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from 1st to 10th June 1859.*

No. 111. Read the following letter from C. J. SHUBRICK, Esq., Collector of Chingleput; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated Sydapet, 2nd June 1859.

1. In para. 1 of the order of Government dated the 21st Ultimo, No. 1234, on a letter from the Civil Auditor, No. 243, under date the 25th April last, it is remarked that the Collector of Chingleput took not less than thirteen months for the simple process of replying to the audit of Fusly 1265, while, in an efficient office, it ought not to need above a week. It is further remarked in para. 4, that unless Collectors can secure greater promptitude in the Account Department than is now exhibited, the Government will be compelled to adopt the same remedy that has been ordered to be adopted in Ganjam and Kurnool.

2. In reference to this order, I have the honor to observe so far as it concerns this District, that it would have been perfectly correct, if the audit referred to, had consisted simply of sums for which the requisite sanction was ready at hand, and could be forthwith furnished; but as it was chiefly composed of advances made on account of Public Works both when the executive was in this Department, and subsequent to its transfer to the District Engineer, for which that Officer had to account, and as the Statement of unpassed expenditure up to 30th April 1856 which had been duly furnished to the Chief Engineer and Accountant General, was returned for revision, and had to be newly prepared before the audit could be replied to; and as moreover the bills for works executed in and prior to 1855, had to be prepared, and forwarded to the Chief Engineer for sanction; the replies to the audit were necessarily delayed till they were prepared. Partial replies might have been made to the effect that bills will be submitted for sanction, or that sanction has not as yet been accorded though bills have been submitted on such and such dates, or that the sums due by the workmen who have not worked out their advances will be recovered and credited in the accounts; but such replies, I conceived, would be no replies at all, as the sums under retrenchment would still stand retrenched; and that the best way, therefore, was to obtain the requisite sanctions, and furnish them as quick as possible.

3. With this view, therefore, I not only prepared and despatched all my bills in arrear, but furnished Extracts of the Civil Auditor's retrenchments to the Officers* of the Public Works Department concerned; and called upon them, from time to time, to expedite their replies; but I regret to state with but very little success.

4. In corroboration of these statements, I beg to bring to the notice of Government that I submitted my bills for works executed when the executive was in this department, so far back as July 1857; but have not as yet been favored with sanction for some of them. Several communications† were addressed to the Chief Engineer soliciting his attention to the fact, but to no effect; and I was at last favored with a reply from him on the 30th December last, that no bills remained unaudited at that period, and that the District Engineer should be applied to for copies of all the sanctions I might require; I accordingly communicated the Chief Engineer's reply to the latter officer on the 25th January last; but with as little result as ever.

5. A sum of Rupees 4,000 having been retrenched by the Civil Auditor in the accounts of this office for Fusly 1264 under the head of "Navigable Canals," I requested Lieutenant Sankey, late Superintendent of the Eastern Coast Canal, under date the 19th December 1856, to furnish me with the Chief Engineer's sanction for the amount; but as he only furnished me with sanction for the expenditure being incurred, and not for the bills for actual expenditure, which the Civil Auditor required, I again explained this clearly to him in my letters of the 24th January and 6th March 1857; and reiterated my request to be furnished with the requisite sanction for actual expenditure; but neither he nor his successors, Captain F. J. Moberly, or the present District Engineer have furnished it to me, though repeatedly applied for. My last letter to the District Engineer is dated the 25th January last.

6. A further sum of Rupees 1,07,412-1-9, and Rupees 22,184-13-0 advanced from this Treasury on account of Navigable Canals standing retrenched in my accounts for want of sanc-

* Chief Engineer D. P. W.
District Engineer.
Superintendent of Canal.

† 25th August 1857, No. 233.
10th October do do 263.
27th July 1858, No. 212.
17th October do do 306.
17th December do do 393.

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tioned bills, I requested the late Superintendent of the Canal, in my letter of the 17th May 1858, to furnish me with the requisite sanction for the amount, and that officer having furnished me with the Chief Engineer's authority for Rupees 86,315-0-3 and Rupees 98,023-14-5, I requested to know from him and the District Engineer in my letters of the 27th July, 22nd October, 17th December 1858 and 25th January 1859, whether the amounts retrenched by the Civil Auditor, viz., Rupees 1,07,412-1-9 and Rupees 22,184-13-0 were included in the sums sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, but as yet without obtaining any reply.

7. Again, a sum of Rupees 45,287 advanced on account of Trunk Roads in 1855 standing entered in the list of unpassed expenditure, I requested the District Engineer, in my letters of the 17th May, 22nd October, and 17th December 1858, and 25th January 1859, to obtain and furnish me with the sanction of the Chief Engineer; but he has not done so.

8. Under these peculiar and difficult circumstances, the delay in replying to the audit is to be attributed to the Officers of the Public Works Department, and as all my endeavours have failed to elicit from them the information required for the Civil Auditor, I have brought the fact to his notice, and requested him to communicate with them on the subject. When these items have been adjusted, there will only remain a sum of Rupees 3,157-14-0 to be recovered from workpeople who failed to work out the full advances they had received.

No. 112.

ORDER THEREON, 7th June 1859, No. 1333.

A copy of this letter will be communicated to the Chief Engineer, who will be requested to explain at an early date the cause of the delays in his Department noticed in paras. 3 to 7; and also to report for what items bills have still to be supplied by the District Engineer, and what bills received in his (the Chief Engineer's) office remain unaudited.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,
Secretary to Government.

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Chingleput District
Collector's (Chingleput)
Syndicate (June 1859)
From C. J. (Theobald) Esq.
To J. D. (Bourdillon) Esq.
Secretary to Government
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W. B.

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4 In corroboration of these statements, I beg to bring to the notice of Government that I submitted my Bills for works executed when the expenditure was in this Department, so far back as July 1857, but have not as yet been favored with sanction for some of them. Several Communications were addressed to the Chief Engineer soliciting his attention to the fact, but to no effect, and I was at last favored with a reply

The Engineer
District Engineer
Superint. of Canal

25th Aug 1857
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5 I saw of Rupees 4,000 having been retrenched by the Civil Auditor in the Accounts of this Office for (Yearly 1856 under the Head of "Navigable Canals", I requested Lieut. Pankaj, late Superint. of the Eastern Coast Canal, under date the 19th December 1856, to furnish me with the Chief Engineer's sanction for the amount, but as he only furnished me with sanction for the expenditure being incurred, and not for the Bills for actual expenditure, which the Civil Auditor required, I again explained

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6 I further saw of Papers 10/11/12-19, and Papers 22/184-13 ... advanced from this Treasury account of (avigable) (equals) standing retrenched in my accounts for want of sanctioned Bills. I requested the late Superint. of the Canal, in my letter of the 17th May 1858, to furnish me with the requisite sanction for the amount, and that Officer having furnished me with the Chief Engineer's

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trenched by the Civil Auditor Vols. (N^o. 10/11/12-19 & N^o. 22/184-13 - were included in the sums sanctioned by the Chief Engineer, or not, & without obtaining any reply.

7 I paid a sum of Papers 14/287 advanced on account of (Trunk) Roads in 1855 standing entered in the List of Unpaid expenditure. I requested the District Engineer, in my letter of the 17th May, 22nd October, & 17th December 1858, and 25th January 1859, to obtain and furnish me with the sanction of the Chief Engineer, but he has not done so.

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(I have the honor to be)

(Sir,
Your most obed^t. Servant,

Wm. H. B. Smith

(Collector -
J. D. Boudillon Esq.
Secretary to Government P. W.
Fort St. George.

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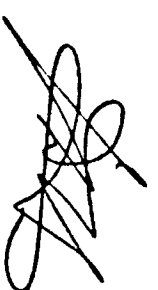
Re: 433 June 1859.
No 23

From the 6th Aug 23/17
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Written order

No 1383

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also to report for what items bills
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remain unaccounted for.



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