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27th November 1865.*

No. 620. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 7th November 1865, No. 157 :—

1. I have the honor to submit, for the consideration of Government, the accompanying original letter* from Mr. Sub-Engineer Colquhoun, and request their decision not only on the point at issue between Mr. Colquhoun and myself, but also as to the tone of Mr. Colquhoun's letter.

2. The circumstances of the case referred to are as follows :—The bungalows at Honnor and Gollah are on the old line of road from Bellary via Bellagoopah to Bangalore, their roofs are on the bomb-proof principle, and as it was considered that they would not fetch any thing if put up to auction, Government, in September 1863, in their orders in the Revenue Department, directed that the Sepoys who had been in charge should be removed so that Government should be put to no further expense, and that the bungalows themselves should be placed under the charge of the village authorities.

No. 52 of 9th May 1865, marked B.

Marked A.

3. On the 9th May last I forwarded to the Acting Supervisor of the Range an extract of a Memorandum from the Collector of Bellary, and requested him to submit estimates for the necessary repairs.

4. On the 9th June Mr. Colquhoun sent a letter to the Collector, in which he reported on the filthy condition of the bungalow at Honnor. I never saw this document until now ; but I learn from Mr. Hathaway, that on receiving it he wrote to the Tahsildar, who reported that the place was as stated by Mr. Colquhoun, and that he had directed the village authorities to clean it up. No answer was sent to Mr. Colquhoun, as Mr. Hathaway did not think one was required.

Marked C.

5. On the 2nd August I received a letter from Mr. Colquhoun, stating that he had " ordered the execution of trifling repairs below Rupees 50 to the Honnor and Gollah bungalows, as both these are sadly in need of white-washing, &c.

No. 77 of 29th July 1865, marked F.

No. 842 of 2nd August 1865, marked G.

" &c." and on the same day sent a docket directing him to stop all work on the buildings, and reminded him that estimates were called for.

6. On the 19th August I received Mr. Colquhoun's Progress Report for July, and observed that some money† had been expended, but as I had sent him distinct orders to stop the work, I did not think that he would wilfully disobey my orders, and carry on work without writing for instructions.

7. On the 18th September, whilst on a tour of inspection, I received Mr. Colquhoun's Progress Report for August, and observed that there had been further‡ expenditure incurred on these bungalows ; in the case of the Honnor

				RS.	A.	P.
† Honnor bungalow	...	...	...	31	15	4
Gollah do.	...	...	...	25	0	2

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‡ Honnor bungalow	...	...	...	17	12	0
Gollah do.	...	...	...	4	15	10

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bungalow, above the estimated amount. As I had not the estimates with me, I waited until my return to Bellary on the 10th of October, and then on examining the items of the estimates I could see no reason for the work having been done on emergency, and as Government, in their Order No. 2,169 of the 28th July 1865, when giving over the Pullumpett bungalow to this Department, had decided that it was to be kept in repair by the individual occupying it, I wrote a letter* to Mr. Colquhoun, stating that I considered he should pay for the repairs. His letter is an appeal against this decision of mine.

8. In conclusion, I trust that Government will remark on Mr. Colquhoun's wasting so much paper in making copies of documents, the originals of which were in my Office, and could have been submitted by me if required: I have, on two or three occasions, had to write to him on the subject of using so much paper unnecessarily, but he has paid no attention.*

No. 621. ORDER THEREON, 27th November 1865, No. 3,578.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 89.

In their Proceedings in the Revenue Department, No. 1,639, dated 7th September 1863, the Government directed

that the bungalows at Honnor, Gollah, and Parúr in the Bellary District should be placed in charge of the village authorities until an opportunity offered for disposing of them, and they decided that, in the meantime, no expense on account of the bungalows should be entailed upon the State, either for establishments or repairs.

2. Under these orders, public money should not properly have been expended upon the buildings without the express sanction of Government; but, as the Superintending Engineer, at the requisition of the Collector, had called for an estimate on the 9th May last for trifling repairs (white-washing, plastering, &c.,) which were urgently required to the bungalow at Honnor, it is probable that Mr. Colquhoun considered himself warranted in commencing the work on emergency. The circumstances under which the repairs were continued after the receipt of the Superintending Engineer's Memorandum, under date the 2nd August 1865, are sufficiently explained in paragraphs 11 and 12 of Mr. Colquhoun's letter of the 23rd ultimo, and on full consideration, the Government are not disposed to hold Mr. Colquhoun personally responsible for the outlay incurred.

3. The Government are not, however, pleased with the tone of Mr. Colquhoun's letter. It is neither respectful, nor becoming to his position, and he will now be warned that he must be more careful in his future correspondence.

4. It is understood that Mr. Colquhoun desires to be transferred to a District near the coast, but his wish cannot be taken into consideration while he displays the indecorous bearing to his superiors which characterizes his letter to Captain Moberly, and he will be informed accordingly.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with Enclosures.

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Superintending Engineer's Office
Bellary 7th Nov. 1865

From:

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To:
The Secretary to Government

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No. 175 of 23rd Decr 1865
(to be returned)

I have the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying original letter from Mr. Sub Engineer Colquhoun and request their decision not only on the point at issue between Mr. Colquhoun and myself, but also as to the tone of Mr. Colquhoun's letter.

The circumstances of the case referred to are as follows. The Bungalows at Honnor and Gollah are on the old line of road from Bellary via Ballagolapah to Bangalore. Their roofs are on the Bomb-proof principle and so it was considered that they would not fetch any thing if put up to auction. Government, in September 1863 in their orders in the Revenue Department, directed that the depots who had been in charge should be removed as that Government should be put to no further expense and that the Bungalows themselves should be placed under the charge of the Village authorities.

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3. On the 9th May last I forwarded to the Acting Supervisor of the Range an extract of a memo from the Collector of Bellary and requested him to submit Estimates for the necessary repairs.

Marked C

4. On the 9th June Mr. Colquhoun sent a letter to the Collector, in which he reported on the filthy condition of the Bungalow at Honnor. I never saw this document until now, but I learn from Mr. Hathaway that, on perceiving it, he wrote to the Tahsildar who reported that the place was as stated by Mr. Colquhoun and that he had directed the Village authorities to clean it up. No answer was sent to Mr. Colquhoun as Mr. Hathaway did not think one was required.

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5. On the 2nd August I received a letter from Mr. Colquhoun stating that he had ordered the execution of trifling repairs below Rs 50 to the Honnor and Gollah Bungalows as both these are sadly in need of whitewashing &c. &c. and on the same day sent a Despatch directing him to stop all work on the buildings and reminding him that Estimates were called for.

No. 342 of 22nd Augt 1865
Marked G

6. On the 19th August I received Mr. Colquhoun's progress report for July and observed that some money had been expended but, as I had sent him distinct orders to stop the work.

Honnor Bungalow 31:15:4
Gollah do 25:0:2

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work, I did not think that he would willingly disfigure my
order and carry on work without writing for instructions.

On the 10th September, whilst on a tour of
inspection, I received Mr. Colquhoun's Report of August
observed that there had been further expenditure incurred on
these Bungalows; in the case of the Honoor Bungalow above.
above the Estimated Amount. As I had not the Estimates
with me I waited until my return to Bellary on the 10th of
October and then on examining the items of the Estimates I
could see no reason for the work having been done on emer-
gency and as Government, in their order No. 2169 of the 28th
Sept. 1865. when giving over the full complete Bungalow to the
Department had decided that it was to be kept in repair
by the individual occupying it, I wrote a letter to Mr. Colquhoun
stating that I considered he should pay for the repairs
his letter as an appeal against this decision of mine.

Honoor Bungalow 17.12.65
Gallah 26.12.65

523341 of 12th Sept. 65.
original forwarded to
be returned

3. In Conclusion I trust that Government
will remark on Mr. Colquhoun's wasting so much paper
in making copies of documents, the originals of which were
in my office and could have been submitted to me if required.
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subject of using so much paper unnecessarily but he has
paid no attention.

I have &c.

W. W. W. Major R.E.
Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division

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The Supg. Engineer
3rd Division

To

The Secy. to Government
11/1/85

Dated 7th November
Received 10 " } 1865

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No. 157

Towards for the decision of
Government. Certain concession
between him and Mr
Sub Engineer Wolghom, relative
to the expenditure incurred on
Travelling being done at Banoor
and Gollah.

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17th Nov 1865. M. 2125

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Belonging District
Gollah
I beg you will not take it
anxious in my address. I am
a favor, which you alone are competent
to grant, and which I heartfully
trust if you not to deny me.
I am anxious to be engaged
for one this to the North
or any District in the
or if this is not possible
I have to that I may be
benefit of being near the coast.

PT

My health since coming here
has been much impaired -

Ever since July, I have been ailing
and in September last had to
put myself under medical
treatment. - I have reason to

believe the Medical Officer if I do
not improve, is prepared to recommend
my removal, but I am not desirous
of working in this mode, under
circumstances of effecting my
removal - though it is highly

probable I shall improve under
management aimed by difference at only my good service to the
of which, most unfortunately, state in Georgia, be remembered.
between my superiors & me friendly - and have suffered
myself -

As there are vacancies both in Wood &
Hill, occasioned by the absence of
Messrs Howard & Lerley, and as Mr
Walter is expected to return to his
duties, I think you will
be pleased to effect my transfer. -

I should feel deeply obliged if you
will kindly post me to the North
West District - as I think I shall
succeed in pleasing Mr. Harrison -

I now most earnestly implore of you
to pardon me for the part I have
played in this matter, and
let only my good service to the
state in Georgia, be remembered.
I am friendly - and have suffered
and unless you

P.T.

are disposed to look kindly on
I will never recover
you will be so generously forgiving
and forget my shortcomings.
The things are undoubtedly done roughly
and I feel that I have been
advised to stop to collect in Dec
1863. I should not now be a 3rd
class Sub. Engineer, and should
have kept all the money I had
to indemnify me.
In conclusion I beg you will kindly
pardon the liberty I have taken in
expressing my feelings to you.
Yours most obedt. Servant
A. Colquhoun

Public Works Department
No 35-78

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 27th November 1865
Read the following.

From the Super Engineer
of the 3rd Division

Forwards for the decision
of Government certain corres-
pondence between him and
Mr Sub Engineer Colquhoun
relative to the expenditure in-
curred on Travellers Bungalows
at Nonsor and Gollah.

In their Proceed-
ings in the Revenue De-
partment No 1639, dated
7th September 1863, the Go-
vernment directed that the
Bungalows at Nonsor,
Gollah, and Parur in the
Bellary District should be
placed in charge of the
village authorities until an
opportunity offered for
disposing of them, and
they decided that, in the
meantime, no expense

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in their ^{of the bungalows} account should
be entailed upon the State
either for establishments
or repairs.

2. Under these orders,
public money should not
properly have been ex-
pended upon the build-
ings without the express
sanction of Government;
but, as the Superintending
Engineer, at the requisition
of the Collector, had call-
ed for an Estimate on the
7th May last for mifling
repairs (white washing, and
plastering^{ing}) which were in-
-gently required to the bun-
-galow at Bomma, it is
-probable that Mr. Colquhoun
considered himself war-
-ranted in commencing

the work on emergency.
The circumstances under
which the repairs were
continued after the receipt
of the Superintending En-
-gineer's Memo: under date
the 2nd August 1865 are
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 Mr. Colquhoun desires
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 consideration while he
 displays the indecorous
 bearing to his superiors
 which characterizes his
 letter to Captain. Roberts,
 and he will be informed
 accordingly.

[Signature]

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Mr. Sub. Dugr Colquhoun Rep
 is order on letter from the Supd.
 Dugr 3rd Div relative to the irregu-
 lar conduct of Mr. Colquhoun, in con-
 nection with the repair of certain
 passenger Bungalows on the line
 road from Bellary via Belagavi
 to Bangalore.