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## *Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th September 1864.*

No. 589. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. HEMERY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cuddapah, 15th September 1864, No. 100 :—

SIR,

1. In paragraphs 7 and 8 of my letter No. 73, dated 29th July 1864, I reported unfavourably on the progress of work on the portion of the Cuddapah and Bellary road under Mr. Supervisor Laskey, but as his mis-management of funds placed at his disposal for that work, will probably necessitate the submission of a supplemental estimate for completing it, I consider it my duty to report further on the subject.

2. At the commencement of the current official year, the undermentioned sums were placed at Mr. Laskey's disposal for the portion of the Cuddapah and Bollary road, within the limits of his range :—

Rupees 12,000, being a portion of Rupees 20,000, Item No. 119, Part I, Budget of 1864-65.

„ 5,000, being a portion of the sum of Rupees 10,600, entered in page 51 of the Budget of 1864-65, for the maintenance of the road from Cuddapah to the Bellary frontier.

3. On inspecting the road in Mr. Laskey's range on the 4th July last, I found that he had expended on it the whole amount, Rupees 12,000, sanctioned under the head of "New Works," and that instead of keeping the maintenance allowance for monsoon repairs, he had already laid out Rupees 2,214-9-8 of that grant in metalling and other descriptions of work, and although I at once ordered him to curtail his expenditure, by the end of July, no less than Rupees 3,440-3-7, or more than two-thirds of his annual maintenance grant was expended.

4. Mr. Laskey's excuse was that he expected a further allotment would be sanctioned for the road, and with regard to the large sum of Rupees 1,225-9-11 expended in July from the maintenance allowance, he informed me that on the 4th of that month when I insisted on his reducing his working parties, and confining his expenditure to repairs, a sum of no less than Rupees 800 was owing to contractors.

5. Mr. Laskey paid no attention whatever to side drainage, although the heavy rains that fell early in June ought to have warned him of the consequences of any further neglect of this most important provision for the safety of his road, which I regret to say was terribly damaged last month, solely owing to the want of side channels; the injury sustained by the road was so great that I doubt whether the unexpended balance of the estimate will suffice to complete it; but as soon as Mr. Supervisor Lewis, who has been appointed to that range, returns from leave, I shall request him to submit a statement of work remaining to be done, and if necessary to prepare a supplemental estimate for completing the road.

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No. 590. ORDER THEREON, 28th September 1864, No. 2,803.

Mr. Supervisor Laskey having recently been transferred to the 1st Division, the foregoing report with the previous one, recorded in Proceedings No. 2,330, dated 15th August 1864, will be communicated to the Superintending Engineer of that Division, with the request that he will report on Mr. Laskey's fitness for his position in the Department, after he has been long enough in the Division to enable the Superintending Engineer to judge of his qualifications.

G. O. 2,443, dated 24th August 1864.

(True Extract)

(Signed) J. H. M. SHAW STEWART, Major, R. E.,
*Deputy Secretary to Government.*

To the Superintending Engineer, 1st Division.
„ Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

15th Aug. 1864 No. ~~2330~~
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Date 15th September 1864
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Reports that owing to the
the Steam gunboat Shamrock
by Supt. Lashley on
the pinion of the Caddapah
and Bell and Load, the pres-
sent state the Submission of a
Supplemental Estimate
for Completing it.

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Dated 28th Sept. 1864

Submitting Supplemental Estimate for Steam gunboat Shamrock

Supplemental Estimate for completing the Hull 30

Steam Engine

Quantity

Engineers Office, U.S. Steamers, San Francisco

San Francisco, Sept. 28th 1864

Mr. Superintendent Lashley

Sir

I have forwarded to the 1st Asst. the foregoing report with the previous one, recommending Requisition No. 2330 of 15th Aug/64, will be communicated to the Supt.

Respectfully

Yours

Asst. Engr. U.S.N.

P.O. 24½ of 24th Aug/64

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