

Hand and path.
5th Nov 1861

From

Major C. Palmer

at A. F. G. District Engineer
Bundabadi.

To

Col. E. H. M. R. E.

Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division

Sir

I have the honor to bring to your notice
the great inconvenience occasioned by the non receipt
up to the date of Imperial funds for Expenditure on
Public Works -

2. The Coolies employed in this Range refuse
to work longer than a week or ten days without payment
This refusal can hardly be wondered at after their having
been kept seven weeks without pay for want of funds
just before the close of last Official year 1862/63 and it
was only by raising money on my own personal responsibility
that I could carry on such works as were of most importance.

3. The hardship of delay in payment to these
men is much greater than appears on the surface. They
depend entirely on weekly bazaar and if on Bazar day they
have not money on hand they are obliged to borrow money
at Exorbitant interest, and thus they would sooner flock
to private work where they get regular payment or obtain
immediate relief.

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Palmer

Major

at A. F. G. District Engineer

Dep't of Engineers & Ordnance,
15 June 1862.

Lieut. Col. E. Henry R. E.
Supt. of Engineers
3^d Division

The Secretary to Government &
A.P.W.

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15 June 1963

With reference to my letter as per margin,
I have the honor herewith to forward a letter from
Major Palmer, 1st Art. District Engineer, Quebec
District, pointing out the probable effects of an
undelay in procuring money for Public Works.

2. The Collector of Cuddapah has this morning informed me that he has as yet received no advice from the Assistant General regarding funds for his bills & expenditure during the current month.

3. In this Division with the Railway and Drigation Companies competing with us for labour, it will soon be impossible for this Department to carry on work if clerks are not paid regularly and should, in fact, soon suggest a return to the former system, under which the statement of funds, required was presented by the collector without requiring for instructions from the Assistant General.

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