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29th June 1863.*

No. 642. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer 3rd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Peelair, 13th June 1863, No. 24 :—

SIR,

1 Original letter from Acting District Engineer, Bellary, No. 36.
1 Duplicate Bill for Rupees 256.

1. I have the honor herewith to enclose a letter from the Acting District Engineer Bellary, forwarding a Bill amounting to Rupees 256 on account of convict labour employed in clearing out a well, known as the Chendamah Bowry, in Brucepettah.

2. It appears that an Estimate amounting to Rupees 700 was sanctioned by Government for clearing out this well in their Order No. 1,647, dated 11th July 1862. The Estimate allowed for the removal of a depth of six feet of deposit, but when the water was pumped out of the well, it was discovered that nine feet of mud had to be cleared out instead of six feet, and as coolies would not willingly perform this description of work, Captain Babington applied for a gang of convicts, by whose assistance the deposit was cleared out, and the work was completed in November within 83 Rupees of the estimated amount, exclusive of convict labour.

3. In May last, the Acting Session Judge forwarded a Bill (duplicate of which is herewith enclosed) amounting to Rupees 256 on account of convict labour employed on the well above alluded to, but as the accounts of this work have long since been closed, I have the honor to solicit sanction for a grant of Rupees 256 from the Reserve Fund to enable Captain Babington to meet this, to him, unexpected charge.

No. 643. ORDER THEREON, 29th June 1863, No. 1,700.

The attention of the Superintending Engineer is requested to paragraphs 5 and 6 of Chapter IX of the Public Works Code. Colonel Hemery will there observe that no actual money payment is requisite, but that the value of the convict labor should be debited to the work, corresponding credit being allowed in the accounts to the Department by which the convicts were supplied.

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

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Includes an original letter from
the Ag. District Mag. Bellary and
a duplicate bill from the Ag.
Deputy Mag. of that Station
on account of commitment
employed on the Chindamath
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for a grant of Rs 256 from the
Revenue Fund to meet the
Ag. District Mag. & much the
inspected charge.

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