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Government of Madras.

Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th August 1865.*

No. 351. 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,
2nd August 1865, No. 864:—

SIR,

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 26th July last, No. 2,154, as I am held responsible for the excess over the estimate in the case of the channel to the fort ditch at Bellary, I have the honor to request I may be supplied with a copy of the original estimate for the work and the vouchers appertaining to the expenditure thereon. Corporal Jones of the Sappers prepared the levels from this project, and I request his explanations (in original) may be called for, for not taking the portion of levels complained of by Captain Moberly, and that he be directed to send in a section of the small cutting near the Reverend Mr. Doyle's house, and also the dimensions of the tunnels for which no shutters had been provided by me, these being some of the causes which led to the excess of expenditure over estimate. I would further observe that Captain Moberly admits the stones from the channel cutting were used in the construction of the tunnels on this work, but caused an excess in the item of chunam; if stones of suitable dimensions were procurable for such works it is a matter of surprise to me to find similar ones could not be used for pitching the face of an earthen slope with.

2. No explanation has been afforded as to why the estimate for raising the channel bund, which was sanctioned by Government on the 22nd November 1864, was not commenced till the 1st February 1865, or the revised estimate not submitted till the 1st April following. Lieutenant Pennefather in a letter to me accounts for the delay, by stating "materials were being collected," but what these were which were required to be provided before the exterior slope of an earthen bund could be formed is not apparent, and as this delay caused a serious increase in the item for tamping, this point, I submit, requires to be more clearly explained. Government also directed in their Orders as per margin that the vouchers for this work should be sent to me, none have been supplied on

G. O. Nos. 2,154 and 1,717, dated 26th July and 21st June 1865. account of the expenditure incurred for "collecting materials," nor has this been entered in the Progress Report, and I now request these may be furnished to me.

3. I request also I may be supplied with an original Statement from Serjeant Bowell, the Overseer in charge of the works in the Ramandroog, showing the increased rates he has had to pay since I left the station, for works of all kinds. As Corporal Swallow of the Sappers is said to have received instructions from me regarding the channel to the fort ditch, I request he may be directed to furnish a Statement, in the original; with the vouchers for this work, setting forth the nature of these, and also if he heard or received any instructions from me regarding the raising of the channel bund.

as Capt. Fisher applies for a copy

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No. 352.

ORDER THEREON, 14th August 1865, No. 2,357.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 31.

1. Captain Fischer will observe it stated in paragraph 2 of the Proceedings of Government No. 2,232 of the 3rd instant, that the subject of the excess of expenditure on the channel from the ruined tank near Bellary to a Goontah in the Native Infantry Lines has been *finally* disposed of in G. O. No. 2,154, under date the 26th July 1865. He will refrain from taking up his own time, and that of the Government by further references on this subject.

2. No such original estimate as Captain Fischer applies for a copy of appears to be in existence.

3. The Controller has himself full authority to call for all such vouchers as he may require.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Public Works Dept

No. 2357

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Under date the 14th August 1865

Read the following

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts

*Submits further observations
on the excess in the works of the
Channel to the Fort Detach and (Here enter 2^d August 1865
No 864)
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with it may be ordered to be
sent to this Office.*

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To
The Controller of the Coast
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