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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
22nd May 1865.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 436. From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 11th May 1865, No. 118.

SIR,

1. In continuation of my letter to your address, No. 71, dated 5th instant, I have the honor to forward a copy of the Telegram directing me to employ the Sepoys on the works in Bellary ; from the

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date of this it will be observed there was no connexion between these instructions and those contained in G. O. of the 9th June 1864, No. 1,635. I have now submitted all the material circumstances of this case, but as regards the excess in the raising of the embankment I would request leave to add the following.

2. I prepared and sent down an estimate, amounting to Rupees 3,500, for this work; before it was sanctioned I had left the station to take up my present appointment. The work was, however, ordered to be proceeded with by Government in G. O. of the 22nd November 1864, No. 3,351, but immediately afterwards the Government ordered the estimate to be revised ; of this fact I was informed by the Superintending Engineer at Christmas, when he was at the Presidency; he himself visited Bellary subsequently, giving instructions to alter every thing which I had arranged for, and I heard no more of this work until Captain Moberly came again to the Presidency at Easter, when I was told it was nearly complete, and the revised estimate amounted to Rupees 9,000. From November 1864 to the middle of last month, during all which time I was never in Bellary, this work may be said to have been in progress ; and during all this time, though the Government had ordered a revised estimate to be submitted, no intimation was given to them of the large amount it was intended to expend upon it, so that they might cancel their former sanction, but when the work is all but complete this revised estimate is put in, and I am made responsible for work which I have never seen.

3. To prevent a recurrence of such an event, I beg to bring to notice that the estimate* for cutting a supply channel to the Fort Ditch is being exceeded in the same way. With this work I had nothing to do beyond opening the head of it the morning of the day I was to leave Bellary, but as more than six months have elapsed since, I trust the Government in dealing with this matter will be pleased to take the circumstances above detailed into consideration when brought before them.

No. 437. From Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 13th May 1865, No. 11.

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 7 of Government Order No. 1,186, of the 2nd instant, calling for the original calculations on which Captain Fischer based his estimate of Rupees 3,000 for raising the banks and calingulaks of the channels for conveying water into the Native Infantry Guntah, I have the honor to inform you that Captain Fischer does not appear to have left any record in the Range Office of the rough calculations on which he founded his approximate estimate. His letter on the subject was to the Deputy Assistant Quarter Master General of the Division, and did not pass through this Office.

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22nd May 1865.*

No. 438. From Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R. E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madras, 16th May 1865, No. 155.

SIR,
With reference to paragraph 7 of G. O. of the 2nd instant, No. 1,186, I have the honor to bring to notice that from the Progress Report of the Bellary District for March 1865, it appears the work of raising the bund of the channel was *not commenced* till February 1865, and that the total expenditure on the same to the end of March was only Rupees 1,416-7-8, the Superintending Engineer had therefore ample time and opportunity to make himself acquainted with the nature of the work, and to stop it altogether when he found the cost was enhanced so much beyond what the Government had provisionally sanctioned in G. O. of the 22nd November 1864, No. 3,351. The responsibility of this work at least, I respectfully submit, rests with that Officer, who had evidently seen it after I left, as he altered the slope of the work from 2 to 1 as I had made it to 3 to 1.

No. 439. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1865, No. 1,384.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 35.

1. Copies of the Controller's letters above recorded will be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, for such remarks as he may wish to offer. Particular attention is requested to paragraph 3 of the letter dated 11th May 1865.

2. Captain Moberly will be requested to state distinctly why Captain Fischer's instructions to make use of the stone taken from the channel cutting to pitch the interior slope of the embankment were not attended to, instead of the more expensive burnt stone being employed for the purpose, and he will explain whether some recoveries on the outlay may not yet be made by disposing of the stone from the cutting for the repair of the Cantonment roads.

3. The Government were led to believe from the terms in which funds were applied for in paragraph 7 of Captain Moberly's letter of the 1st April 1865, No. 201, that the work of raising and strengthening the embankment and calingulaks of the channel in question had been completed or was near completion, but it would now appear that little expenditure had taken place on the date of that letter.

4. The attention of Government has been attracted to the great rise in rates for ordinary work that has occurred at Bellary during the last twelve months. They are well aware that prices generally have risen no where more than at Bellary, but there is no information before them to show that the rise has been such as to affect the cost of work to the extent shown in the estimates and comparative Statements lately received from that District.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 11 Supg. Engineers' Office
Bellary, 13th May 1865.
From Captain A. S. Moberly, R.E.

To Supg. Engineer, 3rd Division
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department

Sir,
With reference to Para. 7 of Government Order No. 1,186 of the 2nd instant calling for the original calculations on which Captain Fischer based his estimate of Rs. 3,000 for raising the banks and calingulaks of the channel for conveying water into the Native Enfantery Quarters, I have the honor to inform you that Captain Fischer does not appear to have left any record in the Range Office of the rough calculations on which he founded his approximate estimate. His letter on the subject was to the Deputy Asst. Quarter Master General of the Division and did not pass through this Office.

I have &c

A. S. Moberly Captain R.E.
Supg. Engineer 3rd Division

N. 1065 Department
Pres. of Govt. of Madras
The Secy. to Govt.

The Secretary to Government
P.W. Department

No. 11.

Dated 13.
No. 15 } May 1865.

Affords the information =
a time called for in the
1186 of the 2nd Inst. stating
that the calculations on which
Capt. Fisher based his estimate
for the channel from

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Message by Electric Telegraph

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From Madras

To Bellary

From Deputy Dy. Mr. General

To Officer Commanding Ceded Dist.
Service

You can employ working parties of
Native Infantry on the new wells.
3^d - 3 - 45 P. M.

Bellary
3^d February 1865 }

Signed / S. Parthasarathy
a/c in charge

True copy

Signed / W. A. Riach Capt.
D. A. Dy. Mr. Genl. 688

True copy

Signed / T. Mullins. Supt.
Overseer D. P. W.

/ True copy /

Captain R. E.

Controller of P. W. Accounts.

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Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 11th May 1865.

From
Captain John. F. Fischer. P. E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To
Colonel Charles. A. Au. P. E.
Secretary to Government. D. P. W.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to your ad-
dress N^o 71 dated 5th Instant, I have the honor
to forward a copy of the Telegram directing
me to employ the Sepoys on the works in
Bellary. From the date of this it will be ob-
servable there was no connexion between these
instructions and those contained in L. O. of the
9th June 1864 N^o 1685. I have now submitted all
the material circumstances of this case but as
regards the excess in the raising of the En-
gagement I would request leave to add
the following:-

2. I prepared and sent down an Estimate
amounting to Rupees 3500 for this work before
it was sanctioned I had left the Station to
take up my present appointment. The work
was however ordered to be proceeded with by Government in L. O.
of the 22nd November N^o 3351 but immediately af-
terwards the Government ordered the Estimate
to be revised. of this fact I was informed
by

Recd. 22nd May 1865

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by the Superintending Engineer at Christmas when he was at the Presidency: he himself visited Bellary subsequently giving instructions to alter every thing which I had arranged for and I heard no more of this work, until Captain Maberly came again to the Presidency at Easter when I was told, it was nearly complete and the revised Estimate amounted to Rupees 9,000. From November 1864 to the middle of last month during all which time I was never in Bellary this work may be said to have been in progress and during all this time though the Government had ordered a revised Estimate to be submitted no intimation was given to them of the large amount it was intended to expend upon it so that they might cancel their former sanction but when the work is all but complete this revised Estimate is put in and I am made responsible for work which I have never seen.

3. To prevent a recurrence of such an event I beg to bring to notice that the Estimate for cutting a supply channel to the Fort Ditch is being exceeded in the same way, with this work I had nothing to do beyond opening the head of it the morning of the day.

x G.O. No. 2793
dated 26th Sept.
October 1864.

day I was to leave Bellary but as more than 6 Months have elapsed since, I trust the Government in dealing with this matter will be pleased to take the circumstances above detailed into consideration when brought before them.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Office of the Contr. of
P.W. Accounts
Madras 11th May 1865.

Your most obedient servant
Captain R.E.

Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Compd. B.M.

for use
by Government for raising

No. 155.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras. 16th May 1865.

From
Captain John. F. Fisher. P. E.
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To
Colonel C. A. Cu. P. E.
Secretary to Government. D. P. W.

Sir,

With reference to para 7 of G.O. of the
2^d instant No. 1186, I have the honor to bring
to notice that from the Progress Report of the
Bellary District for March 1865 it appears
the work of raising the bed of the channel
was not commenced till February 1865 and
that the total expenditure on the same to
the end of March was only Rupees 1416-7-8
the Superintending Engineer had therefore
ample time and opportunity to make him-
self acquainted with the nature of the
work and to stop it altogether when he
found the cost was enhanced so much he-
yond what the Government had provision-
ally sanctioned in G.O. of the 22^d November
1864 No. 3351. The responsibility of this work
at least I respectfully submit rests with that
Officer who had evidently seen it after I
left as he altered the slope of the work.

Yours

was received from him

To Mr. 1865
Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras. 16th May 1865
J. F. Fisher
Controller of Public Works Accounts.
Secretary to Government.
D. P. W.

Dated 11th May 1865
Recd. 12th May 1865
No. 118

Forwarded to the
Secretary to Government
for the subject of the work
done in the Bellary District
in the month of March 1865
and the raising
of the embankment.

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from 2 to 1 as I had made it to 3 to 1.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt. Servant.

Wm. A. R. R. R. R.
Comptroller of Public Works Accounts.

Compt. R. M.

was received from him

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of the woods but was
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February 1865 and on
which only \$1416-
7-8 were spent to put
it down.

Oct 16th }
Dec 11th } May 1865.
Dec 11th }
Nov 15th }

To Mr. Wm. B. E. *Wm. B. E.*
 Maryland *Maryland*
 I have the pleasure of
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 the day to be
 Wm. B. E.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.
Under date the 22nd May 1865

From the Controller of P.W.
Accounts.

Read the following:

General Telegram on the subject of the employment of Sappers on the works in Bellary with observations on the raising of the embankments —

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From the Sup. Jm. $\frac{3}{2}$ d. for

affords the information
called for in G. O. No. 1186 of
the 2^d Instant stating that no
records of the calculations on
which Captain Tucker based
his estimate for the channel -
from the Cont. of P. W. Account -

Dr. P. 13th May 1865

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 Copies of the Introductory
~~and explanatory~~ letters
 above recorded
 will be forwarded to the
 Superintending Engineer
 3^d Division for such
 remarks as he may
 wish to offer - Particular
 attention is requested to
 the letter of 11th May/65
 para 3 +

Captain Fischer is mistaken in supposing that any estimate was received from him by Government for raising 35

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the bankments of the new
supply channel to the Native
Infantry, Guntur at
Bellary, and that it
had been subsequently
ordered to be revised.
The only information at
first supplied to Government
regarding the cost
of the work was that
contained in Capt Fischer's
letter to the Secy. to Govt.
No. Gen. No. 385 dated
5th October 1864, wherein
he reported that it
would be under Rs 3000,
and not Rs 3500 as was
mentioned. This letter
was submitted to
Government by the Secy.
No. Gen. No. 385
November 1864, and in
their orders of the 22nd
December No. 3357 authority
was given for the

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improvements of the Canal
bankment & being
proceeded with in antici-
pation of sanction to a
revised estimate which
then Capt. Ling was
instructed to furnish,
and which was subse-
quently submitted by
him, and sanctioned
in G.O. No. 1186 dated
2nd May 1865. No other
estimate for the work
appears on the Govt. records,
and according to the
second letter above re-
corded, none can be
found on the records
of the Bellary Range
Office.

Referring to the latter
portion of para 2 of
Capt Fischer's letter, Captain
Moberly will be re-
quested to state distinctly
that Officer in-
-charge

See para 7 & 9 of letter
No. 3025 of 20th April 1865
communicated with G.O.
No. 1186 of 2nd May 1865.

The attention of Government has been attracted to the great rise in rates for ordinary work that has occurred at Bellary during the last twelve months. They are well aware that prices generally have risen no where more than at Bellary.

The Sup. Dy^y 3rd Div
in Justices Office

But there is no information before them to show that the rise has been such as to affect the cost of work ^{to the extent} shown in the estimates and comparative statements lately received from that District -



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Proc. of Govt for May

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Proc. of the Madras Govt
Of 22 May 1865.

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Correspondence
relative to the branch
Channel under construction
for the conveyance
of water to the ^{land} in the
Fort Ditch at Bellary
with orders thereon.

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