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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
8th March 1866.*

No. 163. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the
Judicial Department :—

Desiring the Collector of Bellary to furnish cer-
tain information regarding the Police huts
under erection at Harpanhalli in the Bellary } (Here enter 27th February 1866, No. 291.)
District, and the site selected for them.

No. 169 ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1866, No. 777.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 23.

Communicated to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the 3rd Division.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th February 1866.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 232. Proceedings of Government, in the Public Works Department.

Communicating a recommendation to stop the building of the Police Huts at Harpanhalli, in the Bellary District, on account of the site on which they are being built being considered objectionable. (Dated 25th October 1865, No. 3198.)

Referred for the report of the Inspector General of Police.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
31st October 1865.

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 233. From the Inspector General of Police, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Madras, 3rd November 1865.

With reference to your endorsement, dated 31st October, I have the honor to submit the Superintendent's report about the Police Huts at Harpanhalli of Bellary District.

From the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Bellary, 30th October 1865, No. 439.

General Department.

In returning Proceedings of Government, No. 3198, dated 23rd instant, I have the honor to report that the site on which Police huts are being constructed at Harpanhalli was selected by the Tahsildar of the Taluq, who also selected the site for the new Cutcherry, and it was, of course, presumed that he acted under competent authority.

2. The site chosen for erecting the Police huts would have suited admirably had the old Cutcherry been pulled down, and a new one erected on the spot selected by the Tahsildar.

3. The Superintending Engineer expresses an opinion that the huts can be erected on another spot (which he has pointed out) without much pecuniary loss, and this I presume ought to be paid by the Tahsildar, if it turns out that he acted without authority. The Collector has, I understand, called upon him for explanation.

No. 427.

MEMORANDUM

No. 234.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request that the Board of Revenue will be so good as to forward to this Department, with reference to their Proceedings of the 10th October 1865, No. 6408, a copy of any further communication which they may have received from the Collector of Bellary regarding the conduct of the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli, in permitting the location of certain Police Huts at the place now objected to.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
27th February 1866.*

No. 428.

No 235.

MEMORANDUM.

The Under Secretary to Government, Public, &c., Departments, is directed to request that the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, will be so good as to ascertain, with reference to the Proceedings in that Department of the 25th October 1865, No. 3198, what will be the additional cost of building the Police Huts at Harpanhalli on the site recommended by the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
7th November 1865.

(Signed) C. G. WALKER,
Under Secretary to Government
To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No. 1096.

No. 236.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

With reference to his Memorandum, dated 7th November 1865, the undersigned has the honor to inform the Under Secretary to Government, Public Department, that no further communication has reached the Board from the Collector of Bellary beyond that dated 27th September 1865, recorded in Board's Proceedings, 10th October 1865, No. 6108, regarding the conduct of the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli in connection with the location of certain Police Huts.

(By Order)

REVENUE BOARD OFFICE, MADRAS,
14th November 1865.

(Signed) G. BANBURY,
Acting Sub-Secretary.

To C. G. Walker, Esq., Under Secretary to Government, Public Department.

From the Acting Supervisor in charge Kudlighi Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division; dated Harpanhalli, 2nd December 1865, No. 181.

With reference to your Order, No. 1678, of the 22nd November 1865, regarding Police huts at Harpanhalli, I beg to inform that if the same individual who has been doing the work be compelled to re-build these huts on some other site, it would cost Rupees 190 more, being the amount due for work already performed, and the labor of dismantling the walls, and clearing rubbish, &c, as per Memorandum enclosed herein.

2. If these huts are to be constructed by the Department Public Works, in proper substantial manner, without the villagers, or the village authorities being compelled to undertake the work on very unreasonably low rates, it would cost Rupees 810 for 14 huts, or Rupees 60 each, or Rupees 490 in excess of Rupees 350, for which sum the contractor says he was compelled to build these 14 huts, at the persuasion of a certain late Tahsildar of this place, who (he says) told him that each hut will not be more than 9' x 6', and that no actual measurements or estimate was furnished to him till he actually commenced the work, when, to his great surprise, he was ordered to construct them on a much larger scale.

3. I further beg to state this system of compelling these poor village authorities has actually become a dread in this range; there is not a single place that I have yet passed through where Police buildings are under construction without hearing grievances from these contractors; and thus every work that is being executed through this Department is now being done by daily labor, which is not only a source of great waste of time, labor, and money, but also involves an unnecessary labor of supervision and preparation of accounts, &c., on the Department.

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27th February 1866.*

4* I have commenced to endeavour to introduce proper contract system in the range, and hope to report, in a few months, that (with the exception of ordinary sundry repairs to roads) every work, of whatever description, being performed on contract.

5. In conclusion, I beg to state that perhaps the Police may naturally ask why these Reddies do not come forward to prove that they are performing compulsory labor, but to this, I most respectfully beg to say, that the individuals who have forced these poor villagers have managed so cunningly, by fictitious persuasions, rendering imaginary hopes of making profit, and different other tricks and threats (which are not only impossible to prove but also to explain) that these poor people say they would rather suffer a pecuniary loss than the disgrace of being dragged about from one place to another for inquiry, and eventually punished for failing to prove against the Revenue and other Officials.

Memorandum of work performed

192 — 2 — 7½ = 4270 Rear walls.

103 — 1½ — 7½ } = 1870 Cross walls.

81 — 1½ — 7½ }

108 — 1½ — 4 = 618 Partition walls.

Total cubic feet 6738 or 251 cubic yards

	RS	A.	P.
Of mud walling at eight Annas	125	8	0
Add labor of dismantling walls and removing rubbish, &c.	64	8	0
Total...	190	0	0

(Signed) SYED YUSUF,
Acting Supervisor.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, dated 12th December 1865, No. 1975 of 1865-66.

SUBJECT.

Forwards for information copy of a letter [the above] from the Acting Supervisor, Kudlighi Range, and informs that the original has been submitted to Government.

From the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras; dated Anantapur, 15th December 1865, No. 424

Account Department

I have the honor to forward copies of a docket and enclosure received from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Assistant Inspector General of Police, Madras, and as a very grave charge is made against a Tahsildar, I have also submitted the correspondence for the consideration of the District Magistrate, who is fortunately now at Harpanhalli.

2. I would also remark that, since the huts were commenced, I have visited Harpanhalli and remained there several days, and yet no complaint was made by the contractors, who made a formal written agreement with the late Tahsildar to construct the huts for Rupees 350

3. I am not aware that any undue force or persuasion has been used to get these huts constructed, nor do I think that the late Tahsildar resorted to any such means to force persons to take up the contract to build the huts.

4. The Inspector General is aware that in many places the people have voluntarily come forward and built huts and station houses for the Police at their own cost, and at other places have given some assistance. Government paying a portion of the cost; beyond this I do not think that any attempt has been made to get people to construct Police buildings at a loss.

27th February 1866.

No. 527.

No. 237.

No. 238.

Forwarded to Government, with reference to their Order, No. 23, dated 8th November 1865, to be returned.

CAMP GAUZELPULEY TALUQ,
NUNDIAL, SUPTG. ENGR.'S OFFICE,
2nd February 1866.

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

Transferred to the Judicial Department, with reference to Mr. Walker's Memorandum, No. 428, dated 7th November 1865.

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

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 27th February 1866, No. 291.

No. 238. ORDER THEREON, 21st February 1907.

The Collector of Bellary is requested to report when, and by whom, the estimate for the construction of the Police Huts referred to in the foregoing papers was sanctioned; to whom the execution of the work was entrusted; under whose orders the Tahsildar of Harpanhalli acted in selecting the site now objected to; and why the Public Works Department were not consulted in the matter. The Collector's attention is also called to the statements contained in the letter of the Acting Supervisor in charge of the Kudlighi Range to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 2nd December last.

Chief Secretary.

To the Collector of Bellary, with Public Works Proceedings, No. 3198.
 „ Public Works Department.
 „ Inspector General of Police.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

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Pres. of Govt. for Madras
Pres. of the Madras Govt.
in the Judicial Dept.

Of 27th Febry } 1866
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Retiring the
Collector of Bellary to
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Police Huts under
construction at Harpan-
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District, and the site
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