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No. 226. Read the following letter 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, 31st July 1865, No. 839 :—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 18 of Captain Moberly's letter, printed with G. O. of the 26th instant, No. 2,154, I have the honor to point out that I complained he had not submitted the *whole* of my letter to his address of the 16th January last, for the information of Government, and not that only paragraph 3 of it had been omitted. Paragraph 4 of that document refers to one of the most important points connected with the Military buildings at Bellary, viz., the question of the supply of timber for these buildings; paragraph 5 not only pointed out an error in the section of the ventilators, but also showed the unadvisability of substituting wooden for glazed ventilators, as excluding the light. Captain Moberly goes on to say, I had appeared to forget that there was no rain between the date of my making the alterations and departure: by paragraph 16 of his own letter I left Bellary on the 14th October 1864, and if he will refer to the Rain Registers of the Cantonment, I think he will find there was rain in Bellary in the early part of this same month, and subsequently in the month of November of the same year, and then there was no leakage; what the leakage was in the following April and May it is impossible to judge of, as Captain Moberly does not say whether it was down the walls or not, and in paragraph 3 of my letter to him of the 16th January last, I had informed him some leakage must be expected till these roofs were altered.

2. With reference to paragraph 17, I beg most respectfully to deprecate the language Captain Moberly uses in regard to myself, so far from merely hinting what were my intentions, in paragraph 5 of my letter to you of the 20th April last, No. 3,035, I there said, "I also directed the Overseer to sell all the old tools remaining in the yard from the *Famine Roads, for old iron*;" this is not giving the Government a mere inkling of what I proposed to do, so far even from stating that these old tools had been provided from these estimates, I distinctly pointed out the source whence they had been obtained, viz., the Famine Roads, and as twelve years had elapsed since their purchase, and they had long ago been condemned as unserviceable, and Government had sanctioned the disposal of old tools and stores, I concluded to use these as a means to recover the extra expenditure I had incurred in employing the Sepoys.

3. Captain Moberly goes on to say, in the same paragraph of his letter, he trusts Government will not consider he is unnecessarily raking up matters: I submit paragraph 15 of this same letter will give them some idea of this matter, as will his proceedings in regard to the steam engine, reviewed in G. O. of the 22nd April 1865, No. 1,076, as Superintending Engineer of the Division he could have demanded the restoration of this engine without a word of reference to any one; knowing also how much I should be compromised by his submitting an estimate

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for Rupees 9,700, for a work which I had said should be executed for Rupees 3,000, if executed entirely by Sapper labor, he forwarded this without one word of explanation from his Range Officer, and it now appears this Officer had never made himself acquainted with the G.O. sanctioning the work, and had altered the conditions I had laid down entirely to suit the local rates in the market in the expectation of being obliged to call in Wudders, as the Sappers had been sent to Bellary because it was impossible to get Wudders the necessity for this precaution is not quite apparent. As to my endeavouring to throw the blame on others, I now beg to submit the correspondence this Office has had with the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, regarding his bills for the past year's expenditure, and this with what I have above stated will show how far I am to blame for it.

4. There is nothing else in his letter which requires any further notice from me now.

No. 227.

ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1865, No. 2,294.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 15.

Ordered to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Madras 31st July 1865.
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