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4th April 1864.*

No. 95. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Coimbatore, 17th March 1864.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant D. H. TRAIL, R. E., Assistant Engineer, to Lieut.-Colonel G. W. WALKER, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Club, Madras, 11th March 1864 :—

SIR,

1. As you send me a copy of the Proceedings of Government, dated 24th February, I suppose you wish me to give you a brief account of the circumstances connected with the Goodaloor bridge having to be taken over by the Department, and eventually the greater portion of it having to be taken down, I proceed to do so though you, I believe, are already acquainted with all the details by means of my official and verbal communications.

2. The contract for the construction of the bridge was given by me to a man called Chouria-cooty, as he had previously done a good deal of work satisfactorily or at least as satisfactorily as I could get anything done at that time by contract.

3. This man began his work, to outward appearances, fairly, though I had from time to time to order the removal of work done. My doing so I had hoped would have made him do his work more faithfully. As the work went on I thought that it was being better done, though it is to be suspected from the after-examination that news of my intended inspections must have gone before me and so the upper portions were more carefully done for inspection, parts having been found pretty good though the greater portion was not good. The rains having exposed the bad work being done by some of the Contractors led me to make a thorough investigation of the whole work in progress. This led to my ordering the removal of nearly all the work done to four of the bridges and the demolition of parts of most of the rest.

4. I had ordered the removal of two of the piers of the Goodaloor bridge reserving further orders till I had seen what the work really was. This order caused the entire stoppage of the work, and as a matter of course (being surrounded by Natives) an inkling of the real state of the case was not allowed to reach me for a considerable time, notwithstanding my using minor threats in case the work continued to be delayed. It was only when I was about to use the strongest measures possible, viz., taking the work out of the Contractor's hands or compelling him to complete it by prosecution, that the total inability of the Contractor to do his work came out. These circumstances were reported at the time.

5. I was unwilling to take the work out of the man's hands owing to his having received nearly all the money due to him supposing the work good and knowing that part at least would have to come down, I feared a loss if much of the work would have to be rejected. The man's perfect inability (owing I believe to the circumstances reported) created a hesitation as to the advisability of prosecuting him, I therefore reported all I knew and requested your instructions. These you will remember were to take the work from the Contractor and do the work by Departmental agency.

6. This was accordingly done, and when I handed over charge of the Coimbatore Range the two piers had been pulled down and the work found, as I before said, part good but the greater portion bad, consequently further investigation became necessary. This investigation I requested Mr. Lowry to make, and if necessary, report the results to you. The portions of the other bridges condemned were taken down and built in a much better manner, in some cases by the Contractors themselves and in others by Departmental agency. In every case except Goodaloor, there was little trouble.

Submitted to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, with reference to the Superintending Engineer's letter No. 347 of 7th March 1864.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Lieut.-Colonel, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.

No. 96.

ORDER THEREON, 4th April 1864, No. 939.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Club. Madras 11th March
1852

From

H. D. H. Rail R.E.
Appt. Eng.

To

Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Eng. & Dr.

Sir

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Yours &c

J. H. Baird & Co.
Supt. Engrs.

Submitted to the Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W. with reference to the subg.
Engrs letter no. 347 of 7th March 1884

Coimbatore
17th March 1884

Wm. A. H. J. G.
Supt. Engrs. 7th March

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From
The Judges

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Dated 17th - March 1964
Recd 20th 1964

Subsidiary letter
from Lewis & Clark stating the
circumstances which led to
the pulling down and recon-
struction of the Broadwater
bridge, at Kalama Inds -
W 2939 - Jth 24th / 64.

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With kind regards

1879

Erasmus to Luther


 John W. Alden
 President of the
 Board of Directors

The Secret is like
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