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29th November 1870.*

No. 539. Read the following letter from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Chepauk, 9th November 1870, No. 1,678 :—

UNDER paragraph 20 of Section II. of Chapter XX. of the Public Works Code of the Government of India, Range Officers are required to furnish this office with "Completion Certificates" within one month after works are finished and payments made in full.

2. The actual outlay from the maintenance grants for the under-mentioned roads in the Cuddapah Range during the year 1869-70 was as follows :—

	RS.	A.	P.
Trunk Road No. XVII.	10,534	8	10
Madras and Bellary road.	2,831	4	9
Road from Cuddapah to Sidhout	1,103	0	6
Road from Cuddapah to Vempah	1,491	6	6
Road from Royachoty to Yellanore ..	2,491	11	8

3. The charge of this Range devolved on the under-mentioned officers, the third of whom held it in addition to his own (the Poddatore) Range during June, July, August, and September 1869 :—

Mr. Assistant Engineer Gorman, from 1st April to 15th May 1869.

Mr. Overseer Ottmann, from 16th May to 17th June 1869.

Mr. Supervisor Lewis, from 18th June to 19th September 1869.

Mr. Executive Engineer O'Ratigan, from 20th Sept. 1869 to 31st March 1870.

4. Up to date, the required Completion Certificates have not been received for the works in question. On the Range Officer (Mr. O'Ratigan) being called upon to expedite their despatch, he furnished certificates in support of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 5,170 on the first and Rupees 500 on the last of the roads above enumerated, and, in explanation of his omission to certify to the remainder of the outlay, offers the following remarks :— "Certificates for the expenditure made on the roads enumerated below cannot be submitted, as there are no proper vouchers in this office to enable me to submit the same. From a minute examination made of these roads it seems plain that the greater portion of the expenditure made on them in Cuddapah and Pulivendla Talooks has been wasted or misappropriated. Under the circumstances it is impossible for the undersigned to submit certificates for the expenditure made in these Talooks."

5. The matter having been referred for the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, Colonel Moberly states that the works were almost entirely in the Cuddapah Talook, of which Mr. Ottmann was the Overseer, and that soon after

* 20th September 1869.

Mr. O'Ratigan's arrival,* that Officer, wishing to check the measurements, etc., on which payments had been previously made, called for the pit-measurements of the Overseer (Mr. Ottmann), who then fell sick and was "sent away on emergent Medical Certificate." On the Overseer's return in February last, Colonel Moberly states that he was again called upon for his measurements, and that, failing to produce them, he was suspended, and the Range Officer directed to institute proceedings against him in the Magistrate's Court. Finding, however, that there

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would be a difficulty in establishing a criminal charge against the Overseer, the Superintending Engineer ordered his dismissal, and, with this, the subject appears to have been dropped.

6. In soliciting the orders of Government as to whether the expenditure not certified to by the present Range Officer is to be finally passed without the Completion Certificates required by the rules, I have only to add that Mr. Gorman, the Assistant Engineer, who held charge of the Cuddapah Range in the early part of the past official year, died on the 15th May 1869, and that Mr. Supervisor Lewis who administered that Range, in addition to his own, from the 18th June to the 19th September 1869, was taken seriously ill in June 1870, and is still absent on Medical Certificate. The Overseer who was in temporary charge of the Range from the 16th May to the 17th June 1869 has been dismissed, as already stated.

7. I annex, for ready reference, a Memorandum of the outlay incurred on the five roads above-mentioned from 1st April to 30th September 1869, and from 1st October following to 30th March 1870. These figures are taken from the Progress Report of the Cuddapah Range:—

				Outlay up to the 30th September 1870.	Outlay from the 1st October 1869 to 31st March 1870.	Total Outlay.
				RS.	RS.	RS.
Item No. 1	...	...	...	8,286	2,149	10,535
Do. 2	...	...	...	2,344	487	2,831
Do. 3	...	...	...	1,020	83	1,103
Do. 4	...	...	...	1,326	165	1,491
Do. 5	...	...	...	1,691	801	2,492

8. It will thus be seen that part of the total outlay on Items 2, 3, and 4 which Mr. O'Ratigan declines to certify to was incurred *after* his assumption of the charge of the Range. As regards the last item, Mr. O'Ratigan certifies to an expenditure of Rupees 500, against Rupees 801, which are recorded as the outlay subsequent to September 1870. It is not by any means clear on what grounds the Range Officer declines to furnish certificates for the full amount of expenditure incurred in the period during which he administered the Cuddapah Range.

9. Apart from those referred to in this letter, the Completion Certificates still due for the year 1869-70 are as follow:—

Kurnool Range	...	...	...	...	9
Negapatam do.	...	...	...	...	6
Palamecottah do.	...	...	...	...	3

10. The Range Officers concerned have been requested to expedite the despatch of these certificates.

No. 540. ORDER THEREON, 29th November 1870, No. 2,831.

ACCOUNT, No. 51.

As it appears that the works referred to in this letter were carried out in the Cuddapah Range during the incumbency of Mr. Gorman, who is dead, of Mr. Ottmann, who has been dismissed and of Mr.

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Lewis who is now absent on Medical Certificate, and that consequently the Completion Certificates which, under the rules, are required to be submitted in support of the expenditure cannot be procured, His Excellency the Governor in Council authorizes the Controller of Public Works Accounts to pass the outlay, as a special case, without those certificates.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

No 1678

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts.
Calcutta, 9 November 1870.

To
The Controller of Public Works Accts.
Madras.

&
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort St. George.

Sir,
Under Paragraph 29 of Section II of
Chapter XX of the Public Works Code
of the Government of India, Range
Officers are required to furnish this
Office with "Completion Certificates"
within one month after works are
finished and payments made in
full.

2. The actual outlay from
the maintenance grants for the
undermentioned roads in the
Cuddalore Range during the year
1869-70. was as follows:—

Trunk Road No XVIII. _____	Rs 10534. 8. 10
Madras and Bellary Road. _____	" 2831. 4. 9
Road from Cuddalore to Sidharb. _____	" 1103. 0. 6
Road from Cuddalore to Tempah. _____	" 1491. 6. 6
Road from Kayachote to Yellamre. _____	" 2491. 11. 8

3. The charge of this Range devolved on the undermentioned Officers, the third of whom held it in addition to his own / the Poddolore / Range during June, July, August and September 1859:-

Sub-Assistant Engineer Gormin from 1st April to 15th May 1859.
Sub-Overseer Othman from 15th May to 17th June 1859.
Sub-Supervisor Lewis from 18th June to 19th September 1859.
Sub-Executive Engineer O'Katiqan from 20th September 1859 to 31st March 1870.

4. Up to date, the required completion certificates have not been received for the works in question. As the Range Officer / Sub O'Katiqan / being called upon to expedite their despatch, he furnished certificates in support of expenditure to the extent of Rupees 5,170 on the fish and Rupees 500 on the larch of the roads above enumerated, and, in explanation of his omission to certify to the remainder of the outlay, offers the following remarks:- "Certificates for the expenditure made on the roads

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enumerated below cannot be submitted, as there are no proper vouchers in this Office to enable me to submit the same. From a minute examination made of these roads it seems plain that the greater portion of the expenditure made on them in Buddaperk and Pulivendalai Taluqs has been wasted or misappropriated. Under the circumstances it is impossible for the undersigned to submit certificates for the expenditure made in these Taluqs."

5. The matter having been referred for the opinion of the Superintending Engineer, Colonel Doderly states that the works were almost entirely in the Buddaperk Taluq, of which Sub Othman was the Overseer, and that soon after Sub O'Katiqan's arrival, that Officer, wishing to check the measurements, &c, on which payments had been previously made, called for the pit measurements

20th September
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of the Overseer / Mr. W. H. ...
him fell sick and was "sent home
on emergency medical certificate."
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last, Colonel Ingham states that
he was again called upon for his
incorruptness, and that, failing
to produce them, he was suspended,
and the Range Officer directed to
institute proceedings against him
in the Magistrate's Court. Subse-
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be a difficulty in establishing a
criminal charge against the Officer,
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his dismissal, and, with this,
the subject appears to have been
dropped.

In soliciting the order of
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already stated.

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incurred on the 5 roads above
mentioned, from 1st April to 30th
September 1869, and from 1st October
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Report of the Cuddalore Range:-

Outlay

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Kurnool Range. — 9.
Negapatam do — 6.
Pillamettak do — 3.

10. The Range Officers concerned have been requested to expedite the despatch of these certificates.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

S. Hoell
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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