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Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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to Government, Public Works Department.
26th March 1866.

No. 595. Read the following letter from the Inspector General of Jails, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George, dated Ootacamund, 12th March 1866, No. 878:—

1. On the 24th July 1865, while Acting Inspector General of Jails, I received a letter from Mr. Cullen, Principal Sudder Amcen of Cochin, forwarding a bill for Rupees 459-6-10, signed by Mr. Green, then Sub-Magistrate of Malabar, but since deceased. This sum was the cost incurred for constructing the roofs of the cells at the Cochin Jail; Rupees 394-4-0 being the amount of the sanctioned estimate, and the difference, viz., Rupees 65-2-10, the expenditure in excess. Mr. Cullen stated that the work had not been entrusted by him to Mr. Green, and requested me to procure a correct account from the Department of Public Works, as a step towards auditing the bill.

28th July 1865. I then called upon Mr. Cullen to explain how it was that the work had not been executed by the Department of Public Works; in reply to which he informed me that it had been entrusted to Mr. Green by Mr. Smithers, the Supervisor of the Palghaut Range. He added, that the Sub-Magistrate had tendered him vouchers which he had declined to receive, as he thought the bill ought to be checked by the District Engineer.

7th August 1865. Upon this I forwarded the bill to the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, requesting him to cause it to be examined.

4. On the 6th September I received a letter from the Accountant General, calling attention to the subject; upon which I again addressed the Superintending Engineer, who on the 29th September forwarded the explanation of Mr. Smithers, who admits having made over the work to the late Mr. Green. He

further states that when at Cochin, some time about the 15th August 1865, he endeavoured to obtain the vouchers, but without success, and that Mr. Green died a few days afterwards. He concludes by requesting to be allowed time to ascertain what the real expenditure had been, and also whether there were any vouchers forthcoming.

5. At this stage I was relieved by Mr. Rohde, and no further information appears to have been received until the 7th instant, when the final report of Mr. Smithers reached me through the Superintending Engineer. It will be seen from

this report that no vouchers are to be had, and that the bill signed by Mr. Green is incorrect. The Superintending Engineer in forwarding this explanation gave

his opinion that, under the circumstances, the full amount charged should be passed, but as it did not appear that any thing beyond the amount of the sanctioned esti-

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mate had been disbursed, I found it requisite to make another reference as to the sum of Rupees 65-2-10 charged in excess; in reply to which I am informed by Colonel Walker, that it was paid by Mr. Green out of funds entrusted to him for another purpose. I have therefore no course but to request that Government will be pleased to direct that the bill for the whole amount, viz., Rupees 459-6-10, may be passed without vouchers.

6. As Mr. Cullen received the bill and transmitted it to me in order that it might be checked, I am at a loss to understand why he should have declined to receive the vouchers, which ought to have accompanied the bill. Had he received these vouchers, not only much inconvenience and delay would have been avoided, but in all probability the parties concerned in fabricating the over-charges would have been detected.

7. The papers specified above are herewith enclosed, numbered from 1 to 13 consecutively.

No. 596. ORDER THEREON, 26th March 1866, No. 983.

ACCOUNT, No. 73.

Under the circumstances which are brought to notice in this letter, and finding that, owing to the death of Mr. Green and to the departure of Mr. Cullen, it is now impossible to obtain any reliable vouchers in support of the bill of Rupees 459-6-10, submitted by the Inspector General of Jails, and the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division will arrange for providing the sum of Rupees 65-2-10, which is stated to have been spent on the work in excess of the sanctioned estimate.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Inspector General of Jails, with twenty-one Enclosures.
„ Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
„ Accountant General.
„ Controller of Public Works Account.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

From

Colonel N. J. Wilson
Inspector General of Jails.
Pohacannur.

By

The Honble J. Arbuthnot
Chief Secy to Government
Fort Saint George.

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2. I then called upon Mr. Cullen to explain how it was that the work had not been executed by the Department of Public Works in reply to which he informed me that it had been entrusted to Mr. Green by Mr. Smithers the Supervisor of the Culphat range. He added that the Sub-Magistrate had tendered him Vouchers which he had declined to receive as he thought the Bill ought to be checked by the District Engineer.

3. Upon this I forwarded the Bill to the Superintending Engineer of the 1st Division requesting him to cause it to be examined.

4. On the 6th September I received a letter from the Accountant General calling my attention to the subject, upon which I again addressed the Superintending Engineer who on the 29th September forwarded the explanation of Mr. Smithers who admits having made over the work to the late Mr. Green. He further states that when at Cochin sometime about the

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4th September 1865

16th September 1865

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5. At this stage I was relieved by Mr. Rhode, and no further information appears to have been received until the 7th instant when the final Report of Mr. Smithers reached me though the Superintending Engineer. It will be seen from this Report that no Vouchers are to be had, and that the Bill signed by Mr. Green is incorrect. The Superintending Engineer in forwarding this explanation gave his opinion that under the circumstances the full amount charged should be passed, but as it did not appear that any thing beyond the amount of the sanctioned estimate had been disbursed I found it requisite to make another reference as to the sum of Rupees 65-2-10 charged in excess, in reply to which I am

17th October 1865

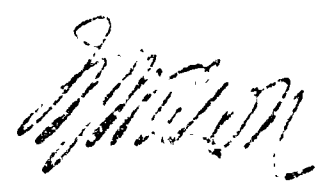
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I have the honor to be
 Sir,
 Your Most Obedt Servant


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 Genl of gails
 12th March 1866

Chief Genl of gails

Recd. 12th March 1866
The Inspector General
of Jails.

The Chief Secretary
to Government
East India House

Dated 12th March 1866.

No. 878.

21 enclosures.

Requests that a Bill

for constructing the

Roofs of the jail at

Cochin to amount of

Rupies 459-6-10 may

be paid without delay.

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Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 26th March/66

Read the following—

From the Inspector General of Jails
(Here enter No. 178 dated 12 March 1866)

Under the circum-
stances which are brought
to notice in this letter, &
being that, owing to the death
of Mr Green & to the
departure of Mr Cullen from
England, it is now impossible
to obtain any reliable vouchers
in support of the expendi-
ture incurred by the former
on the Cochin Jail, the
Government sanction the Bill
of Rs 459-6-10 submitted
by the Inspector General of
Jails, & the Secy of the

Wm JP

g. Dⁿ will arrange for
providing the sum of Rs 68-2-10
which is stated to have been
spent on the work in excess
of the sanctioned estimate.

W.H.B.

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To
3 The Insps Genl of Jails & Prisons
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Acct General
Controller
Date 27 March

P. W. 1866. Department.

No. 983

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. of *Madras*

Dated *28 March 1866*

*Copy
to
Sd/-*

459- 6-10. The bill of Papers
of roofs to Cells in Cochin
Jail sanctioned, and the
Superintending Engineer of the
Y. D. regulated to provide
the amount Rs 65-2-10
spent in excess of the
sanctioned estimate

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