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

No. 42. Read the following letter from Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer; to the Secretary to Government, dated 16th February 1860, No. 10353.

No. 33, dated 5th January 1860.

I have the honor to acknowledge Proceedings Madras Government marginally noted, requesting me to report the name of the District Engineer responsible for the construction of the nine cash chests in excess of what were ordered by Government for the use of the Department Public Works in the Tanjore district, and to state for the information of Government that Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood, when District Engineer in January 1858, received orders from the Chief Engineer to make up ten cash chests for the district, a number quite inadequate to its wants, and in May following he received the order for the allotment of nine to the district, which considering the inadequacy of the former allotment, the District Engineer misunderstood, and supposed to be a further provision for its wants, and not an order revising the former one. Owing to this mistake, nine more cash chests were made up and allotted to the different subordinates in charge of tâluqs, (16 in number), not heretofore provided with them, two were handed over to Lieutenants Palmer and Moore respectively, for the safety of the large sums drawn by them from time to time, and the remaining one employed in the District Engineer's office.

2. Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood is undoubtedly to blame for this inadvertence in not giving the order of Government more careful consideration, but in a district where the expenditure is so heavy and where previous to the distribution of the boxes, the subordinates were obliged to keep large sums of public money in any box or bag of their own they could spare for that purpose, with the immediate risk of loss or robbery, it will be seen that the small expenditure has not proved a loss to Government, the allotted number being totally inadequate to the requirements of the Tanjore district.

No. 43. ORDER THEREON, 3rd March 1860, No. 465.

In obedience to the order of Government 5th January No. 33 the Chief Engineer reports that Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood is the officer who is responsible for the unauthorized construction of nine additional cash chests for the Tanjore district.

2. In paragraph 2 of that order, the Government remarked that their instructions and those of the Chief Engineer relative to the allotment of cash chests for Tanjore were so clear that with ordinary attention the mistake in exceeding the allotment could not have occurred. From the letter now before Government it is evident that the mistake was entirely owing to carelessness on the part of Lieutenant-Colonel Birdwood, who was the District Engineer of Tanjore at the time. Under these circumstances the Government would be fully warranted in holding Colonel Birdwood responsible for the cost of the extra chests.

3. The Chief Engineer reports, however, that use has been found for the whole of the nineteen cash chests. One has been supplied to each of the sixteen tâluqs and to Lieutenants Palmer and Moore respectively and the District Engineer has found use for one in his own office. Such being the case, the Government sanction the cost of the remaining nine, amounting to Rupees (218-1-6) two hundred and eighteen, anna one, and pice six.

(Signed) **T. PYCROFT,**
Chief Secretary.

Central Office of Public Works
Sepaktum 16th February 1860.

No. 10353

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
No. 33 dated 5th January 1860. Proceedings Madras Government Marginally noted
requesting me to report the name of the District
Engineer responsible for the construction of the Cash
Chests in excess of what were ordered by Govern-
ment for the use of the Department Public Works
in the Tanjore District and to state for the in-
formation of Government that Lieutenant Colonel
Birdwood when District Engineer in January
1858 received orders from the Chief Engineer to
make up 10 Cash Chests for the District, a
number quite inadequate to its wants, and in May
following he received the order for the allotment
of 9 to the District, which considering the inade-
quacy of the former allotment, the District
Engineer misunderstood, and supposed to be a
further provision for its wants, and not an Order
revising

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Proc: of Govt Public Department
No 439.
From The Chief Engineer
To The Secretary to Govern.t
P.W.D.

Dated 16th } February 1860.
Recd 17th }

No 10353

Acknowledges the receipt of the orders of Govt. No 33. dated 5th January 1860. and affords the informations therein called for relatives to the constructions of 9 Cash Chests above the allotted number for Tanjore.

No 42.

Awaiting former one. — Owing to this mistake 9 more Cash Chests were made use and allotted to the different Subordinates in charge of Locks / 10 in Number not Mentioned in the Estimate with them, two were handed over to Lieutenant Palmer and Moore respectively for the safety of the large sums drawn by them from time to time, and the remaining one employed in the Public Engineers Office.—

2. Lieutenant Colonel Kindersley is requested to address for this indulgence signed by the Order of Government more carefully considering the Cash Chests above the allotted number for Tanjore.

P.C.D.

No. 465

Proceedings of the Madras Govern.t
Under date the 3.d March 1860.
Read the following
letter from the Chief Engr.

According the pur-
port of the order in the 33.d Para. of Govern.t
No. relative
to the construction of 9 Cash Chests
above the allotted number to Tanjore

(Here enter 16.th February 1860
No. 1035)

In obedience to
the order of Govt. 5.th January
No. 33 the Chief Engr. reports
that Lieut. Col. Birdwood
is the officer who is respon-
sible for the unauthorized
construction of nine addi-
tional Cash Chests for
the Tanjore District.

In para 2 of that
order, the Govt. remarked
that their instructions and
those of the Chief Engr. re-
lative to the allotment
of Cash Chests for Tanjore
were so clear that with
ordinary attention the
mistake in exceeding

the

two allotment could not have occurred. From the letter now before Govt it is evident that the mistake was entirely owing to carelessness on the part of Lt Col Birdwood, who was the District Engineer of Sangor at the time. Under these circumstances the Govt would be fully warranted in holding Colonel Birdwood responsible for the cost of the extra chests.

The Chief Engineer reports, however, that use has been found for the whole of the nineteen cash chests. One has been supplied to each of the sixteen talugas and to Lieut Palmer & Moore respectively and the District Engineer has found use for one in his own office. Such being the case, the Govt sanction the cost of the remaining nine, amounting to Rs (218-1-6) two hundred and eighteen, anna one, and nine pice.

JP

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Dd 3d March 1860.

Sanctioning the cost
of 9 extra Cash Chests
for the P. W. D. in Tanjore.

No 42 & 43.

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