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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of January 1860.*

No. 187. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer,
to the Secretary to Government, dated 5th January 1860, No. 8825.

No. 8684.
January 3d, 1860.
No. 2872.

I have the honor, with reference to my letter of the 23d of
December 1859, to submit the accompanying letter from Lieut.
Colonel Birdwood, containing the explanation called for in
the order of Government of the 10th of December 1859.

2. I observed in my letter of the 28th of October 1859, that Colonel Birdwood's first
report did not contain a distinct explanation of the causes of
the excess. I was of opinion that the causes could not be clearly
shown without a statement of the actual excess under each head of the estimate, and such a
statement was not placed before me. Colonel Birdwood had obtained satisfactory proof of the
general causes of the excess; but I required a detailed explanation as above, to enable me to
report upon the subject in a proper manner.

3. Colonel Birdwood now explains that he did not, when at Salem, procure the informa-
tion required by me, because the District Engineer seemed per-
fectly satisfied of the correctness of his supplemental estimates.

Paragraph 4.

It is evident that Colonel Birdwood thus mistook in some measure, the object of his mission to
Salem, since it was intended that he should investigate the whole subject of the past and pros-
pective expenditure connected with the Gaol and Court house, and that he should form his own
conclusions thereupon, independently of the statements of the District Engineer. Yet, although
the local inquiry has failed to produce all the information which was properly to be expected from
it, the defects are chiefly those of correctness in account and precision in the explanations. The
information procured and submitted by Colonel Birdwood on the subject of the rise of prices
for different species of work in Salem is of considerable value, and much advantage has also
resulted from his inspection of the District Engineer's work, and his comparison of it with that
of the railway company.

4. It will appear from the latter part of the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter, that the in-
formation which I have called for on the subject of the excess is still incomplete; but I think
it advisable to lose no time in submitting Colonel Birdwood's explanation. My opinion upon
the District Engineer's proceedings will be submitted with my report upon the expenditure.

No. 188. ORDER THEREON, 31st January 1860, No. 250.

The Government consider it to be matter of much regret that Colonel Birdwood failed to
give more detailed attention to the objects for which he was deputed to Salem. Much cor-
respondence would thereby have been saved, and the enquiry would probably have been brought
to a close long ere this. They do not desire, however, to pursue the subject further, as respects
Colonel Birdwood.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Public Works
Séparatam 5^e January 1860

N^o 8825

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department

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Sir,

N^o 8684
January 3rd 1860.

~~Colonel Birdwood~~
~~Colonel Birdwood~~

N^o 2872

I have the honor, with reference to my letter of the 23rd of December 1859, to submit the accompanying letter from Lieutenant Colonel Birdwood, containing the explanation called for in the Order of Government of the 10th of December 1859.

N^o 6608

I observed in my letter of the 28th of October 1859, that Colonel Birdwood's first report did not contain a distinct explanation of the causes of the excess. I was of opinion that the cause could not be clearly shown without a statement of the actual excess under each head of the Estimate, and such a statement was not placed before me. Colonel Birdwood had obtained a satisfactory proof of the general causes

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of the except, but I required a detailed explanation as above to enable me to report upon the subject in a proper manner.

3. Colonel Birdwood now explains that he did not when at Salem procure the information required by me because the District Engineer seemed perfectly satisfied of the correctness of his supplemental Estimates. It is evident that Colonel Birdwood thus mistook in some measure the object of his mission to Salem, since it was intended that he should investigate the whole subject of the past and prospective expenditure connected with the Gaol and Court House, and that he should form his own conclusions thereupon independently of the statements of the District Engineer. Yet although the local enquiry has failed to produce all the information which was properly to be expected from it, the defects are chiefly those of ^{correctness, no account and} omission in the explanations. The information procured and submitted by Colonel Birdwood on the subject of the rise of prices for different species of work in Salem is of considerable value, and much advantage has also resulted from his inspection

of the District Engineer's work, and his comparison of it with that of the Railway Company.

4. It will appear from the latter part of the Deputy Chief Engineer's letter that the information which I have called for on the subject of the except is still incomplete, but I think it advisable to lose no time in submitting Colonel Birdwood's explanation. My opinion upon the District Engineer's proceedings will be submitted with my report upon the expenditure.

Central Office of P.M.
Vijayaram.
5th January 1860.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

A. Bell St. John
Chief Engineer.

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