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No. 606. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Madura, 20th February 1867, No. 1,983:—

1. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. No. 252, dated 25th January 1867, I have the honor to state that the Superintending Engineer, in several letters,* asked the Superintendent of Police in Tinnevelly to furnish a monthly account of expenditure, to be obtained from the Tahsildars, who had the disbursement of funds. The Superintendent of Police replied, that the Tahsildars did not furnish him with monthly accounts; that he advanced money to the Tahsildars, who again made advances to Moonsiffs and Merassidars; that some buildings were undertaken on contract, and others by village labor, under the directions of the Moonsiff; and that, therefore, it would be most difficult to account for expenditure each month, but that receipts would be obtained from the parties to whom money was given.

* Dated 13th May 1864.
Do. 25th ,, ,,
Do. 9th July ,,

These receipts were sent by the Superintendent of Police on the 12th November 1864.

2. The Superintending Engineer wrote, on the 22nd of the same month, that the receipts were of no value, and asked the Superintendent of Police to give a Statement showing the villages in which works had been executed, under the heads "New" and "Repair," so that the Range Officers might inspect them and give certificates. On the 21st July 1865, and again on the 2nd October 1865, the Superintending Engineer asked for the despatch of bills for the unadjusted expenditure of 1863-64.

On the 13th October 1865, the Superintendent of Police wrote that he had already sent receipts, with account particulars of building expenditure, on the 12th November 1864, and begged that the works might be inspected by the Public Works subordinates, and certificates be furnished.

3. Upon this, the Superintending Engineer called on the Range Officer, on the 2nd November 1865, to furnish a bill in the Contract form for the Police buildings at Ottapidarum and Malathattapari; and the Range Officer made his inspection before the end of the same month.

4. Hence, in perusing all the correspondence, it appears to me that time was lost before the Police buildings were inspected, in the Superintending Engineer trying to obtain bills for the expenditure according to the usage of this department; but as the Superintendent of Police had not been prepared to furnish such, and at last, in October 1865, wrote to the effect that he could give no more particulars than he had sent already, the Superintending Engineer then could only fall back on the figures (lump sums) of expenditure on the huts and station-house, and cause Contract form bills to be prepared, after inspection of the buildings.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23th February 1867.

No. 607. ORDER THEREON, 28th February 1867, No. 622.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 102.

Ordered to lie over pending the receipt from the Collector of the Tinnevelly District of the report called for in paragraph 1 of the Orders of Government, No. 252, dated 25th January 1867.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Collector of Tinnevelly.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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No. 1983 Superintending Engineers Office S.D.
Madura 20th February 1867

From Captain C. H. S. Ironmonger R.E.
Offg. Superintending Engineer, S.D.

To Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 252 dated 25th January 1867, I have the honor to state, that the Superintending Engineer several Letters asked the Superintendent of Police in Tinnevelly, to furnish me Monthly Accounts of expenditure to be obtained from the Tahsildars, to bear the disbursement of funds. The Superintendent of Police replied that the Tahsildars did not furnish him with monthly accounts, that he advanced money to the Tahsildars, who again made advances to Moonsiffs and Mirasdars; that some buildings were undertaken on Contract, and others by village labor under the directions of the Moonsiffs; and that therefore it would be most difficult to

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of Police on the 12th November 1865. —

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of Police to give a Statement shewing the
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receipts with account particulars of
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be inspected by the Superint. Subordinates,
and Certificates be furnished. —

3. Upon this, the Superintending Engineer
called on the Range Officer, on the 7th
November 1865, to furnish a bill in the
Contract form for the Police buildings at
Ellapulavum and Malathalapalli; and
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before the end of the same month.

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he had sent already; the Superintending
Engineer then called on by full back, on the
Sequence (lump sums) of expenditure on
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Contract form bills to be prepared, after
inspection of the buildings. —

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Alex Pendergast

Captain R.E.

Offg Superintending Engineer S.C.

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Public Works Department.

No. 622

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28th February 1867

Read the following

From the Supy: Engineer P.W.D.
the 8th Division — (Here enter No. 1983 dated 20th Feb 1867)

Ordered that the order pending the receipt from the Collector of the Tinnevelly District of the report called for in para. 1 of the order of Government No. 252 dated 25th January 1867

From the Supr Engr 8th Divn
— Collector of Tinnevelly —

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From Public Works Secretary to Govt
To Chief Engineer & Secretary to Board
Dated 28th February 1867
Transmitting

Copy of the Proceedings of Government
Dated 28th February 1867
No. 622.

Requisition the Causes of the delay in the execution by the P.W.D. Department of certain Police Buildings completed in July 1865
in the Tinnevelly District

No. 622. 28th February 1867.

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No. 622

Pro: of the Madras Govt.

Dt 28th February 1867

Letter from the Supt. Engr. of the 8th Divn. stating the cause of Police buildings (certain) in the Tinnevelly District, not being inspected by the P.W. Deptt before submitted to Govt, ordered to be recd.

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