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No. 89. 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. 5678.

With reference to the orders as per margin, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from Colonel Lawford No. 21, dated 12th July 1859, reporting that during his official stay on the Neilgherry Hills he inspected the books of Captain Morgan, the officer in charge of the Mudamulli forest, and found them punctually and correctly kept, in accordance with the system prevailing in the Public Works Department.

No. 1637, dated 4th July 1859.
No. 2293, dated 24th September 1859.

2 Original letters from the Dy. Chief Engineer Central Circle, dated 12th July and 27th September 1859, No. 21 and 40.

2. With regard to the sum of Rupees 10,000 alluded to by Government in paragraph 2 of their order dated 4th July 1859, and in the concluding part of my letter No. 1506, on the amount allowed by Colonel Lawford, for the salaries of the Superintendent of the Mudamulli forest and his establishment, Colonel Lawford states, that from March 1856, to the beginning of 1857, Captain Morgan was only an Assistant Engineer on Rupees 200 per month, employed partly at Jackatalla with a very limited establishment; and for a part of the period included in that officers accounts, the forest was in charge of Captain Dobbie in common with the works in the Neilgherry executive range. In consequence of the above, the Deputy Chief Engineer states that only a portion of the cost of superintendence should properly be charged to the forest accounts. Colonel Lawford's calculations in arriving at the sum stated by him are as follows:—

12	months	at	Rupees	200	= 2,400
12	„	at	„	250	= 3,000
12	„	at	„	400	= 4,800
			Total Rupees.....		10,200

3. With reference to the remarks in paragraph 11 of the order of Government, No. 2293, that the Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle, "was mistaken in his low appreciation of the Mudamulli teak," that officer observes,* that during his stay at Jackatalla, frequent complaints were made to him by Captains Campbell and Farewell, of the bad quality of wood supplied by Captain Morgan, and further that he personally witnessed the rejection of a large quantity, in addition to which, several logs were afterwards declared unfit for use when cut up. The Deputy Chief Engineer adds in support of his views in regard to the quality of the Mudamulli teak, that when he inspected the Goondlepett workshop on his way to Madras he found several logs of this timber cracked and decayed, while those from, the Mysore country bore a very much better appearance. Colonel Lawford it is observed from his letter under reference, did not himself visit the Mudamulli forest, and consequently is unable to offer an opinion upon the standing timber, but his statements in regard to the inferiority of the timber supplied therefrom for the Jackatalla works, appear unquestionable as ample opportunities were afforded to him during his stay in the Hills to form a correct opinion of its value, and further the officer in charge of the works it is observed, reported to the Deputy Chief Engineer that one chief cause of inconvenience and delay in the prosecution of the works was the very inferior quality of the timber supplied.

* In letter No. 40, dated 27th September 1859.

4. The cause of the delay in the submission of Colonel Lawford's letter, dated 12th July last, was owing to a requisition made on the Special Executive Engineer, Jackatalla, for the accounts called for by Government in their orders No. 1637. These were received in this office on the 26th ultimo, and it was intended to submit them as well as the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter together for the information of Government; as however, in their order dated 24th September 1859, the Government have again called attention to their requisition regarding the Deputy Chief Engineer's examination of Captain Morgan's books, I now submit at once Colonel Lawford's letter above quoted, and in doing so, I beg to add that the accounts received from Captain Farewell will, immediately after audit in this office, be forwarded for the orders of the Governor in Council.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 5th to 21st October 1859.

5. With reference to paragraph 2 of the order of the 24th of September, I observe that the Government has in the order of the 19th, No. 2245, decided that Captain Morgan is to continue in employment in the Mudamalli and Segur forests. His departmental allowances will, therefore, agreeably to instructions, be charged to the estimate for the Jackatalla barracks while he is so employed.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1859, No. 2419.

The Government are glad to learn that the Mudamalli forest accounts were found by Colonel Lawford to have been correctly and punctually kept by Captain Morgan.

2. With respect to the explanation afforded by Colonel Lawford as to the cost of the forest establishment, as assumed by him, the Government will await the receipt of the accounts now under audit in the Central office.

3. In reference to the quality of the timber supplied from the forest, the Government observe that in his letter to Captain Farewell referred to in paragraph 11 of the order of the 24th September No. 2293 Dr. Cleghorn stated that "there is no lack of good timber." The *best* procurable will in future be reserved for the barracks, and, of course the value of only such portions as the Special Executive Engineer may accept will be debited to the barracks. Provision was made in the order above quoted for the disposal of cracked planks and fragments not suitable for the barracks.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

No 3

Central Office of Works
Fort Saint George
1st October 1859

No 5678

From
The Chief Engineer.
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Work department

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Sir,

With reference to the orders as per Margin, I have the honor to submit the accompanying letter from Colonel Lawford No 21 dated 12th July 1859, reporting that during his official stay on the Neigherry hills he inspected the books of Captain Morgan, the Officer in charge of the Modamullay forests, and found them punctually and correctly kept in accordance with the system prevailing in the Public Work department:

With regard to the sum of Rupees 10000 alluded to by government in para 2 of their order dated 2nd July 1859, and in the concluding part of my letter No 1500 on the amount allowed by Colonel Lawford, for the salaries of the Superintendent of the Modamullay forests and his Establishment, Colonel Lawford states, that from March 1856, to the beginning of 1857, Captain Morgan was

No 1634 dated 4 July 1859.
No 2293 dated 24 Sept 1859.

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2 Letters from the Chief Engr to Circle Dated 12 July & 27 Septr 1859 No 21 & 40

was only an Assistant Engineer on Rupees 200. per Months, employed partly at Jackatalla with a very limited Establishment; and for a part of the period included in that Officer's accounts, the forest was in charge of Captain Dobbie in common with the work in the Neilgherry Executive Range. In consequence of the above the Deputy Chief Engineer states that only a portion of the cost of superintendence should properly be charged to the Forest accounts. Colonel Lawford's calculations in arriving at the sum stated by him are as follows..

12 Months at Rs.	200 =	2,400
12 Months at "	250 =	3,000
12 Months at "	400 =	4,800
Total Rupees		10,200

3. With reference to the remarks in para 11 of the Order of Government No. 2293, that the Deputy Chief Engineer Central Circle was mistaken in his low appreciation of the Modamullay Teak, that Officer observes, that during his stay at Jackatalla frequent complaints were made to him by Captains Campbell and Farewell, of the bad quality of wood supplied by Captain Morgan, and further that he personally witnessed the rejection of a large quantity, in addition to which, several logs

logs were afterwards declared unfit for use when cut up. The Deputy Chief Engineer adds in support of his views in regard to the quality of the Modamullay Teak, that when he inspected the Coondelpett workshop on his way to Madras he found several logs of this timber cracked and decayed, while those from the Mysore country bore a very much better appearance. Colonel Lawford it is observed from his letter under reference; did not himself examine the Modamullay forest and consequently is unable to offer an opinion upon the standing timber, but his statements in regard to the inferiority of the timber supplied therefrom for the Jackatalla works appear unquestionable as ample opportunities were afforded to him during his stay in the Hills to form a correct opinion of its value and further the Officer in charge of the work it is observed reported to the Deputy Chief Engineer that one chief cause of inconvenience and delay in the prosecution of the works was the very inferior quality of the timber supplied.

4. The cause of the delay in the submission of Colonel Lawford's letter dated 12th July last, was owing to a requisition made on the Special Executive Engineer Jackatalla for

For the accounts called for by Government in their order No. 1637. These were received in this Office on the 26th Instant, and it was intended to submit them as well as the Deputy Chief Engineers letter together for the information of Government: As however in their order dated 24th September 1859, the Government have again called attention to their requisition regarding the Deputy Chief Engineers examination of Captain Morgans Books, I now submit the accounts received from Captain Farewell will, immediately after audit in this Office, be forwarded for the orders of the Governor in Council.

With reference to para 2 of the Order of the 22nd September, I observe that the Government has in the Order of the 19th decided that Captain Morgan is to continue in employment in the Mudumali and Tegur Forests. His departmental allowances will therefore agreeably to instructions be charged to the Estimate for the Jackatalla Barracks while he is so employed.

No. 2245

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

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servt

Lt. Colk
Dy Chf Engr in ch. N.C.

Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

R. Gray

Public Works Dept.

No: 2419 / 59

Nº 9

Despatches of the Madras Government
Under date the 12th October 1859

Read the Chief Engineer

Letter from the Chief Engineer

Submits two original Letters
from Colonel Lawford on the
subject of the examination
of Captain Morgan's accounts
as also on the quality of the
Madoomullay Forests

The Government
are pleased to direct that
the Executive Officer
do proceed to Tinnevelly
& Examine Captain
Colonel Lawford to the
former Complaints made
against Captain Morgan
Conservator Rungum-
Captain Rungum-

2.- While at Tinnevelly
Colonel Lawford will
explain to Captain
Morgan the Objections
to his Accounts and
the Court of the Forests
will be assembled for the
establishment, as opinion

By

Cons: 8th July 1859 Nos 27-28
" 4th October " " 20-21
" 28th Sept" " " 13-14

No 89.

C10 4th Oct" No II

3rd 1859 Department
Pro: of Govt 2nd Oct".
No 2571

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

Dated 1st
Rec'd 3rd October 1859

Enc: 2 Returned No 5678
4-11-59
No 2419 - 12th Oct".-

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3.— On reference to the quality of the timbers supplied from the forest, the Government observe that in his letter to Captain Farewell referred to in paragraph of the order of the 21st September No. 2293 Dr. Cleghorn stated that "there is no lack of good timber". The best procurable will in future be reserved for the barracks, and, of course the value of only such portions as the Special Executive Engineer may accept will be debited to the barracks. Provision was made in the order above quoted for the disposal of cracked planks and fragments not suitable for the barrack use.

J.P.

To Captain Chief Engineer.

Public Works 1859 No 1350
From Govt 21st Octr

No 2416.

To the Madras Govt.
Dated 12th Octr 1859.

Dated 8th July 1859 Nos 27-28.
—— 4th October —— 20-21
—— 23 September —— 13-14.

Reporting observations on the examination of Captn Cumming's accounts and on the quality of the Travancore forests &c.

No 89 & 90.

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