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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of November 1859.*

No. 25. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 28th October 1859,
No. 6608.

I have the honor, with reference to the order of Government as per margin, to submit the
accompanying letter from Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood, Deputy
Chief Engineer of the southern circle, reporting the result of
his enquiries into the expenditure upon the gaol and court
houses under construction at Salem.

October 28th 1859, No. 113.
October 15th 1859.

1 Original report from Colonel Bird-
wood, dated 15th October 1859, with
4 enclosures.

2. I received this letter a few days after Colonel Birdwood's return, and immediately
took up the subject which had not before come under my special consideration. I could not,
however, find in Colonel Birdwood's report, or in the other documents, any distinct explanation
of the "causes of the excess," and I, therefore, wrote a memorandum requesting the Deputy
Chief Engineer to supply me with a statement of the expenditure, the actual excess, and its
cause under each head of the estimate.

3. Colonel Birdwood was in possession of the actual expenditure to the latest date, but
as the "causes of the excess," had not been clearly ascertained by him, he was obliged to refer
to the District Engineer on the subject. I was not aware of this reference, which was made on
the 20th, till a few days later, and I should then have reported the circumstance to Government,
had not my attention been engrossed by other matters.

4. I am not satisfied with the manner in which the revised estimate has been prepared,
and I have, therefore, directed that another shall be submitted. This with the explanation of
the excess, will cause some further delay ; but as soon as I receive the necessary information, I
shall submit a full report to Government.

5. It is sufficient for the present to notice the fact that Colonel Birdwood considers the
money charged to the gaol and court houses to have been fully and honestly expended ; and
that he absolves Captain Gahagan from blame, except with regard to the execution of work of
much too costly a description.

No. 26. ORDER THEREON, 2nd November 1859, No. 2579.

The Government will await the further information promised in this letter by the Chief
Engineer, but, in the mean time, they desire that Colonel Birdwood's attention may be called
to the fact that he was instructed to report specifically upon three points, the first of which was
"the causes of the excess."

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

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Custodian Office of P.W.
Fort Smith - Cayo
28th October 1859

N^o 6608

From the Chief Engineer
To the Secretary

To the Secretary
to Government of P.W. Cayo

Judicial
Sir

October 20th 1859 N^o 113

October 15th 1859

Enclosures

1 Original report from
Colonel Birdwood dated
15th October 1859 with
4 enclosures.

I have the honor, with reference to the
Order of Government as per caption, to submit
the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Colonel
Birdwood Deputy Chief Engineer of the Southern
Custo, reporting the result of his enquiries into
the expenditure upon the Paol and Court
Bridges under construction at Salem.

2. I received this letter a few days
after Colonel Birdwood's return, and immediately
took up the subject which had not before come
under my special consideration. I could not however
find in Colonel Birdwood's report or in the other
documents

documents any distinct explanation of the "causes of the excess," and I therefore wrote a Memorandum requesting the Deputy Chief Engineer to supply me with a Statement of the expenditure, the actual excess, and its cause under each head of the Estimate. -

3. Colonel Birdwood was in possession of the actual expenditure to the latest date, but as the causes of the excess had not been clearly ascertained by him he was obliged to refer to the District Engineer on the subject. I was not aware of this reference, which was made on the 20th till a few days later, and I should then have reported the circumstance to Government had not my attention been engrossed by other matters. —

4. I am not satisfied with the manner in which the revised Estimate has been prepared, and I have therefore directed that another shall be submitted. This with the explanation of the excess will cause some further delay; but as soon as I receive the necessary information I shall submit a full report to Government.

5. It is sufficient for the present to notice the fact that Colonel Birdwood considers the money charged to the Paol and Fort Houses to have been fully and honestly expended, and that he absolves Captain Pahajan from blame except with regard to the execution of work of much too costly a description.

Central Office of P.W. 2
Fort Saint George

have the honor to be

Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

A. H. Allen, Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

L. L. Gray

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 they desire that before
~~we need more full and detailed~~
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 to report specifically upon these points, the
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Dear Mr. Perry
 22 Nov 1859
 Dear Sir,
 10 Copies to the West Ind. Co.
 Yours truly,
 J. A. A.