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12th October 1865.

No. 252. 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, Department Public Works, dated Salem, 7th October 1865, No. 1,805 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to inform you that the Executive Engineer of Bangalore has reported that a portion of the foundation of the Canteen at the new Dragoon Barracks has sunk considerably, and that on examining the work he found it to be of a very inferior description.

2. The Canteen had only been built up to the basement level in April, when the work was stopped. I saw this work last in July, and although no settlement had then taken place I am not surprised now to receive a report of a settlement, and I do not think it will be advisable to raise an expensive building on this imperfect foundation.

3. This is one of the works for which the late Iyasawmy had the contract. His Executors are desirous of going on with the work, and if they are allowed, they should be compelled to re-build the foundation, or at least so much of it as may, on further examination, be found defective. No written agreement was made with the late Iyasawmy for this work, and I beg to suggest that the opinion of the Government Solicitor be obtained, as to whether, in cases of this kind, the work can be taken out of the Contractor's hands when it is not being done in a satisfactory manner.

4. The plan and estimate of the Canteen have only just been received by me from the Executive Engineer, and before they are forwarded for the sanction of Government I shall probably have had an opportunity of again inspecting the foundation, and will report how much should be re-built. The foundation of the Canteen is of stone in sand, in accordance with the first estimate of the work.

No. 253. ORDER THEREON, 12th October 1865, No. 3,019.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 17.

1. Before they can pass any orders on these papers the Government must learn the nature and terms of the verbal agreement under which, it is stated, that the construction of the Canteen at the new Dragoon Barracks at Bangalore was entrusted to the late Iyasawmy Moodelly, and has, it is concluded, been continued to his representatives; and they would wish to know whether the said agreement was made in the presence of any parties who can, if necessary, give evidence regarding it.

2. Colonel Foord will, with as little delay as possible, furnish this information, and will state the amount of the estimate for the Canteen, the estimated value of the work done; what money, if any, has been paid to the Contractor on account

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of the Canteen, either for work completed and passed or as advances, and by whom. He will also state whether the Contractors have made any objection to take up and re-build such portions of the foundations of the building as are defective, and what will be the probable loss if the work be taken out of their hands.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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Executive Engineer's Office
Bangalore 28th August 1865

From,

Captain H. Tulloch R.E.

Executive Engineer Bangalore

To,

The Superintending Engineer

5th Division

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that since you were last in Bangalore the foundations of the Canteen on the Race Course have sunk considerably on one side. I have had them dug up and exposed for examination in one or two places in order that the nature of the work might be known. I regret to inform you that the lower Courses of Stones have been put down in a most unworkmanlike manner. The Courses are not level, and stones of any size or thickness appear to have been thrown in indiscriminately. It is most fortunate that the walls and roof were not proceeded with as I feel perfectly certain that the entire building would in such a case have had to be pulled down and rebuilt. I am of opinion that the foundations are not in a fit state to receive the superstructure and that they should be pulled up and reset, and

I feel certain you will agree with me when
you next inspect the work. The mere
fact of one side of the foundations of
the building having sunk considerably
while only the basement has been built
shows at once the considerable risk
will attend the construction of walls
20 feet high on such an insecure basis.

Facts like this one connected with
the Canteen, which come to light every
now and then, make me most anxious
regarding the late Pyasawmji's work.
He seems to have carried on a
regular system of skimped work,
and I never can feel certain what
may next turn up.

I have gone
(Sgd) H. Tulloch Esq. R.E.
Executive Engineer
Bangalore

/ True Copy /

Edmund H. Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
5th Division

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Executive Engineer's Office
Bangalore 7th September 1865

From: Captain H. Tulloch R.E.
Executive Engineer, Bangalore
To: The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

Sir,

In reply to your letter N. 1395 of
the 31st August 1865, I have the honor
to inform you that there was no agree-
ment made with the late Pyasawmji
Contractor, for the building of the Canteen
on the Race Course, Barracks.

I cannot say whether his Executors
can be compelled to rebuild the
foundations or to relinquish the work.
This is the very point which in my letter
N. 106 of the 30th May 1865 I requested
might be submitted for the opinion of
the Government Solicitor.

My own opinion on the subject
is that if Pyasawmji's Executors claim
the Contract as a matter of right, the
Government can insist on their rebuilding
the foundations, provided of course
that you consider this necessary as
I think you will when you examine
the work again. On the other hand,
if the Executors refuse to rebuild
the foundations, considering how shameful
they

they have been laid down, they cannot
claim to go on with the Contract.

They have actually omitted
to build all the steps leading to the
doors, so that part of the foundations
must be pulled down any how to
admit of these steps being bonded
properly with the basement.

The front wall of the Building
must be entirely pulled up as the
steps extend along the entire length
of the wall. Such mistakes as these
could never occur if Contracts were
restricted to persons professionally
acquainted with Building.

I have &c
(Signed) J. Tulloch Captain R.E.
Executive Engineer
Bangalore

True Copy

Ed. Smith M.A. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
5th Division

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N: 1805.

Superintending Engineer's Office 5th Division
Salem 7 October 1865

From

Lieut. Colonel C. A. Ford R.E.

Superintending Engineer
5th Division

To

Colonel C. A. Ford R.E.

Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

Sir,

Enclosures.

2 letters from
Executive
Engineer
No. 409-446.

I have the honor to inform you
that the Executive Engineer of Bangalore
has reported that a portion of the foundation
of the Quarters at the New Dragoon Barracks
has sunk considerably, and that on
examining the work he found it to be
of a very inferior description.

The Quarters had only been built
up to the basement level in April, when
the work was stopped. I saw this work
last July and although no
settlement had then taken place I and
not surprised now to receive a report
of a settlement, and I do not think
it will be advisable to raise and
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3 This is one of the works for which the late Dyasawmy had the Contract. His Executors are desirous of going on with the work and if they are allowed, they should be compelled to rebuild the foundation on at least as much of it as may, on further examination, be found defective. No written Agreement was made with the late Dyasawmy for this work and I beg to suggest that the opinion of the Government Solicitor be obtained, as to whether, in cases of this kind, the work can be taken out of the Contractor's hands when it is not being done in a satisfactory manner.

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

E A Smith Esq. M.A.

Superintending Engineer

Public Works Department
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under date the 12th October 1865

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From the Superintending Engineer
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