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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 9th October 1869.

No. 186. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Marine Department :—

Considering the explanation afforded by the Executive Engineer, East Coast Canal Range, regarding the delay in the completion of the repairs of the Armeghon Light-house and Superintendent's Bungalow, to be satisfactory.

(Here enter 29th September 1869, No. 248.)

No. 187. ORDER THEREON, 9th October 1869, No. 3,268.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 26.

COMMUNICATED to the Superintending Engineer of the 4th Division.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department, 29th September 1869.

No. 47. Read the following letter from the Executive Engineer, East-Coast Canal Range, to the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Division; dated Mount-road, 11th September 1869, No. 114.

I have the honour to express my regret at the delay that has taken place in replying to the reference about the repairs of the buildings at Monapolliem Light-house, and alluded to in your reminder, No. 3046, dated the 10th instant.

2. Monapolliem is such an out-of-the-way place that it is nearly impossible to get any small jobs done there. The usual Contractors on the Canal refused to undertake the work at the estimated prices, as every thing should be sent from Madras, nearly sixty-four miles, including 1½ of heavy sand across to the Light-house.

The only person I could get to do the work was the Moonsiff of Dravarajapatam, who undertook to complete it speedily; but in consequence of the outbreak, first of fever and then of cholera, I could not hold him to his engagement as regards time. When called upon to complete the work without further delay, the Contractor wrote as follows:—

"When I finished the Monapolliem Light-house work with the exception of two rooms, wall "round the bungalow, and painting work, the fever prevailed in that village; and some of its "people died by the cause of this disease, and also, out of the number of people I had taken for "this work from Dravarajapatam, one Bricklayer Maistry and two men died, and the remnant "and myself have been attacked with fever, and are suffering very much with it.

"However, the materials required for the above work are placed, or gathered, at the work "spot (Light-house), and the remainder of the work will, in any way, be completed by the 15th "instant.

"Since ten days cholera is also prevailing violently at Dravarajapatam.

"Hoping my prayers will be accepted."

The Maistry, who was placed in charge, wrote as follows, on the 29th of July:—

"In obedience to your honour's Memorandum, dated the 22nd instant, which reached me "this day the 29th instant, I beg to state that on my inspecting the repair work, of Mona- "polliem Light-house, I find the work has been almost executed, and the remaining of the "work to be done is, only two additional rooms and a thatched veranda around the bungalow, "and painting of the doors and windows, and I find that all the materials are ready for the "abovementioned work. I have cited the Contractor, and strictly inquired the cause of his delay- "ing the work, and whose statement I have enclosed to your honour, and there is only fifteen "days' work to perform, which he promised to complete within the 15th of August.

"It is true that the jungle fever and cold that prevailed in this village made the people "fear to attend to the work, and a Bricklayer Maistry and two other men, who were attending to "this work, have died, and twenty inhabitants including men and women have also died by the "same disease, in the same village, though it was very small, containing but fifteen huts; and "the real fact of this will be known by the Superintendent of the Light-house, and this was the "cause that delayed the work so long time."

3. A few days after the Maistry wrote the letter quoted above, cholera broke out, and he himself was attacked by it, and had to be removed to Coromandel; where he remained under treatment until the 8th instant, when he was sufficiently recovered to return to his duty. I have just received a report from him, written at Kusbah on his way to Monapolliem.

The ravages of fever and cholera have caused Monapolliem and the adjacent villages to become almost deserted, and this is the cause of the delay in completing the work.

4. The total amount of the estimate is 620 rupees; and on the 29th of July, when the Maistry wrote, the work remaining to be done was estimated at 180 rupees, and for this all the materials were prepared and upon the ground.

I believe the work is now complete, as there has been but little cholera amongst these villages for the last twenty days; but fever still prevails. I shall report again in about a week.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Marine Department,
29th September 1869.

Forwarded to the Marine Department, in continuation of the G. O., No. 2074, dated the 25th June 1869.

FORT SAINT GEORGE,
17th September 1869.

(Signed) C. A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secy. to Govt., P. W. D.

No. 48. ORDER THEREON, 29th September 1869, No. 248.

The Government consider the explanation afforded in the foregoing letter from the Executive Engineer, East-Coast Canal Range, regarding the delay in the completion of the repairs of the Armeghon Light-house, and Superintendent's Bungalow, to be satisfactory.

(True Extract.)

Actg. Secy. to Govt.

To the Public Works Department.
,, Master Attendant, with reference to his letter, dated 8th June 1869, No. 3501.

Mad. J. Wright.

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