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No. 42. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 1st October 1859, No. 5643.

With reference to the orders of Government marginally quoted, I have the honor to submit an original letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore, commenting upon the report of the Collector on the investigation into the complaint of a contractor under the Public Works Department for having been seized and put into confinement for refusing to permit the labourers he had engaged to work under the Revenue Department.

No. 1266, dated 26th May 1859.

1 Original letter from the District Engineer, Tanjore, No. 66, dated 7th July 1859.

2. The District Engineer first expresses his satisfaction at learning that the absence of the contractors did not in any way affect the progress of the works they had undertaken to accomplish, and then proceeds to remark, with reference to the 5th paragraph of the Collector's letter, that the quantity and value of labour to be supplied by one of the Puttatimonigars can have nothing to do, with the bare fact of the seizure and confinement of one of the contractors, and he dissents from the views expressed by the Collector "that the operations of the Public Works Department have never been to any extent affected by the repairs which were undertaken by the Revenue Department," as numerous complaints have reached him of coolies employed by the Public Works Department, being interfered with by the Revenue Department, two of which cases he instances in the letter now submitted.

3. It is to be hoped that the misunderstandings between the Collector and District Engineer of Tanjore which have arisen out of unprecedented natural disasters will under more favorable circumstances entirely disappear.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 8th October 1859, No. 2394.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded with reference to the Proceedings of Government under date the 9th July 1859 No. 1668.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of P.W.
Fort Saint George
1st October 1859.

No 3643

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

Public
No 1266 dated 26th May 1859

With reference to the orders of Government marginally quoted, I have the honor to submit an original letter from the District Engineer of Tanjore, commenting upon the report of the Collector on the investigation into the complaint of a Contractor under the Public Works Department for having been seized and put into confinement for refusing to permit the labourers he had engaged to work under the Revenue Department.-

2 The District Engineer first expresses his satisfaction at learning that the absence of the Contractor did not in any way affect the progress of the works they had undertaken to accomplish, and then proceeds to remark

remark, with reference to the 5th para. of the Collectors letter, that the quantity and value of labour to be supplied by one of the Puttatamongars can have nothing to do with the bare fact of the seizure and confinement of one of the Contractors, and he dissents from the views expressed by the Collector that the operations of the Public Works Department have never been to any extent affected by the repairs which were undertaken by the Revenue Department, as numerous complaints have reached him of Coolies employed by the Public Works Department being interfered with by the Revenue Department, two of which cases he instances in the letter now submitted.

3 It is to be hoped that the misunderstandings between the Collector and District Engineer of Tanjore which have arisen out of unprecedented natural disasters will under more favorable circumstances entirely disappear.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obed.t Servant

Fort Saint George
1st October 1859

Lieut.t Colonel
Chief Engineer

Lt. Col. Crawford
Forwarded

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Public Works Department

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From
The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Dated 1st October 1859.
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No 5643

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Forwards an original letter from the Distt Engr of Tanjore commenting upon the report of the Collector on the matter of labourers engaged by the P.W.D. being seized and put into confinement by the Tahsildar.—

With an order

No 2394

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded with reference to the Proc: of Govt: under date the 9th July 1859 — No 1665.—

Fort St George
8th Octr 1859

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