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8th December 1862.*

No. 170. Read the following Endorsement of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Madras, 28th November 1862, No. 131 :—

Read the following letter from Captain J. MULLINS, Acting District Engineer, Tanjore, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Tanjore, 18th November 1862, No. 237.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the flag staff at Tranquebar was found at the close of last month to be so extremely unsafe, from the mast near the bottom having rotted, that after inspection by the Sub-Collector and Lieutenant Mead, the latter Officer finding that it was beginning to lean over to the eastward, thought it right to take it down to prevent injury to persons employed at and near the citadel on which the staff stood, and in lowering it, it broke into two pieces at 5 feet from the lower end. The cost of the operation was Rupees 17-8-0.

2. The flag staff in question was put up so lately as January last, on an estimate Rupees 530, sanctioned by Government on the 4th January 1861; Rupees 150 were provided in this estimate for a Teak wood mast, but it appears that the late District Engineer was unable to procure a suitable spar of that wood, and after some correspondence, a log of Pinnay wood was obtained from Mutupetta at a cost of Rupees 36-13-0 including carriage. Mr. Moran, the Sea Custom House Manager, considered this wood unsuitable, but Captain Pascal, the Master Attendant at Negapatam, thought that Pinnay would be fit for the mast, and in the absence of Teak wood it was accordingly used.

3. I enclose a Memorandum showing the items of the estimate and the corresponding expenditure, showing a balance remaining still available of Rupees 112-2-9, the saving having resulted from the use of Pinnay, and of this sum about Rupees 50 will be absorbed in the cost of taking down the mast just removed, and fixing the new one, leaving about Rupees 60 towards the cost of a suitable spar.

4. The flag staff being used for signalling to the shipping and its absence being likely to cause considerable inconvenience, I would request permission to re-place it with a Teak spar as early as practicable, and I would ask the favor of you allowing a spar to be selected at Madras for the purpose and sent down by sea at the first opportunity, by which I think, notwithstanding the unfortunate occurrence now reported, the ultimate cost will not very greatly exceed the sanctioned estimate. The mast is required to be 45 feet long, 9 inches diameter at one end and 4½ to 5 inches at the other; should you not be able to assist me in this respect, there is a log at Tranquebar which can be purchased, but the owner wants Rupees 200 for the mast if he takes the risk of the wood turning out badly on cutting up, or Rupees 150 if the Government take the risk, and as the cubic contents of the mast are only 17 or 18 cubic yards at most, I should think such a spar might be got at Madras for 60 or 70 Rupees.

5. I noticed in my Inspection report* for August last the unsatisfactory way in which the guys were put up, and though the necessity for taking down the mast did not proceed from this cause, I will take care that this important point is properly attended to in setting up the new mast.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, with reference to their Proceedings No. 69, dated 11th January 1861, sanctioning a sum of Rupees 530, for re-placing the flag staff at Tranquebar.

2. Government will observe that from the above sanction there is a balance of Rupees 112-2-9 remaining still available. Of this sum about Rupees 50 will be expended in taking down the present mast and fixing a new one; and Rupees 62 will be left towards the purchase of a suitable spar. A Memorandum has been forwarded to the Acting District Engineer, showing what spars are available for purchase at Madras.

(Signed.) J. OUCHTERLONY, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle.

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No. 171.

ORDER THEREON, 8th December 1862, No. 2,942.

Communicated to the Marine Department with reference to the Proceedings in that Department No. 7, dated 4th January 1861.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

No. 237 of 1862/63.

Southern Circle

District Engineer's Office

Tanjore 18th November 1862

From

Captain J. A. Mullins

As District Engineer Tanjore

To

The Deputy Chief Engineer

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Whitcomb Captain
Sd/- District Engineer

Southern Circle Office D.P.W.
Madras 28 November 1862

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Archibuteus Southwell R.E

Dy. Chief Engineer Mr. Crook

To -
Colonel W. J. Bindwood R.E
Secretary to Government M.D.

To Govt of Madras N: 131

For
Mr. District Engineer
of
The Colony Chief Engineer
A.C.

Dated 18th November 1862
R.E.

N: 237

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Referring to my letter
dated 11th Jan 1861
at Tranquebar, in re.
some instructions, and
regarding to a spar
the Government are
offensive instead

20th. 1862. Letter
No. of Genl for December -
from Dec 23/62

Saml. Bell J. Connelley Dec
By Chas. Engwirth

To Colonel W. J. F. F. F. F. F.
May 16 - Nov. 1862.

Dec 28 1862
Dec 1st 1862
Dec 23/62
The same Dec 1st 1862

Disbursing for the
making, as letter from the
Dec 1st Engineer of Janey, No.
Noting that the flag staff
at Chaguanar had been taken
down, owing to its weakness,
unsafe state.

Mr H. on order
of 2942-8 Dec

No 2942

Communicated to the
Genl's Department with reference to
the Genl in that Department No. 7
dated 14th January 1861.

By the Genl's
Dec 1st 1862

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By the Genl's
Chief of the
Dec 1st 1862