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Dated 17—12—1859

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No. 115. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 14th December 1859, No. 8343.

1 Letter and 3 enclosures.
No. 555, 7th December 1859.
Total Rupees 648-8 6.

I have the honor with reference to Circular No. XLV, 23rd June 1857, C. O. Book, page 551, to forward a letter from the District Engineer of Canara, respecting a suit which has been brought against him by a Mr. Coelho for the recovery of Rupees 481-2-4 on account of materials supplied for the Gúrpúr river works, together with interest (amounting to Rupees 166-15-2) thereon from 6th May 1856 to 14th June 1859, the date of filing the plaint.

2. As the enclosures contain all the information I have on the subject and the hearing of the case is appointed for the first week in January, I am obliged to submit them as they are for the orders of Government as to whether the case shall be deferred or not, but no copy of the contract has been received, nor are the papers in other respects sufficiently complete for me to report fully my opinion on the defence proposed by the District Engineer, but it appears to me that the refusal of interest can hardly be sustained in conjunction with the admission of a debt of three years standing. The long deferred adjustment of the claim appears to be attributable to the frequent change of officers since May 1856, although its settlement appears originally to have been postponed as a punishment for neglect and breach of contract.

No. 116. ORDER THEREON, 17th December 1859, No. 2933.

The Government fully agree with the Chief Engineer that the plaintiff in the case reported is entitled to interest, after having been so long kept out of his money; and the District Engineer will be authorized to disburse the whole amount claimed.

2. The long delay in satisfying a claim admitted to be just is not at all satisfactorily explained.

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

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Central Office of Public Works

No 8343 Fort Saint George

14th December 1859

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Department Public Works

Judicial

Enclosure
1 Letter &
3 Encls

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
W Bell Lt Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort Saint George
13th December 1859

To
Captain
for the Chief Engineer

Pub. Works 1859 Chant.
Pro: of Govt 20th Decr
A. 3287.

From
The Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Govt
P. E. D.

Colonies

Dated 14th December 1859

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Remark with opinion as to
letter from the District Engr
Canard respecting a claim
brought against him by
a Mr Colthe for the recovery
of a sum of money on
account of Materials to
Lighthouse.
with an order
No 2933. 17th December

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Fort St George
17th December 1859

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