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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd August 1870.*

No. 21. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 21st July 1870, No. 991.—

I HAVE the honour, with reference to G. O., No. 1,678, dated 12th instant, to forward copy of docket* from the Executive Engineer, Bellary, representing the circumstances under which the statements called for cannot be prepared, as the work now remaining to be done is the roofing of the lower story, and, in the construction of the upper story, convicts could not be employed.

2. For the reasons adduced by Colonel Palmer, and with reference to paragraph 3 of my letter printed with the above order, I trust that Government will sanction the expenditure of Rupees 11,020, departmentally, through the agency of the Contractor who is doing the work.

From the Executive Engineer in charge of Bellary Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated 19th July 1870, No. 287.

YOUR Endorsement on G. O., No. 1,678, dated 12th instant.

I have the honour to report that in compliance with the repeated wishes of Government, I have given the Judge's Court-house as well as other works on contract

2 I tried convict labour at the Jail and found that it was more expensive than other hired labour, from the following causes —

1st —Then hours are inconvenient, only working from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

2nd —They are not allowed to work in smaller gangs than fifty.

3rd —The difficulty in appointing individual tasks

4th —The convicts are all weak men, the able-bodied men being drafted away to Central

Jails.

5th —Loss in endeavouring to teach unskilled men

6th —The prohibition against their working on scaffolding, or in the proximity of shelter, where there are carts employed for instance, and amongst free labourers.

3. All these points are so detrimental to satisfactory and economical work that they could not be employed on so large a work as the Judge's Court-house, which by the by is a two-storied building. The ground floor is being roofed so that the employment of convict labour is out of the question in face of the prohibition above noted, and it would be unfair to the Contractor who is working out his contract very satisfactorily.

No. 22. ORDER THEREON, 2nd August 1870, No. 1,840.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

THE Superintending Engineer will be informed that, as it was not intended to construct the Court-house at Bellary otherwise than by the aid of convict labour, a suitable allotment was made in the Budget, and the Government are unable to supplement that allotment this year having no funds at their disposal.

* Item No. 48.

2. The expenditure on the work will accordingly be restricted to the provision* made for it in the Budget.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

.. Controller of Public Works Accounts

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Convict Labour is out of the question in face of

Copy of letter No. 287 dated 19th July 1870 from the Executive
Engineer in Charge Billary Range to the Superintending
Engineer 3rd Division:-

Your endorsement on G.O. No. 1570 dated 12th
Instant.

I have the honor to report that in Com-
pliance with the repeated orders of Government,
I have given the Judge's Court House as well
as other works on contracts.

I tried convict labour at the jail and found
that it was more expensive than other
hired labour from the following causes:-

1st Their hours are inordinately long, only work-
ing from 6 A.M. to 4 P.M.

2nd They are not allowed to work in smaller
gangs than 50.

3rd The difficulty of appointing individual
tasks.

4th The convicts are all weakly men, the
able bodied men being drafted away to Cen-
tral jails.

5th Loss in endeavouring to teach unskilled
men.

6th The prohibition against their working
on scaffolding, or in the proximity of shell
or where there are carts employed for instance,
and amongst free labourers.

All these points are so detrimental to satis-
factory and economical work that they could
not be employed on so large a work as the
Judge's Court house, which by the bye is a
two storied building. The ground floor is
being roofed so that the employment of
convict labour is out of the question in future.

No 1840 J. V. D.

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Dated the 2nd Aug 1870

Read the following

From

The Sup^r Engr 3rd Div (H. E. No 991 of 21st July 1870)

The Sup^r Engineer will be informed that, as it was not intended to construct the Court House at Bellary otherwise than by the aid of convict labor, a suitable allotment was made in the Budget, and the Gov^t are unable to supplement that allotment this year having no funds at their disposal.

The expenditure on the work will accordingly be restricted

From

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government.

Public Works Department.

Fort Saint George.

No. 991.

Dated 25th July 1870

Received

Forwarded copy of the
sum of Rs. 10000. being the amt.
required for the work
for Council labor.
which will not be supplied
on the Court House
allotment for the same
assigned.

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The Sup. Gen. 3^d out
to Controller P. M. Acet
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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Superintending Engineer
2^d Division

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South Branch of Delaware. It is requested
that the proceeds of the sale of the
British, forwarding one from the
Rev. Ezra Bellamy Range, & presenting
the circumstances under which the
Stationer, having the relative services
of completing the building of the
at Bellamy by free and convict
labors respectively, cannot be
furnished, and requesting sanction
for expenditure of \$1,420 per
Convict Labor.