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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
6th June 1863.*

No. 136. Read the following letter from Captain H. L. PRENDERGAST, R. E., Acting Superintending Engineer 4th Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Chepauk, dated Madras, 21st May 1863, No. 272 :—

SIR,

1. Adverting to the Proceedings of Government No. 1,014, dated 24th April 1863, I have the honor to submit the accompanying papers from the Acting District Engineer, North Arcot, reporting that the piers of the Palaur Anicut Bridge have been completed, and requesting sanction to the Estimate of Rupees 5,200, forwarded with Lieutenant-Colonel Hitchins' letter No. 461, dated 1st April 1863.

2. Captain Vertue states that the progress of the work was authorized by the Deputy Chief Engineer, Central Circle, on the 9th February 1863, and Captain Rogers reports that permission had been granted by the same authority to commence it, pending the sanction of Government. Both Officers have, however, misunderstood the Deputy Chief Engineer's orders to which they refer. On the 29th January* 1863 Mr. Dopping requested authority to

No. 314, dated 9th February 1863.
* In letter No. 3,231.

continue the progress of many masonry and other works, connected with the Poiney and Palaur projects, for which estimates had either been sent to the Central Office or forwarded to the Collector; and the execution of which he had undertaken on his own responsibility; and in one

† Proceedings No. 292, dated 2nd February 1863.

part of his letter he referred in general terms to the "Bridge Piers." A few days after, Mr. Dopping was informed in reply† that the Deputy Chief Engineer was unwilling to authorize the immediate execution of the works alluded to, but the following week Mr. Dopping was

in Proceedings No. 314, dated 9th February 1863.

instructed that the Estimates submitted with certain letters were under examination, and would be submitted to Government for sanction, but that in the meantime he could go on with the works. Neither of the letters alluded to contained the Estimate for the Palaur Anicut Bridge, as it had been returned to

‡ With Proceedings No. 289, dated 27th January 1863.

the Acting District Engineer for revision, and judging from the instructions‡ forwarded therewith, it appears to me evident, that the Deputy Chief Engineer did not intend to authorize the

prosecution of the work, until it had been regularly sanctioned by Government. It is however evident, on the other hand, that there has been a misunderstanding of the orders, and as the piers have been completed at a cost of Rupees 5,721-14-9, I request that the Estimate of Rupees 5,200, submitted by Lieutenant Colonel Hitchins last April, may be sanctioned from the sum allowed in the Budget of 1862-63, for the Palaur Anicut project agreeably to his recommendation.

No. 137. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1863, No. 1,445.

The piers referred to in this letter having been completed, a Bill instead of an Estimate for the work should, agreeably to Clause 20, Chapter V of the revised Public Works Code, be submitted for the sanction of Government.

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

No. 1445.

The plans referred to in this letter having been completed, a bill instead of an Estimate for the work should be agreeably to clause 20 Chap: V of the revised Public Works Code be submitted for the sanction of Government.

Shepard }
6th June 1863 }

the Superintending Engineer's Division - With Encl. 1: Recd. 2nd June
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Captain H. L. Pringle R. I.
Acty Superintending Engr to Insulin

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Colonel W. S. Burdett R. I.
Secretary to Government
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Dated 21st } May 1863
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W. B. No 272.

Submits correspondence from the
Acting District Engineer of Forts and
reporting that the Piers of the Palan-
amnicat Bridge have been completed
and recommends that the estimate of
Rupees 5200 submitted by Colonel
Hitchins last April may be sanctioned
as the Piers have been completed.

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25th 11/4/5 6th June.

With an order.