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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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9th June 1865.*

No. 255. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD,
R. E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR,
R. E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Banga-
lore, 31st May 1865, No. 351 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to the Order of Government of the 10th May 1865,
No. 1,271, I have the honor to state that the progress of the undermentioned build-
ings cannot conveniently be stopped, and I have authorized the Executive Engineer
to proceed with them :—

No. 7th Range, new Barracks.

„ 8th Range, do.

Single Wash-house, do.

Double Skittle Alley, do.

Gram boiling shed, do.

Quarter Master Serjeant's quarters, do.

Foundation for Engine on Ulsoor Rock, do.

2. No. 7 Range of barracks is nearly ready for occupation, and No. 8 has only
to be roofed in. The other buildings are nearly completed and some loss is likely
to be caused to the Contractors by the suspension of work. The buildings are,
moreover, urgently required for occupation, and no alterations in the plans are
contemplated.

3. I have not stopped the work remaining to be done to prepare the Ulsoor
rock for the foundation of the engine, as it is tedious work, and no further changes
are likely to be made in this part of the project.

4. All the other works have been stopped. Except in the case of the Hospital,
no formal contracts have been entered into for these buildings, but it is understood
that the men now engaged on them are to finish them for the amounts of the re-
spective estimate.

5. A better system will be adopted for the future, but as regards the buildings
that have been commenced, the Executive Engineer has requested that the question
may be submitted to the Government Solicitor whether, in the event of no written
formal contract being made, the Engineer has power to stop works without giving
compensation to the Contractor.

No. 256. ORDER THEREON, 9th June 1865, No. 1,595.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17.

1. For the reasons stated in this letter,
the Government approve of the continuance
of the works referred to in paragraph 1.

2. The Government do not consider it necessary to obtain the opinion of their
Law Officers on the question mooted in paragraph 5. They are of opinion that
although, owing to the system of making no advances and paying for work only as
it is measured up from time to time, it has not been found necessary to enter into
written and formally executed agreements with Contractors at Bangalore, it would
be very imprudent and inexpedient to treat Contractors in any other than the most
liberal spirit. Considering how few persons are to be found either qualified or
disposed to take up building contracts, and how difficult it is for any one to fulfil
engagements of that nature in this country, it is not advisable to take advantage of
legal informalities in dealing with those men. The Superintending Engineer will
accordingly give due consideration to all claims for compensation ; but to prevent
affording cause for them, he will use his best endeavours to have the plans and
estimates of all the buildings, which it may have been necessary to suspend the
progress of, laid before Government as speedily as possible.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Military Department.
Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 9th June 1865

Read the following
From the Supty Engrs &c

Forwarding list
of work to be executed (Recd. Inter 31st May 1865 No 351)
from the order stopping work
in the old race course at
Bangalore.

For the reasons stated
in this letter, the Government
approve of the continuance of
the works referred to in Para 1.

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consider it necessary to obtain
the opinion of their Law Officer
on the question introduced in Para
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P. W. 1865 Dep. Secy.
Pr. of Govt. 9/12
From.

The Superintg. Engineer
5th Division,

To. The Secretary to Government
P. W. Dept.

Dated 31st May 1865
Recd. 3rd June

No. 351.

Forwarding list of
works to be accepted from
the order stopping works
on the old Race Course
at Bangalore.

No. 258

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suspend the progress of, laid
before Government as speedily
as possible.

W.B.

The Supg. Insp. Genl.
Controller
Mtlg. Dept. V. Sept 9th 1860

