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Madras 23rd November 1870

No. 1802

From
The Controller of Public Works Accounts
To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit
particulars of the following case
for the consideration and orders
of Government
2. Completion, Certificates
are due for the undermentioned
works, which were undertaken
and reported to have been
completed, in the Turnool
Range during the year 1869-70.

of the expenditure noted opposite
to each
Repairs to the Chero-kulpaud

River Channel—	Estimate Rs. 450	Expenditure Rs. 438 13 4
2. Do. Sevapooram Tank		
Supply Channel —	190	183 1 "
3. Do. Danagulla Tank —	70	69 11 "
4. Do. Moonaguntla —	150	149 13 11
5. Do. Sluice of Goodron Large Tank —	260	259 2 8
6. Do. Turnool and Bellary Road between Turnool and Aspery —	7750	6877 10 "
7. Do. Road from Chittoor to Turnool, via Cuddah and Nundial —	2250	1798 12 5
8. Do. Anantapur Tank —	110	113 2 "
9. Do. Siddapur Tank —	146	142 12 "

These certificates, not
having been furnished up to
the 31st July 1870, the Executive
Engineer in charge of the Turnool
Range was called upon to
expedite their despatch. With
regard

* Mr. Fraser assumed
charge of the Range
on the 25th April 1870
from Mr. Suprenant
Vardon.

* In letter No. 352,
dated the 11th Aug.
1870.

regards to the first of the works
noted, above, to which this letter
specially refers, Mr. Fraser
writes as follows:—

"As regards Cherkelp and River
Channel, I regret to say that
I cannot give a certificate,
because, although the Con-
tractor, has been paid in
full, that is out of 450 Ru-
pees, which is the amount of
the Estimate, including 50 Ru-
pees for blasting, which
he never did, and 100 Rupees
33-2-8 for sundries, to which
he was not entitled, he was
paid Rupees 438-13-4, whilst
the value of the work done,
is about 200 Rupees."
This work commenced
in

in February 1870 as completed in the following month, the expenditure recorded in the Progress Report for each of those months being as follows:

with February 1870	255-2-8
March 1870	183-5-8
Total	438-13-4

5. The entire expenditure was shown in the Progress Reports to have been incurred by Departmental Agency, and the vouchers (Station Books and Receipts) to support the bill are those herewith forwarded which I obtained on application to Mr. Fraser.

On an examination of these vouchers, it will be seen that payments were made

made, at least proper. The correctness of the measurements are certified to by the Overseer in Charge. Mr. Bennett draws and signs the Station Books, as well as the Memoranda of details appearing on the Receipts.

7. The matter having been referred to the Superintendent Engineer, that Officer seems disposed to throw blame upon Captain Fryer, late in charge of the Burnool Range, who, Colonel Moberly states, was not careful in insisting on the submission of copies of the Overseers' pit-measurements, or in taking measures to ensure all payments to contractors being made

made directly by himself, as the
Ranger Officer. In this particular case
I do not see how responsibility can
be fixed upon Captain Hunter,
as, owing to his relinquishment
of the charge of the Turnool
Range on the 26th February
last, he never had the opportu-
nity either of visiting the work,
or of scrutinizing the accounts
of the Overseer, which were
rendered in March following.
Moreover, the repairs do not
appear to have been carried
out on regular contract but
to have been paid for as
task-work.

The Officer advising
whose

* From 26th February
to 25th April 1870.

whose administration of the
charge of the Turnool Range,
the work in question was un-
dertaken and completed, is Mr.
Superior Vardon. Here again,
however, there is a difficulty
in fixing responsibility, since
Mr Vardon held the Turnool
Range in addition to his
own as a temporary measure,
till relieved by Mr Fraser.
References having been made
to Mr Vardon, that Officer
states that, beyond conduct-
ing the correspondence and
looking to the timely sub-
mission of the monthly
accounts, he could not in-
terfere with the work of
the

the Kurnool Range, the duties of
his own Range & Nindial were
quitting all this time and atten-
tion at the busiest time of the
year when work had to be
pushed on, and the labours
of all sorts advantageously
employed.

10. and at seeing that the Quarter
in executive charge of the
Cherkelpad River channel
Repairs is unable to show
that the abutting of rock at
and the clearing of bushes,
for which provision was made
in the Estimate, were carried
out, the Superintending Engineer
has instructed the Range
officer to recover from him
the

G.O. 12878 dated the
29th March 1870.
G.O. 1293 dated the
19th May 1870.
G.O. 1165 dated the
9th July 1870.

Note - Items 1 and 3
do not appear in my
Statement for March
as they were reported
to have been completed
in that month, and the
Statement was not
due till May, which
was the second month of
the following year.

the sum of Rupees 62 and re-
commends that the balance of
the expenditure be passed
without and I presume, the com-
pletion certificate required by
the rules. Upon this point the
orders of Government were
solicited. 3 statements all
11. With respect to the
Completion Certificates required
for the remaining works, seven
of which will be found re-
corded in my Statement of
Objectionable Items for No-
vember 1869 and February and
March 1870, on which the orders
as per margin, were passed by
Government, Mr. Fraser, in
letter No. 210, dated the 27th Au-
gust 1870, promised to furnish
certificates for Items 2 to 7, or at
all

all events, to report as soon as he
 had an opportunity of inspecting
 them, and to do so, the same
 consideration respect to the remaining
 works, in which the field measured,
 on being supplied by the Super-
 tending Engineer with copies of
 the sanctioned Estimates. Up to
 date, however, no certificates or
 reports have been received, and
 the Government's attention has accord-
 ingly, this day, been again called
 to the subject.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant,
 Controller of Accounts
 at Bangalore.

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Dated 23rd } November 1871.
Recd. 24th }

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Solicits orders for passing
expenditure on a completed
work of 1869-70 in the
absence of a completion
certificate and reports the
delay in furnishing cer-
tificates for 8 other works
completed in the same
year in the Thumool Range.

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The Controller of

P. W. Acc. 27 (18. E. 2, 1803) 23rd Nov 1803

The Controller of
Public Works accounts

Expenditure reports that completion

Certificates for the works
marginally noted, which

were executed in the Fur-
nool Range! during the

year 1869/70, have not yet been finished, and

he accordingly submits
the matter for the con-

consideration and orders
of Government.

With reference to the

expenditure imposed on the

1. Return to the River 183. 20. 0
Kulpine River Journal 483. 13. 4
2. Do "Improvement of
Supply Channel" — 183. 1. "
3. Do "Sanxalia Bank 69. 11. "
4. Do "Sanxalia Bank 149. 13. 11
5. Do "River of Gorkor
Large Bank — 257. 2. 8
6. Do "River and Sailing
Road between Karnool
and Aspy — 6877. 10. "
7. Do "Road from Chittor
to Karnool via
Chittapali and Mundial 1798. 12. 5-
8. Do "Mundial Bank 113. 2. "
9. Do "Liddapare 142. 12. "

the repairs to the Chertakulpaud
River, Chavandel (item 1.) it
is explained that, although
the full amount of Rs 438.13.4
has been disbursed by the
Salary Overseer to the Contractor,
the value of the work actually
done is set down by the
Range Officer & Executive
Engineer, Praser at not
more than Rs 200. On
these grounds he declines
to grant a completion
Certificate.

It is observed that the
repairs were commenced
in February last during
the incumbency of Captain
Hunter and were con-
tinued and completed
during the time the charge
of

of the range devolved on
Mr Supervisor Yardon.
The Government are
disposed to agree with the
Controller in thinking that
as Captain Hunter reli-
quished charge of the
range before the end of
February, and had not
therefore an opportunity
of scrutinizing the accounts
or of previously inspecting
the work, Name does not
as the Super Engineer, sup-
poses, properly attach to
that officer, and looking
to the circumstance that
the arrangement by which
Mr Supervisor Yardon
obtained temporary charge
of the Kurnool range in
addition to his own was
made at the busiest
time

time of the official year
when, owing to an extra-
ordinary press of work,
that officer found it im-
practicable by a personal
examination to satisfy
himself of the value of
the work actually exe-
cuted. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
is willing to believe that
no dereliction of duty is to
be imputed to Mr. Vardon
in the matter.

Under the excep-
tional circumstances
of the case, and on the
distinct understanding
that Rs 62 of the amount
will be recovered from Mr.
Overseer Bennett, the
Controller of Public Works
accounts.

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Accounts is authorized
to pass the expenditure
without the usual com-
pletion Certificate.

The Government
are surprised to learn
that, although in his
letter of the 27 August
last, No. 210, Mr. Fraser
had promised either to
submit a report or to
furnish the Controller
with completion certifi-
cates for the remaining
works, two of which it is
observed had already
been measured up, that
officer has not up to the
present time apparently
considered it necessary
to take any further
steps

step in the matter. Col
Proberly will now be
requested to report after
communication with the
Executive Engineer the
cause of the excessive
delay which has been
allowed to take place
in the submission of
these important docu-
-ments and he will
be required to adopt such
measures as will in
future ensure punctuality
in this respect.

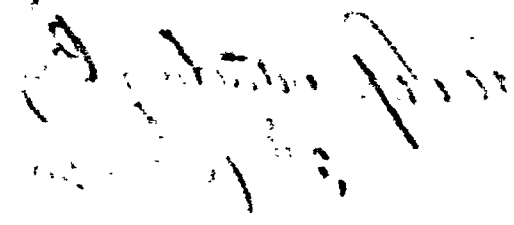


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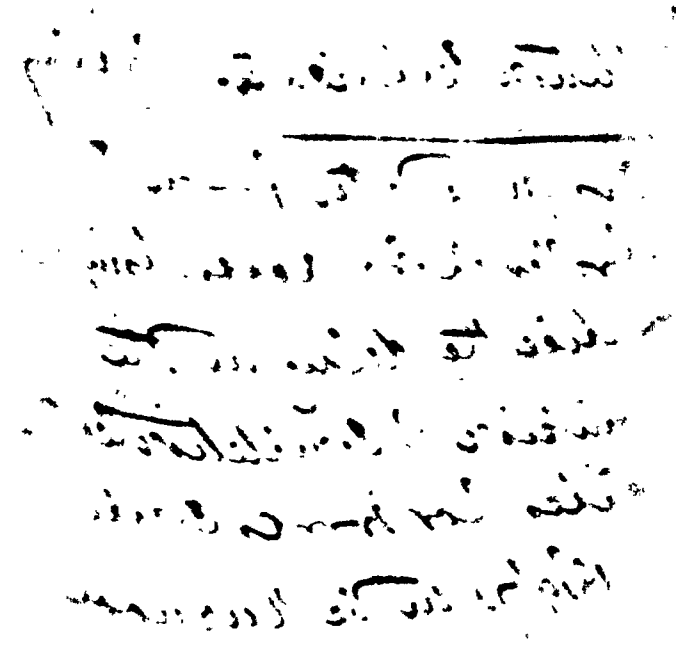
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To The Superintending Eng.
3rd Division

Further Recd 1872/13-3-71

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G. O. 17th Dec 1870, No. 3101.

Nos. 1137 & 1138

Completion Certificate - Copying

on the 10th Dec 1870 from the
Contractor of P.W. Dept. Copying

Notice the delay in the
issuance of Completion Certi.

to take for works completed

in 1869/70 in the Kurnool

Range