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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1864.*

No. 73. Read the following letter from W. ROBINSON, Esq., Inspector General of Police, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 20th October 1864, No. 2,152.

SIR,

1. From Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, No. 493, 28th June 1864.
2. From Inspector General of Police, No. 1,408, 9th July 1864.
3. From Superintending Engineer, 1st Division, No. 969, 17th September 1864.

1. I have the honor to forward for your perusal correspondence as noted in the margin, referring to certain Police huts erected by the Public Works Department at Tanakoo in the Godavery District.

2. These huts were built last year at a cost of Rupees 738-11-9, and were so badly constructed that the Assistant Engineer "suggests pulling down and re-building the whole line," and this appears to the Superintending Engineer "to be the only thing to be done."

3. This re-building will, after allowing for the value of old material, cost Rupees 760.

4. I think it right before approving of any further expenditure on these huts to lay the matter before Government, and to bring to notice the waste of public money in this case.

5. I regret to add that this is not the only instance in which huts built by the Public Works Department have turned out very badly, and I shall probably have to bring other instances to the notice of Government.

6. It has been suggested to me by Officers of the Public Works Department that the Police erred in taking over charge of huts not substantially built.

7. I have instructed Officers to be careful about it, but I am not prepared to make them responsible for taking over charge of buildings constructed for them by a Department of Government.

8. It seems to me to be the duty of District Officers of the Engineer Department to see that Government money is well laid out, and that buildings are substantially erected, and on proper principles.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1864, No. 3,167.

1. In this letter the Inspector General of Police brings to notice that, owing to defective construction, the Police huts which were erected by the Public Works Department last year at Tanakoo, in the Godavery District, will have to be pulled down and re-built. The Government observe that the failure of the huts is attributable primarily to the insufficiency of depth allowed for their foundations, and secondarily to the circumstance of their having been roofed with palmyra leaves. Much blame is due to the Range Officer under whose instructions the huts appear to have been erected, but having left the service of Government, he is now beyond the reach of punishment.

2. With reference, however, to Mr. Robinson's remark that this is not the only instance of huts built by the Public-Works Department having turned out very badly, the Government are not inclined to hold that Department strictly responsible for the permanence of structures formed of such ordinary and perishable materials as those of which the huts in question are stated to have been built, unless it can be distinctly shown that all proper care had been taken to preserve them from the effects of climate and the wilful depredations of their occupants.

3. The erection of huts of sun-dried bricks in clay, roofed in with palmyra leaves, cannot require the employment of skilled labor of any kind, or demand the supervision of the professional Department, and the Inspector General of Police will therefore be requested to state whether such simple work may not be advantageously undertaken by his Department, without the intervention of the Public Works establishment.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
" Judicial Department.
" Inspector General of Police.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Genl Dept.
No 2152

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Chief Office of the Inspector General
of Police. Madras 20th Oct 1864

From

W Robinson Esquire
Inspector General of Police

To

Colonel C. A. Orr
Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

Sir

1. From Sup^y Engineer 1st Divⁿ
No 493 - 28 June 1864
2. From Inspector Genl of Police
No 1408 - 9th July 1864
3. From Sup^y Engineer 1st Divⁿ
No 969 - 17 September 1864

I have the honor to forward for
your perusal correspondence as
noted in the margin referring to
certain Police Huts erected by the
Public Works Department at
Tanjore in the Godavery District.

2. These Huts were built last year
at a cost of Rupees 738. 11. 9 and were so
badly constructed that the Assistant Engineer
suggests pulling down and rebuilding the
whole line and this appears to the
Superintending Engineer to be the only thing
to be done.

3. This rebuilding will, after allowing
for the value of old material, cost Rupees 760.

4. I think it right before approving
of any further expenditure on these huts
to lay the matter before Government and
to bring to notice the waste of public money
in this case.

5. I regret to add that this is not the only instance in which Huts built by the Public Works Department have turned out very badly, and I shall probably have to bring other instances to the notice of Government.

6. It has been suggested to me by officers of the Public Works Department that the Police erred in taking over charge of Huts not substantially built.

7. I have instructed Officers to be careful about it, but I am not prepared to make them responsible for taking over charge of buildings constructed for them by a Department of Government.

8. It seems to me to be the duty of District officers of the Engineer Department to see that Government money is well laid out and that buildings are substantially erected, and on proper principles.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

W. W. W. W.

Inspector General of Police.

Public Works Department
 No. 2167
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 3rd October 1864

Read the following
 From the Inspector General of Police
 Forwards certain correspondence
 referring to certain Police Huts
 erected by the Public Works Dept.
 at Tanakke in Godavary District.

H.E. 20th October 1864 No 2162

In this letter the In-
 spector General of Police brings
 to notice that, owing to defective
 construction, the Police huts
 which were erected by the P.W.D.
 last year at Tanakke in the
 Godavary District, will have to
 be pulled down & rebuilt. The
 Government views that the failure
 of the huts is attributable primarily
 to the insufficiency of depth of
 foundations, & secondarily to the circumstances
 of their having been roofed with
 palmyra leaves. Much blame is

I do not think that the
 P.W.D. should be called
 upon to erect or be answerable
 for rubbishy buildings of
 this kind which can be
 removed by the men them-
 selves with some help
 in the shape of bullock
 money

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 17th 1864. Report
 from the Inspector General
 of Police
 to the Secretary
 to the Government
 dated 20th October 1864
 No. 2162
 Enclosure letter 1.
 Forward certain correspondence
 referring to certain Police huts
 erected by the Public Works
 Department at Tanakke in
 Godavary District.

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No 2167 - 22nd October 1864.

due to the Range Officer under whose instructions the huts appear to have been erected, but having left the service of Government, he is now beyond the reach of punishment.

With reference however to Mr Robinson's remark that this is not the only instance of huts built by the Pub Works Dept. having turned out very badly, the Government are not inclined to hold that Dept. strictly responsible for the permanence of structures formed of such ordinary & perishable material as those of which the huts in question are stated to have been built, insofar as it can be distinctly shown that all proper care had been taken to preserve them from the effects of climate & the wilful depredations of their occupants.

The erection of huts of sun-dried bricks or clay, roofed in with palm-leaf, cannot require the employment of skilled labor.

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The Inspector Genl
Jude Dept
Inspector Genl of Police
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29th November

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No 3167
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Letter from Medway
Govt of Police bringing
to notice that owing to the
defective construction, the
Police huts which were
erected by the Mⁱⁿ Govt last
year at Southport, Essex,
St., will have to be
pulled down & rebuilt.
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