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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15-9 1865.

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No. 404. Read the following Endorsement of the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Anantapoor, 27th August 1866, No. 53 :—

Read the following letter from the Agent and Manager Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, to the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, dated Madras, 21st August 1866, No. 188.

1. I have the honor to inform you that your report to the Government upon my progress certificate for the quarter ending the 30th April 1866, and the Government Order thereupon, has reached me in due course.

2. I observe, with regret, that in your report, while you have recorded with emphasis the fact that the items in the certificates in which you have requested that "alterations and corrections" may be made, or explanations furnished, have not received attention, you have not had the candour to make any reference to the causes which have retarded a settlement of these matters, nor to the efforts I am making, commenced long before you took up the subject, to place them upon a proper footing, leaving it to be inferred, which it naturally will have been from the style of your report, that the delay has arisen, if not from neglect, from causes within the control of myself or the members of my staff.

3. The letters which I have addressed to you upon this subject, (see my Nos. 607, 656, 687 of 1865-66, and 36 and 83 of 1866-67,) have so fully explained my position with regard to the Progress Report, that you cannot plead ignorance of the difficulties which have to be encountered in the process of adjustment. These, as you are well aware, are of such a nature that until they are surmounted, any attempt to deal with the "alterations, corrections, and explanations" required, is a *simple impossibility*. Of the steps I have taken, and which are still in progress, with a view to clearing up the discrepancies and correcting the Progress Report, you are equally well informed, and of the magnitude of the undertaking you cannot be ignorant.

4. Further, you have failed to mention in your Report that I *did* make strenuous efforts to obtain for you the information you required, that from the causes stated in my letters above referred to, I failed to obtain from the Engineers replies which were satisfactory to you, and that then only I asked you to favor me with your forbearance until the completion of the adjustments which were in progress.

5. As you have suppressed so much that bears upon this question, I am by no means surprised that you have refrained from adverting to the fact that the bulk of the discrepancies, which retard a compliance with your requirements, occurred long before my connection with the Company, and that neither I nor the members of my staff are in any way responsible for them.

6. I am very far from assuming to myself the right to dictate to you the manner in which your correspondence with the Government, or the other duties of your position, shall be carried on, but it is due to myself to protest, which I do in strong terms, against a suppression of facts in your reports, which is calculated to convey to the minds of those who have no means of knowing the truth, but

through you, an unfavorable and most unfair impression of the mode in which the business of my office is conducted.

7. There is one point in your report to which it may be as well to advert. In the commencement of your paragraph 2, you speak of a *promise* from me "to "effect all necessary adjustments in the accounts for the fourth or concluding "quarter of the year." Now, I have no recollection of having promised the adjustments at *any* definite period, nor do I think I have done so; but in your report upon the accounts for the quarter ending the 30th January 1866, I remark that you say, professing to quote from my letter No. 656, of 6th April 1866. "The Agent • • • "promises to carry out any necessary adjustments in the accounts for the fourth "quarter of the year." If you will take the trouble to read over my letter No. 656, you will find that it contains no such promise, either direct or implied, and it strikes me that in the report now under remark you have, inadvertently I presume, adopted the mis-statement contained in your previous report.

8. I request you will have the goodness to bring this letter, and also my former letters of explanation, viz., 607, 656, 687, 36, and 83, under the notice of the Government.

Enclosures 6, viz., Agent's original letters, General Nos. 990, 1,061, 1,105, 71, 143, and 309.

1. Submitted for the information of Government, together with the Agent's letters Nos. 607, 656, 687, 36, and 83, as requested by Mr. Henslowe.

2. Letter No. 656 was submitted before with the report No. 174 of the 17th April last, Proceedings Madras Government of the 3rd May, No. 1,404; and, with reference to the Agent's remarks now made, it may be admitted at once that the postscript of the letter No. 656 was taken to mean that the explanations and adjustments referred to would be made in the accounts of the fourth quarter of the year, and that this impression was expressed in paragraph 2 of the report No. 174, just referred to. Had the indefiniteness of the expression used been noticed, more definite information would have been asked for before the Progress Report of the third quarter was submitted to Government.

3. Had no notice been taken of the Agent's exertions in clearing off arrears in the accounts, and had not the results of those exertions been frequently remarked on, there would have been some ground for the complaint, now made, that the difficulties with which Mr. Henslowe has had to contend, had been ignored; but it appears to me that opportunities have frequently been taken of showing that former errors were being corrected, and, but for a desire to accede to the Agent's wishes in regard to the passing of the uncorrected Progress Reports, leaving the adjustments to be carried out as early as possible, none of the reports subsequent to December would have been accepted without correction.

* Paragraph 2.

4. It was expressly noticed in the letter,* No. 174, on which the Order of Government of the 3rd May, No. 1,404, was passed, that the Agent had said that the requisite information for affording the

explanations required was not in his office, and that he had urged the Chief Engineer to allow as little delay as possible to occur, and, while allowing that many of those explanations had reference to old expenditure, it must be remarked that this excuse does not apply to all. In returning the report for April to the Agent for correction, it was requested that at least the principal defects and especially those connected with works of recent date, might be rectified, and the letter went on to say that it was probable that some difficulty might be experienced, with regard to some works which were commenced many years ago; and, provided all, which can be correctly exhibited, were so entered, and if explanations regarding comparatively recent expenditure were given, the report would be submitted to Government, leaving the remaining alterations and explanations to be made at a future date. It is certainly not too much to assert that many of the questions put* might have been answered before the report for April was received from the Agent in June. It is not the business of the undersigned to say who is to blame for unnecessary delay in affording explanations regarding expenditure, but it is needful that, in submitting incorrect Progress Reports to Government, the fact that such explanations have been asked for and not given should be stated, and the necessary particulars were given in the report No. 39, of the 31st ultimo, to which the Agent has taken objection, as succinctly and with as few comments as could well have been done.

No. 51, dated 19th June.

* In November 1865.

(Signed) J. MULLINS, Captain, R. E.,
Consulting Engineer I. & C. Company.

No. 405. ORDER THEREON, 15th September 1866, No. 2,962.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 75.

As far as the Government are able to judge, it appears that the misunderstanding between the Consulting Engineer and the Manager of the Madras Irrigation and Canal Company, which is referred to in these papers, has arisen from the former Officer having understood the expression "subsequent account" which occurs in the postscript of Mr. Henslowe's letter No. 656, dated 6th April last, to refer to the account for the *quarter ended 30th April* 1866, instead of to one for a *later period not mentioned.* The Government are satisfied that this was simply a mistake, and that the Consulting Engineer, in omitting (in his report to Government No. 39, dated 31st July 1866,) to refer to the difficulties which the Manager has had to contend with in effecting the adjustment of long standing transactions, had no intention of ignoring them, as in several previous communications to Government he had prominently brought those difficulties to notice, as well as the efforts which were being made by

Mr. Henslowe to overcome them, and to place the Company's accounts on a satisfactory footing.

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

To the Consulting Engineer Irrigation and Canal Company, with seven Enclosures.
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Exd. S. T. Augustin,

Madras Irrigation & C. Co.
Madras 21st August 1866

No. 188

From,

The Superintendent Manager
Mr. Ir. & C. Co.

To

The Consulting Engineer
Irr. & Canal Co.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that your Report to the Government upon my Progress Certificate for the quarter ending the 30th April 1866 & the Government Order thereupon has reached me Albuhllye in due course.

2. I observe with regret that in your Report while you have recorded with emphasis the fact that the items in the Certificate, in which you have requested that alterations or corrections may be made or explanations furnished have not received attention you have not had the candour to make any reference to the causes which have retarded a settlement of these matters nor to the efforts I am making — Communications long before your book upon the subject — to place

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them upon a proper footing, leaving it to be inferred, which it naturally will have been from the style of your Report, that the delay has arisen if not from neglect from causes within the control & power of the members of my Staff.

3 The letters which I have addressed to you upon this subject (See my letters 609, 656, 687 of 65/66, & 364 & 835 of 66/67) have so fully explained my views with regard to the Progress Report No 6 you cannot plead ignorance of the difficulties which have to be encountered in the process of adjustment. These, as you are well aware, are of such a nature that until they are surmounted, any attempt to deal with the "alterations corrections and explanations" required, is a simple impossibility. Of these I have taken and which are still in progress with a view to clearing up the discrepancies and completing the Progress Report you are equally well informed as to the magnitude of the undertaking & you cannot be ignorant.

4 Further you have failed to mention in your Report that I did make strenuous efforts to obtain for you the information you required, that from the causes stated in my letters above referred to I failed to obtain from the Engineers replies which were satisfactory to you, and that them only I asked you to favor me with your forbearance until the completion of the adjustments which were in progress.

5 As you have suppressed so much that bears upon this question I am by no means surprised that you have refrained from adverting to the fact that the bulk of the discrepancies which retard a completance with your requirements existed long before my connection with the Company, and that neither I nor the members of my Staff were in any way responsible for them.

6 I am very far from assuming to myself the right to dictate

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to you the manner in which your Correspondence with the Government, or the other duties of your position shall be carried on but this due to myself to protest, which I do in strong terms, against a suppression of facts in your Report which is calculated to convey to the minds of those who have no means of knowing the truth the most unfair impression of the manner in which the business of my office is conducted.

7 There is one point in your Report to which it may be as well to advert. In the commencement of your 4th Quarter of the year you speak of a promise from me to effect all necessary adjustments in the accounts for the 4th Quarter of the year. I have no recollection of having promised any other adjustments at any definite point nor do I think I have done so, but I am sure in your Report upon the accounts for the Quarter ending the 30th Sept.

I mean that you say - proceeding to quote from my letter No. 656 of 6th April 1866. "The Agent x x x" "promises to carry out any necessary" "adjustments in the accounts for the" "4th Quarter of the year." If you will take the trouble to read over my letter No. 656 you will find that it contains no such promise either direct or implied, and it strikes me that in the Report now under remark you have inadvertently I presume adopted the misstatement contained in your previous Report.

8 I request you will have the goodness to bring this letter and also my former letters of explanation viz Nos. 656, 687, 367 & 83 under the notice of the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt Servant.

C. M. Godfrey Dr. Surgeon Medical Officer

Superintendent

No 53.

Endorsement to letter No 188 of the 21st August 1866

from the Agent and Manager, Madras Irrigation and Canal Company.

Enclosures 6.
Ist Agent's original letter Encl 6 & No 2

2 Submitted for the information of Government, together with the Agent's letters No 607, 656, 687, 36, and 83, as requested by Mr Densloe.

3 Letter No 656 was submitted before with the report No 174 of the 17th April last, Proceedings Madras Government of the 3rd May, No 1404, and with reference to the Agent's remarks now made, it may be admitted at once that the postscript of the letter No 656 was taken to mean that the explanations and adjustments referred to would be made in the accounts of the 4th quarter of the year and that this impression was expressed in para 2 of the report No 174 just referred to. Had the indefiniteness of the expression used been noticed, more definite information would have been asked for before the Progress Report of the 3rd quarter was submitted to Government.

4 Had no notice been taken of the Agent's exertions in clearing off arrears in the accounts, and had not the results of those exertions been frequently remarked on, there would have been some ground for the complaint, now made, that the difficulties, with which Mr Densloe has

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Read — No 188 dated 21st August 1866
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Br Irrig Co

To the Consulting Engineer
Mr Orr
Letter — 21 August 1866
Read — 27 — 1866

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Secretary reads
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Report & Encl
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Ltr Prop Estimate
Ltr Progress Report
Ltr Statistical Tables
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No 51 - 19 June.

comparatively recent expenditure were given, the report would be submitted to Government, leaving the remaining alterations and explanations to be made at a future date. It is certainly not too much to assert that many of the questions put might have been answered before the report for April was received from the Agent in June. It is not the business of the undersigned to say who is to blame for unnecessary delay in affording explanations regarding expenditure, but it is needful that, in submitting incorrect Progress Reports to Government, the fact that such explanations have been asked for and not given should be stated, and the necessary particulars were given in the report No 39 of the 31st Ultimo: to which the Agent has taken objection, as succinctly and with as few comments as could well have been done.

No 1165 - 1 November 1865.

Consulting Engineer's Office
Irrigation and Canal Co.
Quantaston 27th August 1866

John Smellie Captain R.E.
Consulting Engineer I. & C. Co.

To
The Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

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Public Works Department.

No 2962

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 15th Septr 1866

Read the following

From The Consg Engineer
I. & C. Comp[y] (Here enter No. 53 dated 27 Augt 1866)

As far as the Gov[t]
Government are able to judge
it appears that the mis-
understanding between
the Consulting Engineer
and the Manager of the
Madras Irrigation and
Canal Company, which is
referred to in these papers,
has arisen from the former
Officer having understood
the expression "subsequent
Account" which occurs in
the postscript of Mr
Turnbull's letter. No 636
dated

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Read G.O. 14 Oct 1866 No 53 Irrigation Canals Madras

The Consulting Engineer
to
The Secretary to Govt
P.W.D.

Madras 27th August 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of Government a letter from the Manager of the Madras Irrigation & Canal Company, enclosing a statement of the Expenses incurred by the Company on the Buckingham Canal for the quarter ending 30th June last.

I have &c.

Sd/ A. Cotton

Encl 2962 - 15 Septr 1866

Read G.O. 14 Oct 1866 No 2566.

3rd February 1866

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To The Consulting Engr & Manager &c &c with thirteen enclosures

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Recd 17th Sept.

P. W. 1866. Department.

Pro. of Govt for September

No. 2962

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of Madras

Dated 18th Sept 1866.

Copying orders on Certain Correspondence relative to a misunderstanding between the Consg. Engineer and the Agent. on the subject of Irrigation & Canal Company's accounts for the quarter ended 30th April 1866.

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