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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
13th October 1865.*

No. 319. Read the following Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Camp, Herrigoondhalli, 27th September 1865 :—
Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. P. PENNEFATHER, R. E., Assistant Engineer, to Captain A. S. MOBERLY, R. E., Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Bellary, 23rd September 1865, No. 568.

1 Memorandum dated 7th September 1865.
1 Do. No. 1,284, 18th September 1865.
1 Duplicate Letter, No. 546, dated 13th September, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

To be returned.

SIR,
1. I have the honor to request you will submit, for the favorable consideration of Government, the following correspondence between the Controller and myself, as I think Captain Fischer is straining the point against me.

2. The orders of Government refer, concerning disallowance of salary, I should think, to wilful delay by the Range Officer, and not to a *bonâ fide* misunderstanding, and Captain Fischer has not even submitted my explanations to Government.

3. Till the receipt of Memorandum No. 1,284, of 18th instant, I always believed a voucher was a document to prove the disbursement of money, and it is only in the case of the bund that Captain Fischer asks for vouchers for labor.

4. With reference to the latter paragraph of the above Memorandum I confess I do not understand it, as I never disputed the Controller's authority to call for vouchers, but I cannot furnish them if they do not exist.

5. As the Certificate for Sapper Batta is signed by the Officer Commanding the Detachment, it is *his* duty to see that the proper quantity and quality of work is performed, and the Executive Officer's duty is only to see that it is carried out on the sanctioned plan and estimate.

6. At least the above is the rule, as far as I remember, laid down in the Regimental Order Book of the Sappers, and in our Departmental Code there are no rules for guidance at all.

7. As Government have refused sanction to the extra batta, it is quite possible that some day an Officer may command the Detachment who would refuse to forward the amount of labor done each month, and, as I have not the power of withholding their pay, I would be helpless in the matter.

MEMORANDUM.

If the vouchers called for by the Controller for Sapper labor both for the Fort ditch channel and for raising of the bund are not supplied in the present month, Lieutenant Pennefather's Staff salary for September 1865 will be disallowed, under Section II., paragraphs 53 and 63 of the Manual of Accounts.

MADRAS,

7th September 1865.

Signed) A. J. FILGATE, Lieutenant, R. E.,
Acting Deputy Controller, Public Works Accounts.

From Lieutenant R. P. PENNEFATHER, R. E., Assistant Engineer, to Captain J. F. FISCHER, R. E., Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp, Yettenhutti, 13th September 1865, No. 546.

SIR,

1. With reference to a Memorandum without number of 7th instant, from Lieutenant Filgate, attached to the Pay Abstract of this Range, I have the honor to inform you that the voucher for Sapper labor for June has been forwarded with the Progress Report for July, in which month it was paid.

2. Duplicates of the other vouchers called for have also been forwarded through the Superintending Engineer, the originals having been duly forwarded by me with the Progress Report for June.

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3. As Government have disallowed the extra batta given by our Department to the Sappers from 1st July, there will be no more Sapper vouchers to forward, that for June being the last.

No. 1,284.

MEMORANDUM.

1. The Controller of Public Works Accounts has the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Lieutenant Pennefather, R. E., dated the 13th instant, No. 546, and in reply to inform that Officer that no vouchers exhibiting the tasks executed by the Sappers on any of the following works in Bellary have yet been forwarded to this Office :—

(1.) Supply channel to the Fort ditch.

(2.) Raising the bund of new channel to the Goontah, &c.

And as without these documents the audit here cannot be carried out, the Controller has no option but to abide by the provisions of paragraph 64, Section II. of the Manual.

2. In reply to paragraph 3 of the same letter, the Controller begs to refer Lieutenant Pennefather to paragraph 3 of G. O. of the 14th August 1865, No. 2,357, and to state that the vouchers exhibiting the work performed by the Sappers in each month, and the tasks allotted to them, must be sent with every Progress Report or the clearance will be withheld.

MADRAS, (Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
18th September 1865. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Forwarded for the orders of Government.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Captain, R. E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

No. 320. ORDER THEREON, 13th October 1865, No. 3,052.

ACCOUNT, No. 45.

From these papers it is observed that the Controller of Public Works Accounts insists upon the Officer in charge of the Bellary Range submitting with his Progress Reports, vouchers to exhibit the "task" work allotted to and executed by the Sappers employed on the supply channel to the Fort ditch, and on the raising of the bund of the new channel to the Goontah. It appears from Lieutenant Pennefather's letter to Captain Fischer, under date the 13th September 1865, No. 546 (⁵¹⁶/₁₃₆₅₋₆₆), that vouchers for Sapper labor for June were duly forwarded to the Controller's Office with the Progress Report for July, and that as under G. O. 18th July 1865, No. 2,051, the Sappers were not to draw any remuneration in addition to the working pay drawn in the Military Department, it was intimated to the Controller that no further vouchers for Sapper labor would accompany future Progress Reports. In this the Bellary Range Officer appears to have been correct. As the duty of assigning task work to the Sappers and of looking to its performance; devolves on the Officer under whom the men are employed and paid, and not on the Range Officer, the latter cannot be expected to furnish vouchers, which, so long as the remuneration to the men was paid by the Public Works Department, appear to have been regularly furnished.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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P. of G. O. for Bellary No. 2861
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A. S. Moberly Capt. R. E.
Recd. 5 Oct. 65 Sup. Engineer 3rd Division
Sup. Eng. Office
Camp Kungoondhatti

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER, P. W. ACCOUNTS,

MADRAS,

7 Sept

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MEMO.

.. The vouchers called for by the Controller
for Sapper labor both for the Fort ditch channel
& for raising of the Road are not supplied
in the present month. Since Penaforte's
Staff Salary for Sept 65 will be challenged
under Sec 11 paras 53 & 63 of the Manual
of Accounts.

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Controller, P. W. Accounts.

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Memorandum

The Controller of P.W. Accounts has the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter from Lieut^{nt} Prinsepther P.S. dated the 13th instant N^o 546 and in reply to inform that Officer that no vouchers exhibiting the ~~works~~ executed by the Sappers on any of the following works in Bellary have yet been forwarded to this Office.

Supply Channel to the Fort Ditch.
Raising the bund of new channel to the Spoutah of ~~the~~.

and as without these documents the audit here cannot be carried out the Controller has no option but to abide by the provisions of para. 64 Section II of the Manual.

In reply to para. 3 of the same letter the Controller begs to refer Lieut^{nt} Prinsepther to para. 3 of G.O. of the 14th August 1865 N^o 235 and to state that the vouchers exhibiting the work performed by the Sappers in each month and the tasks allotted to them must be sent with every Progress

report

report or the Clearance will be withheld.

Office of the Controller
of M. Accounts.
Madras 18th Sept. 1865.

Captain R.E.

Controller of M. Accounts.

To The Executive Engineer.
Bellary Range.

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J. H. M.

To 568.

To 546
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For
Es. 1 Range Office. to 1.
Camp Department 13th Sept 1865
The Controller of
R. Marks accounts.

Sir, With reference to a memo without
no. of 7th instant from Lieut. Fieldgate, attached
to the Pay abstract of this Range. I have the
honor to inform you that the vouchers for Satta
Labour for June has been forwarded with the
Progress Report for July in which month it
was paid.
2. Duplicates of the other Vouchers called for
have also been forwarded through the Subin-
spector, the originals having been duly forwarded
by me with the Progress Report for June.
3. As the Government have disallowed the
entire Batta given by our Department to the
Satta rs from 1st July, there will be no more
Satta vouchers to be forwarded, that for June
being the last.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Yours most obed^t Servant
Assistant Engineer

To 546
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From
The Controller of
Accounts.
To
The Executive Engineer
Muz. Bund. Camp.
Bellary.
Dated 18th 3rd Sept 1865.
Recd.
No 1284.

Nothing reported.
Consequently to submit
vouchers for Satta Labour
for June on the 7th inst.
and should have also
sent the same with
the Progress Report
for the same month.

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To.

Executive Range Office No. 30
Bellary 23rd September 1865.

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

Sir,

I have the honor to request you will

submit for the favorable consideration of Government the following correspondence between the Contractor and myself as I think Capt. Fischer is straining the point against me.

To be returned.

1. Duplicate Letter No. 346
to the Contractor of P.W.D.

2. The orders of Government referring, concerning disallowance of Salary. I should think, to wilful delay by the Range Officer, and not to a possible misunderstanding, and Capt. Fischer has not even submitted my explanations to Government.

3. Till the receipt of Memo. No. 1206 of 10th instant. I always believed a voucher was a document before the disbursement of money and it is only in the case of the Bund that Capt. Fischer asks for vouchers for salaries.

4. With reference to the latter part of the above Memo, I confess I do not understand it, as I never disputed the Contractor's authority to call for vouchers, but I cannot furnish them if they do not exist.

5. As the Certificate for Supply of Batta is signed by the Officer commanding the Detachment, it is his duty to see that the proper quantity and quality of work is performed and the Executive Officer's duty is only to see that it is carried out on the sanctioned Plan and Estimate.

6. At least the above is the rule, as far as I remember laid down in the Regimental orders book of the Supply, and in our Departmental Code. There are no rules for guidance at all. If Government have refused sanction to the Extra Batta, it is quite possible that some day an Officer commanding the Detachment who would refuse

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to forward the amount of labour done each month, and, as I have not the honor of withholding their pay. I would be helpless in the matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Yours most obedt Servt
Wm. M. Thompson
Lieut
Assistant Engineer

Account No 3052
Proceedings of the Madras Government. 15
Under date the 12th Sept/65
Read the following
Enclosurement.

From the Sup. Ingrs of the 3rd V.

Forwarding for the order of Govt a Circular Memo: from the Controller of P.W. Works calling upon Lt Pennafather to submit vouchers for sapper labor &c on the Fort ditch and Channel bank also, and that the same should be sent with every Progress Report for the above works

J. E. 27th Sept 1865. Recd.

From these papers it is seen that the Controller of P.W. Accounts insists upon the Officer in charge of the Bellary range submitting with his Progress Reports, vouchers to exhibit the "task" work allotted to & executed by the Sappers employed on the supply Channel to the Fort (Ditch & the raising of the bank of the new Channel to the front). It appears from Lt Pennafather's letter to Capt. Fisher under date the 13th Sept/65, No 546, that Vouchers for sapper labor for June were duly forwarded to the Controller's

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From, 17th 25th 1865

Lieut. W. M. Thompson
Asst. Engrs

to the Superintending
Engineer (P.W.)

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No 546.

Request to be made
for the Government for the
consideration, certain
correspondence between
himself and the Controller
on the subject of furnishing
vouchers of sapper labor done
at Bellary, the sum of the
Chambers, 12th 25th 1865

Office with the Progress Reports.
for July, & that as under
by O. 18 July 68, to 2057, the
Sappers were not to draw
any remuneration in addition
to the working pay drawn in
the Military Dept, it was intimated
to the Controller that no further
Vouchers for Sapper labor would
accompany future Progress Reports.
In this the Bellary Range Officer
appears to have been correct. As
the duty of assigning tasks would
be the Sappers, & of looking to
the performance, devolves on the
Offr under whom they are employed & paid
& not on the Range Officer, the
latter cannot be expected to
furnish Vouchers, which, so long
as the remuneration to the men
was paid by the P. W. Dept, appears
to have been regularly furnished.

Capt. Fisher writes

contingly Cancel his demands
to Lt Pennfather d/ 18 Sept 68.

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To the Asst. Dir
Controller

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