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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,

2 Letters from Executive Engineer, Nos. 409, 416.

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.

N<sup>o</sup> 409

Executive Engineer's Office  
Bangalore 28<sup>th</sup> August 1866

From,

Captain H. Tulloch R.E.

Executive Engineer Bangalore

To,

The Superintending Engineer

5<sup>th</sup> 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 &c.  
(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  
(Sd) J. Tulloch Captain R.E.  
Executive Engineer  
Bangalore

True Copy

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

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

From  
Lieut. Col. C. A. Ford R.E.  
Superintending Engineer  
5th Division

To  
Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.  
Secretary to Government  
D.P.W.

Enclosures.

2 letters from  
Executive  
Engineer  
No. 409-446.

Sir,  
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  
was surprised now to receive a report  
of a settlement, and I do not think  
it will be advisable to raise and  
expensive building on this imperfect  
foundation

foundation.

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.

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 the Government I shall probably have had an opportunity of again inspecting

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I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

E A Smith Esq

Superintending Engineer

*Public Works Department*  
*No 3019* *11*

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*From the Superintending Engineer*  
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*the Secretary to*  
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*Reporting a statement*  
*in the formation*  
*of the Canton at*  
*New Barracks*  
*Bangalore*

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