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No. 6. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 15th September 1859, No. 4998.

Dated 5th July 1859, No. 98.

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Bellary, together with a statement shewing the quantity of timber purchased at the public sales in the Nugger Division of Mysore, and the amount to be paid for it, viz., Rupees 11,450.

2. In paragraph 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation, dated 2nd July 1857, No. 1285, the Government authorized an advance of Rupees 26,875, which was stated to be the cost of the whole quantity of timber to be supplied by certain contractors, who were permitted to cut the timber free in the Mysore jungles, at the intervention of the executive officer at Bellary, and exclusively for Government buildings.

3. Owing to the failure of the contractors, Captain Fisher requested Major Porter, Superintendent of the Nugger Division, to assist him in the purchase and transport of timber, and with the help of that officer, he has succeeded in purchasing timber to the extent abovementioned. The District Engineer states that the wood is being floated down the Toongabuddra in charge of an Assistant Overseer.

4. On the District Engineer applying to the Collector for the amount to enable him to pay Major Porter, Mr. Hathaway declined giving it, and stated that the instructions issued to him were clear (alluding to the order of Government above quoted, which directed that he should only pay for such supplies of wood as the District Engineer reported to have been actually received into his yard at Wallabapúr, under the original agreement with the contractors) and suggested a reference to me on the subject. Captain Fisher also applies for the balance of the advance authorized, viz., Rupees 15,425, being placed at his disposal to purchase further supplies of wood as opportunites offer.

5. As it is difficult to procure well seasoned teak in Bellary, and as there is every prospect of the quantity of timber already purchased, and that proposed to be bought being used on the military works in that district, though not immediately, I beg to recommend that the Collector may now be authorized to advance to the District Engineer the sum of Rupees 26,875, with the distinct understanding, that the latter officer is to remit the above amount in such portions as may be realized by the issue of timber to the various works in his district, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in paragraph 3 of the order of Government above alluded to.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1859, No. 2376.

An order of Government of the 2nd July 1857 No. 1285, authorized the Collector of Bellary to make disbursements to the District Engineer to the extent of 26,875 Rupees, for such supplies of Mysore timber as might be actually received into his store yard at Wallabapúr. The Chief Engineer now reports that under circumstances stated timber has been purchased in Mysore to the extent of 11,450 Rupees by the Bellary District Engineer; but that as it has not reached the store yard, the Collector does not consider himself empowered to disburse the amount and he asks for sanction for the said sum of Rupees 11,450, as well as for the grant of a further sum of Rupees 15,425, making up together the sum of Rupees 26,875 above mentioned for the purchase of timber at the Government sales in Mysore for the Bellary district. He represents that it is difficult to procure well seasoned teak in Bellary, and that there is every prospect, though not immediately, that the timber will be required for the military works in that district.

2. The circumstances under which the order above quoted was issued were briefly as follow. Arrangements had been made by the District Engineer of Bellary with the Mysore authorities to permit certain contractors to cut a certain quantity of timber in Mysore, and supply it to the barracks then in course of erection at Bellary. When those buildings were near completion the Chief Engineer reported that there would be a large surplus, which the contrac-

tors were desirous of keeping for themselves and selling for their own profit; but which, Colonel Faber said, it would be desirable for the Government to secure at the contract rate for the large works remaining to be erected in Bellary. As the permission of the Mysore Government ot cut the timber had been obtained at the special intervention of the Government officers, the Government decided on taking the whole of the timber that had been felled. The exact surplus was subsequently reported to be 43,000 cubic feet, and the cost at ten annas the cubic foot, if the wood were delivered at Wallabapúr, at 26,875 Rupees. The Government authorized the purchase of the timber; but directed the Collector to make payments only for such supplies as the District Engineer reported had been actually received into his yard at Wallabapúr. The contractors however failed to bring down the timber which they had cut; hence the necessity of resorting to the Mysore market.

3. The Government grant the amount of the purchases already made viz., 11,150 Rupees, but they observe that the money must be provided out of the funds allotted to the Bellary district in the late order of the 21st September 1859 No. 2264.

4. As regards the remaining 15,425 Rupees admitting the propriety of laying in a stock of timber as recommended, it does not appear that this money is immediately wanted, as it is presumed that the Nugger timber sales are periodical. If however this is an incorrect assumption, and if the Chief Engineer is of opinion that so much timber ought to be provided in Bellary, the Government authorize the further grant required, but with the same proviso as in the preceding paragraphs, as to the total amount of expenditure in the district in the current year.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
15th September 1859.

No. 4998

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

I have the honor to submit for the consideration and orders of Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer of Bellary, together with a Statement shewing the quantity of timber purchased at the public sales in the Nugger Division of Mysore, and the amount to be paid for it, Viz. Rupees 11450.-

2 ... See para 3 of Extract Minutes Consultation dated 2d July 1857, No. 1285, the Government authorized an advance of Rupees 26875, which was stated to be the cost of the whole quantity of timber to be supplied by certain Contractors who were permitted to cut the timber free in the Mysore jungles, at the intervention of the Executive Officer at Bellary and exclusively for Government buildings.-

3 Owing to the failure of the Contractors, Captain Fisher requested Major Parker, Superintendent of the

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the Nundgur Division, to assist him in the purchase and transport of timber, and with the help of that Officer, he has succeeded in purchasing timber to the extent above mentioned. The District Engineer states that the wood is being floated down the Toongabuddra in charge of an Assistant Overseer.

4 On the District Engineer applying to the Collector for the amount to enable him to pay Major Porter, Mr. Pathaway declined giving it, and stated that the instructions issued to him were clear (alluding to the order of Government above quoted, which directed that he should only pay for such supplies of wood as the District Engineer reported to have been actually received into his Yard at Wallahapoor, under the original Agreement with the Contractors) and suggested a reference to me on the subject. Captain Fisher also applies for the balance of the advance authorized, viz. Rupees 15425, being placed at his disposal to purchase further supplies of wood as opportunities offer.

5 As it is difficult to procure well seasoned teak in Bellary, and as there is every prospect of the quantity of timber already purchased and that proposed to be bought being used on the Military works in that District, though not immediately, I beg to recommend that the Collector may now be authorized to advance to the District Engineer the sum of Rupees 26875, with the distinct understanding that the latter Officer is to remit the above amount in such portions as may be realized by the issue of timber to the various works in his District, in accordance with the instructions conveyed in para 3 of the order of Government above alluded to.—

6 I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant

Fort Saint George
15th September 1859

Lt. R.E. Major
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J. H. Kell Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

G. D. Gray

P.D. Dept.

No 2376.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 5th Oct 59.
Read the following
Letter from the
Chief Engineer

Returns that the
Asst Engr of Bellary has sent
drawn timber amounting
to the estimate of Rs 50 and
with reference to orders of
Govt 2d July 1857 recommends
the advance of Rs 1285 on account
for that purpose.

Dated 15th September 1859.
Received 15th

No 4998

2d Sept 857

No 2376. 5th Oct. E. 2 Rets 27-10-59

Submits for the consideration and orders of Govt a letter from the Dist Engr of Bellary together with a statement shewing the quantity of timber purchased and the amount to be paid for it and recommends that the Collector be authorized to advance the sum of Rs 26875 with reference to L. M. C. dated 2d July/59 No 1285

No 6.

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P.W.
Govt Department
Pro: of Govt 21st Oct. 2422.
From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

P.W. 4th July/57 No 2022

Order of Govt
of the 2d July 1857 No 1285.
authorized the Collr of
Bellary to make disburse-
ments to the Divisions
Engr to the extent of
26875 Rs for such articles
of Stores timber as might
be actually received with
his store yard at Hallabagur

The Chief Engineer now reports that under circumstances stated Timber has been purchased in Mysore to the extent of 11450 Rs by the Bellary District Engineer; but that as it has not reached the Store yard, the Collector does not consider himself empowered to disburse the amount and he asks for sanction for the said sum of Rupees 11450, as well as for the grant of a further sum of Rupees 15425, making up together the sum of Rs 26875 above mentioned for the purchase of timber at the Govt sales in Mysore for the Bellary District. He represents that that it is difficult to procure well seasoned teak in Bellary, and that there is every prospect, though not immediately, that the timber will be required for the Military works in that District.

2 The circumstances under which the order above quoted was issued were briefly as follow. Arrangements had been made by the District Engineer of Bellary with the Mysore authorities to permit certain contractors to cut a certain quantity of timber in Mysore, and supply it to the Barracks then in course of erection at Bellary.

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When those buildings were near completion the Chief Engr. reported that there would be a large surplus, which the contractors were desirous of keeping for themselves and selling for their own profit. but which Coll. Faber said, it would be desirable for the Govt. to secure at the contract rate for the large works remaining to be erected in Bellary. As the permission of the Injore Govt. to cut the timber had been obtained at the special intervention of the Govt. officers, the Govt. decided on taking the whole of the timber that had been felled. The exact surplus was subsequently reported to be

be 43,000 cubic feet, and the cost at ten annas the cubic foot, if the wood were delivered at Wallabapur, at 26875 Rs. The Govt. authorized the purchase of the timber; but directed the Coll. to make payments only for such surplus as the District Engr. reported had been actually received into his yard at Wallabapur. The contractors however failed to bring down the timber which they had cut; hence the necessity of resorting to the Mysore market.

3. The Govt. grant the amount of the purchases already made viz. 11450 Rs. but they observe that the

the money must be provided out of the funds allotted to the Bellary District in the late order of the 21st Sept. 1869 No. 2204.

4 As regards the remaining 15,425 Rs admitting the propriety of laying in a stock of timber as recommended, it does not appear that this money is immediately wanted, as it is presumed that the Nugger timber sales are periodical. If however this is an incorrect assumption, and if the Chief Engr is of opinion that so much timber ought to be provided in Bellary the Govt authorize the further

the further grant required, but with the same proviso as in the preceding paras, as to the total amount of expenditure in the District in the current year.

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To The Chief Engineer
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Public Works 1859 Dept.
Pro: of Govt. 21st October.

No 2376.

Pro: of the Madras Govt.
Dy 5th Octr. 59.

Advance of Rs 26,875
for purchase of timber in
Mysore for Bellary District,
granted.

No 647.

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