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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
9th August 1866.*

No. 195. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department:—

Communicating a letter from the Magistrate of
Bellary, relative to the party responsible for
the site selected for the construction of certain } (Here enter 2nd August 1866, No. 1,168.)
Police huts at Hurpanhally.

No. 196. ORDER THEREON, 9th August 1866, No. 2,514.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division with
reference to the Orders of Government
No. 3,198, dated the 25th October 1865.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Ed. T. O'Connor.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
2nd August 1866.

No. 6. Read the following letter from the Magistrate of Bellary, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Bellary, 19th July 1866, No. 54.

In reply to Government Order, dated 27th February 1866, No. 291, requesting information when, and by whom, the estimate for the construction of certain Police huts was sanctioned, to whom the work was entrusted, under whose orders the Tahsildar of Hurpanhally acted in selecting the site now objected to, and why the Public Works Department were not consulted in the matter. My predecessor's attention was also drawn to a statement contained in the letter of the Acting Supervisor in charge of Kudligy Range, to Superintending Engineer, dated 2nd December last.

2. I have the honor to state that the estimate for the construction of the Police huts at Hurpanhally was sanctioned by the Inspector General of Police on 25th May 1864. It was, as many other such huts have been, in this and in other Districts given out on contract.

3. The Tahsildar denies responsibility as to choice of site—states, the place was chosen by the Inspector of Police, who asked him if he had any objections to have the huts where they were placed. He did not object, intending, as he states, to speak to the Superintendent of Police on the subject, who was expected there; but it is most likely he saw no objections at the time.

4. The Collector's sanction to the co-operation of the Tahsildars of certain Taluqs, in getting Police huts erected by contract, but no reference being made (as it should have been) as to the sites required, no orders on the subject of selecting sites appear to have emanated from this office. As regards the alleged oppression exercised on the contractors, shown by their undertaking a work at a less cost than could be done by the Public Works Department, it must be kept in mind that the rates of labor had increased since the date of the contract and the inspection of the Supervisor, that for the benefit of the protection of Police, they may have been persuaded to execute the work at less than market rates. In some places huts are built gratis by the villagers. In the absence of complaint, from the parties alone interested in making it, a further inquiry seems not required.

5. There is a *prima facie* improbability of any oppression having been exercised in the matter. In fact, the Supervisor alludes to the Contractor being compelled by persuasion, which seems to involve the consent of the party.

No. 7. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1866, No. 1168.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be communicated to the Department of Public Works, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department, dated the 25th October 1865, No. 3198.

2. The construction of the Police huts having been undertaken by the Police, and the Taluq Sub-Magistrate's share in the work having been limited to affording assistance in getting the huts erected by contract, no responsibility would seem to

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attach to him in the matter. The Police Superintendent should have taken care to select a proper site in the first instance, in communication, if necessary, with the Collector and Magistrate of the District.

(True Extract).

H. J. Constant
Chief Secretary.

To the Magistrate of Bellary.
" Public Works Department.
" Inspector General of Police.

Edw. J. Tulloch.

[Faint handwritten notes and signatures on a separate sheet of paper, possibly a draft or a copy, with some legible words like "Bellary" and "Inspector General of Police"]

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Communicated to the Superintendent
Engineer of the 3^d Division with
reference to the order of General
W.C. Cress stating the 25th October 1885.

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