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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th February 1862.

No. 372. Read the following letter from J. W. MUDGE, Esq., M. D., Honorary Secretary People's Park Committee, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 15th February 1862, No. 224 :—

SIR,

1. I received two or three days since the Order of Government No. 179, of the 10th February 1862, by which I am directed, in accordance with the suggestion of Major Rawlins in charge of the Audit and Account Departments of the Public Works, to countersign all bills for works performed in the Park, which have been signed by Sub-Conductor Riordan, the Assistant Overseer.

2. In regard to Major Rawlins' suggestion, I have the honor to observe that all bills for work paid for out of the Park funds have been forwaded by me as Honorary Secretary, the examination of the bills and estimates having been carefully made by the Overseer. If by signing these bills, I am now expected to be answerable for their correctness, I shall be making myself responsible for that which I do not understand; moreover if, after these two signatures, they have still to be signed in the third place by the District Engineer, it is not apparent what would be gained by my name being appended.

3. The fact of my having forwarded these bills is in itself a proof that the work has been done. If in addition I now sign each, I have only to request that I may not be considered responsible for the correctness of the particular calculations.

No. 373. ORDER THEREON, 24th February 1862, No. 290.

The countersignature of the Honorary Secretary is required as a voucher that the work for which the Bills are submitted was authorized by the Committee, and has been carried out. The Honorary Secretary will not be held responsible for the particular calculations. These will be looked into by the District Engineer before he countersigns the Bill.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary to Government.

N°224

From

The Honorary Secretary Committee Peoples Park

To

The Chief Secretary to Government
Fort St. George

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

Madras
15 February
1862

J Wheeler Jno
Honorary Secretary P. P. C.

10th Feby 1862 Nos 153-154.

Calculations - These will be looked into by the District Engineer before he countersigns the Bill.

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Govt Office George
24th February 1862
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To Secy to Committee
Peoples Park Dist 25

1 Officer with Abstt & Accts Dist 25

Nos 372 & 373.

Public Works Dept
Pro: of Govt for Feby.

No 495

From
The Honorary Secy
Peoples Park Committee. 224.

Dd 15th Feby 62
Rd 18th Feby 62
Pro 20.

No 232

With ref: to Govt order directing him to countersign all bills for works performed in the Park, raises objections, for the reasons given to his Countersigning them; & by so doing he is expected to be answerable for their correctness.

No 290 - 24 Encls:

Returned
With an order

Referred to the
Dept of Public Works.

20th February 1862

Chief Secretary

No 290.

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