districts in the Revenue Officers.

Of course there is no intention of removing Mr. Kemp from Madras until he has performed all essential service in your office connected with his past duties, but there seems to have been a different system in force here from that in the Provinces to render his aid necessary in closing the Marahmut accounts.

Letter from B. CUNLIFFE, Esq., Collector of Madras; to Major E. LAWFORD, Superintending Engineer in charge of Central Circle, dated Madras, 7th April 1858, No. 21.

SIR,

1. In reply to your letter, No. 8741, of the 1st Instant, I have the honor to state that in the comparatively small Marahmut expenditure of this Collectorate it has been the practice to vest exclusively in the Surveyor, the disbursement of money and the executive responsibility.

2. He prepared the estimate for all works, and when sanction was received and operations commencing, he took up the necessary contracts for supply of material, or performance of work, drawing from time to time on his own receipts, what money was required for the prosecution of the work. When completed, it was inspected by an Officer of the Department of Public Works and passed, as examined.

3. When the work was emergent, such as the breaching of a Tank in our Monsoons, he received money on demand, from my Treasury for the repair; and when engaged on this work, if another was equally emergent, the Amildar performed what was requisite in the latter case on the responsibility of the Surveyor.

4. Under the Supervisor the course has been the same, though the work has not been finally examined by an Officer of the Department of Public Works.

5. Progress Reports of the expenditure are monthly submitted to you, and on the completion of a work, accounts particular signed by the Supervisor, and countersigned by me, are forwarded to you. The vouchers for the several Bills submitted by the Supervisor remains with him.

6. The Revenue Department takes no cognizance of, nor exercises any check over, the proceedings of the Supervisor.

7. The other day a contractor complained at the office, that full payment had not been made to him, but the matter could not be enquired into, owing to Mr. Kemp's absence from health.

8. It is for the settlement of such accounts, and for the preparation of a statement showing the expenditure, and the balance to be handed over to his successor, that I require Mr. Kemp's continuance with me, and which I am glad to find from your letter has been permitted.

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 769; dated 24th April 1858.

The Government hope that the Collector of Madras will be able to get the Marahmut accounts of his Collectorate closed with the aid of Mr. Kemp's services within the period during which he has been directed to attend the Cutcherry.

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

Public

No. 8741

+ 27
Central Office of P. W. S.

Fort Saint George,

10th April 1858.

From,

The Officer in charge of the

Central Office of P. W. S.

To,

The Secretary to Government P. W. S.

Sir,

With reference to Esq. Mins. Cons. No. 73, dated

30th January last, I have the honor to submit correspond

ence between the collector of Madras and this

Department, relative to the preparation of the accounts

of works performed previously to their transfer to the

charge of the Civil Architect.

2. On Mr Kemp's being relieved from his general

duties in the collector's Office, application was made for

his temporary detention there for the preparation of

accounts, which was complied with, by directing his

attendance there for one month; but Mr Kemp having

shortly afterwards been taken ill, the required duty

has not been fully performed.

3. Subsequently application was made from

this

this Office to the Collector, to know whether Mr Kemp's services were more necessary in the Madras Collectorate, than those of other Surveyors in the Provinces had been, in closing the Maramut Accounts; and from Mr Boulton's reply, it appears, that the Surveyor under the Collector of Madras, not only estimated for all the works, but was the Actual Executive Officer, and disbursed of cash, subject only to the supervision of the Superintending Engineer Centre Circle.

Under these circumstances, it appears absolutely necessary that Mr Kemp, on his return from sick leave, should be employed as before proposed, in closing the accounts; for which purpose, I have directed his attendance at the Collector's leutcherri for (30) thirty days, after the expiration of his leave; but as I do not expect that the Supervisor will perform this duty unaided, I trust the Collector may if necessary be authorised to employ one or more extra servants, in finally closing all the Maramut Accounts of his Department, up to the date of their transfer to the Civil Architect.

5 I think that the Collector should also be instructed to take such measures, as to ensure Mr Kemp's release from all duty in his Office, in the time specified.

Central Office of C. W. D.

Fort Saint George

10 April 1858.

To,

The Secretary to Government C. W. D.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obedient

Lawrence

Superintending Engineer

In charge of the

Central Office of C. W. D.

Yours

Mr. Geo. J. Webb Esq. 56
26 January 1858

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

in relation to the
Central Agency of the

Central Agency to Government

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

of the 11th inst.

Very
Yours

The Government

hope that the collection of

the Government will be able to get

the Government to collect the

need of the Government to collect

within the period during which

he has been directed to attend

the collection.

Very
Yours

21st April 1858

John W. Webb Esq.

21st April 1858

John W. Webb Esq.