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6th July 1863.*

No. 89. Read the following letter from Major J. C. ANDERSON, R. E., Superintending Engineer 2nd Division, to Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Doogarazpatam, 22nd June 1863, No. 39:—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to report for the information of Government that a loss of Rupees 289-13-10 has been incurred in burning bricks at Waslie and Mahemalūr for the masonry works on the Nellore and Dorenal road, and to request that the amount may be written off to "profit and loss."

2. Captain Moberly's attention was first drawn to the subject of the bricks in question by the remarks of Mr. Sub-Engineer Irving, in his inspection report for February last, to the effect that on the kilns being opened, the bricks were found insufficiently burned, and that there would be a wastage of about 50 per cent. Further information being called for and obtained, the subject was brought to the notice of the Deputy Chief Engineer in April; but was not disposed of before the new arrangements come into operation.

3. It would appear that the brick kilns in question were in charge of Sub-Overseer Bird during the absence of the Range Officer, Mr. Sub Engineer Irving, on sick leave from June to November 1862.

4. The high cost of the bricks, occasioned by an unusually large proportion of wastage, is attributable to the delay in obtaining fuel; four months having elapsed between the moulding and burning of the bricks, and to the occurrence of frequent showers in that interval.

5. Mr. Bird would seem to have laid himself open to blame in having moulded the bricks before he had secured fuel to burn them; but he had counted on the assistance of the Tahsildar of the Taluq, in procuring the quantity he required, and he had repeatedly urged that officer to allow certain timber to be cut, though, owing to references to the Collector for orders having been necessary, the required permission was not obtained without considerable delay.

6. The total expenditure on the brick kilns was Rupees 575-13-0, and the estimated loss Rupees 289-13-10 or about half. This is not due to overcharges of any kind, but solely to defective burning and to the wastage occasioned by the unfavorable state of the weather. I would not therefore recommend that Mr. Bird should be made responsible for any part of the loss, particularly as he is no longer in the Department.

No. 90. ORDER THEREON, 6th July 1863, No. 1,770.

If the Estimate for the work referred to in this letter will be exceeded by more than five per cent. in consequence of the loss of Rupees 289 a supplemental Estimate should be submitted for the sanction of Government, but if no excess beyond this limit is expected, the actual cost of the bricks should be charged in the Bill, and explanation regarding the high rate furnished to the Controller and Auditor of Public Works Accounts.

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

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tiller will be credited by means of 500 cash in consequence
of the loss of \$289 a supplemental Combs should
be furnished for the provision of Government, but if
no receipt beyond the limit is required, the actual cost
of the Combs should be charged in the Bill and explained in
regarding the high rate furnished to the Combs & Cash of \$113
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The Secretary to Govt
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Dated 22 June 1890
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No. 39.

Reporting that a loss
of \$289-13-10 has been
incurred in burning
bricks for certain
masonry work on the
Stellor & Doreal Road
in Telore District and
and recommending
that the amount may
be written off to "Profit
& Loss" for reasons
explained.

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