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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, from 24th September to 4th October 1859.

Read again letter from the Colonial Secretary at Colombo, dated 15th and recorded in Proceedings of Government, dated 26th August 1859, No. 2049.

No. 7. Read also the following letter from T. C. GIBSON, Esq., Colonial Secretary at Colombo; to T. PYCROFT, Esq., Chief Secretary to Government, dated Colombo, 24th August 1859, No. 49.

Having laid before the Governor your letter, No. 1906 of the 9th instant, I am directed to request that you will convey His Excellency's thanks to the Honorable the Governor in Council for the exertions that have been made to obtain artificers for service at Batticaloa, and to acquaint you that Captain Phillpotts brought to the notice of this Government the claim referred to, on the return of the well-sinkers, and as it was ascertained here that all the family remittances received from him, were forwarded to Madras, the necessary explanation was requested in my letter No. 48 of the 15th instant.

No. 8. ORDER THEREON, 24th September 1859, No. 2286.

These papers as well as those noted in the margin refer to certain family remittances made by a number of well-sinkers who were engaged by the District Engineer of Tanjore in 1858 for employment on the Batticalao irrigation works, and which remittances have not been duly paid.

From Colonial Secretary 1st September 1858 No. 67.
From do. 8th do. „ 69.
From do. 11th do. „ 71.
From do. 11th December do. „ 101.

2. The matter was brought to the notice of the District Engineer of Tanjore by the parties themselves on their return to India; and such of them as returned to Batticalao this year made the same complaint to the Ceylon authorities; the consequence has been a mutual call for explanation on the part of the two Governments.

To Ceylon Government 9th August 1859 No. 1906.
From Ceylon Government 15th „ „ „ 48.

3. The claim amounts in all to 45£ or 450 Rupees, being one month's family remittance at the rate of 1£ 10s. or fifteen Rupees, for 30 well-sinkers. Of this amount Rupees 270 are stated to have been remitted by the persons now in Ceylon, and 180 Rupees by those who, having declined to return thither, are now in Tanjore.

4. Captain Phillpott's letter received with that of the Colonial Secretary dated 15th August 1859 is quite clear as to the remittances. He shows that the men were engaged from the 17th May to the 23rd August 1858 being 3¼ months; that they received one full* month's pay before embarkation, and that for the remaining 2¼ month's he made remittances on their account at the rate of 1£ 10s. a month viz. from

* P. W. Consultation 2nd July 1858 Nos. 15 @ 17.

18th June to 17th July 1858 45 £
18th July to 17th August „ 45 „
18th Augt. to 23rd Augt. „ 9 „

These remittances were acknowledged by this Government, and the advices communicated to the Accountant General in the orders of the 18th September and 4th October 1858 Nos. 1926 and 2047. The Colonial Secretary's letter of the 11th December 1858 No. 101 enclosing the last pay certificate of the well-sinkers, represents the adjustment of salaries to the 23rd August 1858 inclusive.

5. It remains to ascertain what sums have been paid by the District Engineer of Tanjore in pursuance of the order of Government above quoted. The Government resolve therefore to request the Accountant General to report in communication if necessary with the Chief Engineer whether any and what steps were taken on the above orders of the 18th September and 4th October 1858 for the payment of the amount of the remittances to the parties entitled to receive them, and what sums have been so disbursed in consequence.

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

To Government
Fort St. George

No. 49.

Colonial Secretary's Office
Colombo, 24th August

Sir,

I having laid before the Governor your letter No. 1906 of the 9th Instant, I am directed to request that you will convey His Excellency's thanks to the Honble the Governor in Council for the exertions that have been made to obtain Artificers for service at Batticaloa, and to acquaint you that Captain Phillpotts brought to the notice of this Government the claim referred to, on the return of the Wellsinkers, and as it was ascertained here that all the family remittances

The Chief Secretary
to Government
Fort St: George

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required in my letter No: 48
of the 15th Instant.

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

William Gf Jones

Public Works Dept.

No. 2266.

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Under date the 24th Sept. 1859.

Read again letter from the Colonial Sec.y at Colombo dated 15th and recorded in Pro.s of Govt. dated 26th Aug.t 1859 No. 2049.

Read also the following letter from the Colonial Sec.y at Colombo:-

(Here enter 24th Aug.t 1859 No. 49)

These papers as well as those noted on the margin refer to certain family remittances made by a number of well sinkers who were engaged by the District Engr. of Jaffna in 1858 for employment on the Batticaloa irrigation works

Regarding the Artificers sent to Batticaloa and the claim of the well sinkers in certain family remittances.

From Colonial Sec.y 1st Sept. 1858 No. 69.
" do — 8th — do — 69.
" do — 11th — do — 71.
" do — 11 Dec.r — 101.

P.W. Env. 12th Aug.t 59 - No. 61-63.
Rec.d 26th Aug.t 59 -- 103-104.

No. 1839 Of 1859.
Secretariat
No. 2310

From the Colonial Sec.y at Colombo

Dated 24th Aug.t 1859
Rec.d 1st Sept.r "
No. 2286. 24th Sept.r 1859
No. 49.

Regarding the Artificers sent to Batticaloa and the claim of the well sinkers in certain family remittances.

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2.— The matter was brought to the notice of the District Engineer of Tanjore by the parties themselves on their return to India; and such of them as returned to Batticaloa this year made the same complaint to the Ceylon Authorities. The consequence has been a mutual call for explanations on the part of the two Governments.—

3.— The claim amounts in all to 45 £ or 450 Rs, being one months family remittance at the rate of 1 £ 10 s or fifteen rupees, for 30 well-sinkers. Of this amount 180 Rs 2 m/o are stated to have been remitted by the persons now in Bengalow, and 180 Rs. by those who,

To Ceylon Govt. 9 Augt. /59 No. 0996.
From Ceylon Govt. 15 " " — 118

* P.W. Con. 2 July /58 No. 15 @ 17.

who, having declined to return thither, are now at Tanjore.—

4.— Captain Skillpatt's letter received with that of the Colonial Secretary dated 16th Augt. 1859 is quite clear as to the remittances. He shows that the men were engaged from the 14th May to the 23d Augt. 1858 being 3 3/5 months; that they received one full months pay before embarkation, and that for the remaining 2 3/5 months he made remittances on their account at the rate of 1 £ 10 s a month viz:

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18 Augt. to 23 Augt. " — 9 "

These remittances were acknowledged by the

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2047. The Colonial Secre-
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1838 No. 101 enclosing the
Land Survey Certificate of
the well-sinkers, repre-
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1838 inclusive. ———

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Public Works 1859 Deptt.
Pro: of Govt 4th October.

No 2286.

Pro: of the Madras Govt
Dt 24th Septr 59

Accountant General
to report on disbursement
of family remittances
made by certain Mahomedans
employed at Batticaloa -

No 748.

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