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No. 346. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 5th December 1862, No. 4,524 :—

Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel S. O. E. LUDLOW, R. E., Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 22nd November 1862, No. 353.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to forward for your early orders a letter No. 997, dated 10th November 1862, from the Acting District Engineer, Vizagapatam, in which that Officer forwards for approval a Contract Bond, and two Security Bonds for the construction of a Sea Custom House at Vizagapatam.

1 Letter from the Acting District Engineer, Vizagapatam, No. 997, dated 10th November 1862.
5 Bonds.

2. The Acting District Engineer has complied with all the requisitions of Chapter XVI of the new Public Works Code, with the exception of paragraph 13, and I shall issue instructions accordingly to Captain Hunter to insert the words "or the District Engineer of —— for the time being," which has been omitted.

Paragraph 13.

3. You will observe that one of the stipulations of the contract is, that the work is to be commenced within a fortnight of the date on which the tender is accepted, and another, that it is to be completed within ten months from its commencement failing either of which two stipulations, the Contractor will be liable to the penalties detailed in the Bond executed by him.

4. Before concluding, I would take the liberty of requesting a modification of the rule regarding the acceptance of tenders. The Deputy Chief Engineer who has been already invested by Government with so much of the authority formerly assigned to the Chief Engineer, as to sanction repairs to a large extent, should, I consider, be invested with the power of finally accepting a tender above 2,000 Rupees, as in the present case, instead of forwarding it on for the approval of higher authority.

Chapter XVI.

5. District Engineers, it will be observed, have authority to accept any tender up to 2,000 Rupees, and the Chief Engineer any sum above that limit; whereas the Deputy Chief Engineer has no authority whatever given him in the matter of accepting tenders.

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1. Submitted to Government with a recommendation that agreeably with Lieutenant-Colonel Ludlow's request, Deputy Chief Engineers may be invested with the power now possessed by the Chief Engineer, under paragraph 8, Chapter XVI of the New Code, of accepting tenders above Rupees 2,000 for the execution of work on contract.

1 Original letter No. 353, dated 22nd November 1862.

2. Since the beginning of this year, Deputy Chief Engineers have exercised the same powers as the Chief Engineer to sanction expenditure, as defined in Chapter XXIV of the Departmental Code, and there is apparently no reason why they should not also be allowed the authority in regard to contracts above recommended.

(Signed.) W. I. BIRDWOOD, Colonel, R. E.,
Chief Engineer.

No. 347. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1862, No. 3,031.

The Government accede to the recommendation contained in paragraph 1 of the foregoing Endorsement.

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

Southern Circle Office
Chepauk 22nd Novr 1862

No 353

From

Lieut Col S.O. Ludlow R.E.
Deputy Chief Engineer N.C.

To

Colonel H.J. Birdwood R.E.
Chief Engineer D.P.W.

Enclosures 6
1 Letter from Dy Engr Vizagapatam No. 997 dated 10th Novr 1862
5 Bonds.

Sir

I have the honor to forward for your early orders a letter No. 997 dated 10th Novr 1862, from the Ag. Dy Engineer Vizagapatam, in which that Officer forwards for approval a Contract Bond, and 2 Security Bonds for the Construction of a sea Custom House at Vizagapatam.

2. The Ag. Dy Engineer has complied with all the requisitions of Chapter XVI of the new P.W. Code, with the exception of para: 13, and I shall issue instructions accordingly to Captain Hunter to insert the words "or the District Engineer of —— for the time being"; which has been omitted.

para: 13

3. You will observe that one of the stipulations of the Contract is, that the work is to be Commenced within a fortnight of the date on which the tender is accepted, and another, that it is to be Completed within ten months from its Commencement failing either of which two stipulations, the Contractor will be liable to the penalties detailed in the bond executed by him.

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4. Before concluding, I would beg the liberty of requesting a modification of the rule regarding the acceptance of tenders. The Deputy Chief Engineer who has been already invested by Government with so much of the authority formerly assigned to the Chief Engineer, as to sanction repairs to a large extent, should, I consider, be invested with the power of finally accepting a tender above 2000 Rs, as in the present case, instead of forwarding it on for the approval of higher authority.

5. Dy Engineers, it will be observed, have authority to accept any tender upto 2000 Rs, and the Chief Engineers any sum above that limit; whereas the Dy. Chief Engineer has no authority whatever given him in the matter of accepting tenders.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servt

J. O. Chandler Lieut Col R.E
Deputy Chief Engineer N.D.

Lyd. N. Bentley Esq.

No. 4524.

Submitted to Government
with a Despatch dated this day
Signed by Lieut. Col. Pollock
Secretary to Chief Engineers
for information of the Government

Abstract of the Chief Engineers
under Para 8, Chapter XVII of
the Service Code, of Receipts &
Advances &c. &c. for the Quarter
ending 31st December 1862.

2. Since the beginning of
this year, Allowance Chief Engineers
have Expended the Sums severally
as the Chief Engineers to Sanction
by Separate Authority, as detailed in the
XXIV appendix to the Statement No. 6 C.
And there is a Separate Statement
in the Abstract of Receipts &
Advances &c. &c. &c.

Z. Dy Chief Engrs. No. 6. 4.
dated to Govt. No. 4524
of 15th Decr. 1862.

No.
From 15th Dec. 1862
The Deputy Chief Engr.
Northern Circle
To
The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Dated 22d }
Received } Novr. 1862

No. 353.
Encl. 6.

Forwarding letter No. 997
dated 10th November 1862
from the Ag. Dy. Engineer
Vizagapatam in which
that officer forwards for
final approval a contract
Bond and 2 security Bonds
for the Construction of a Sea
Custom House at Vizaga-
patam & requesting a modi-
fication of the rule regard-
ing the acceptance of
Sureties.

To Contracts above recommended.—

Colonel R.E.
Chief Engineer & P.W.
Central Office P.W.
Chepauk No 1
5th December 1862.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Com/ce

No. 346-347.

No. 1542. Desp.
Bro: of Govt for Decr
Mar 23rd 1862
The Chief Engineer
Do
The Secy: to Govt
Jan 5th 1863
Dec 5th
No. 3031 18th Decr
Encl: No. 4524
Submits a letter from the Dy: Chief Engr Circle and recommends that the Dy Ch: Engr may be invested with the powers and responsibility of Receptacles Bridges above Rs 2000 for the Execution of Works on Contract. Withdrawn.

No. 3031

The Government accede to the recommendation contained in para 1 of the foregoing endorsement.

Chepauk 18th Dec 1862

To Cases

To The Chief Engineer Desp. 19.
" Dy Chief Engineer N. Circle. V
" do do S. Circle. V
" do do C. Circle. V

No 87.