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10th November 1870.*

No. 180. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Ponany, 13th October 1870, No. 156:—

With reference to G. O., No. 2,227, dated 16th September 1870, I have the honour to report that the Collegal Range Officer having been called upon to state how far the modified estimate made by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, as printed with the Government Order above quoted, could be adopted, replies that, with the exception of plastering, the additional work, as per estimate submitted by Colonel Walker, amounting to Rupees 4,490 for the Vanipothoor Aqueduct, has already been carried out under the impression that, being an incomplected irrigation work commenced last year, for which funds were allotted in G. Os., No. 1,136, dated 29th April, and No. 1,259, of 16th May 1870, he was fully at liberty to take the work in hand, and it was pushed on with in order that it might be completed before the heavy rains of October. The work was visited by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in June, and the Range Officer states it was then well in hand, and had progressed very much towards completion when I visited it in the beginning of August. As no notice was taken of my remark that "the amount required was an unauthorized expenditure," in the statement of work done in 1869-70, to be paid for in 1870-71, submitted on the 11th of April, and the funds were provided in G. O., No. 1,136, of 29th April, and the balance in G. O., No. 1,259, dated 16th May 1870, I considered the work virtually to have received the sanction of Government, in which supposition I am borne out by the Controller, as per his remarks in his Statement of Objectionable Items for May, accepted by Government in G. O., No. 2,008, of 20th August 1870; and I did not stop it presuming that formal sanction was only delayed pending the receipt of my report called for in Chief Engineer's Memoranda Nos. 48 and 49, dated 1st March 1870. Under these circumstances, I trust that the revised estimate, as submitted by me, may receive the sanction of Government. The retaining walls I proposed have not yet been built; these, therefore, can be added in the manner recommended by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and puddle can be introduced as suggested in front of these walls.

2. In reference to paragraph 4 of the G. O. under reply, Mr. Assistant Engineer Nordmann is the officer responsible for the construction of the useless central walls. But I beg respectfully to state they were added with the best intention, though under very erroneous impressions; and, as Mr. Nordmann is a most deserving, zealous, hardworking officer, and has borne a high character for general efficiency throughout his whole career in the department, I hope the Government will not deem it necessary to inflict the heavy penalty noted, but will consider it sufficient, in the present instance, simply to censure him for having acted as he has done, and I feel sure he will fully appreciate the leniency shown him, and never again be guilty of such imprudence as that now under notice.

3. The estimate for the additional work of the Mungamary Aqueduct, as sanctioned by Government, will be carried out on funds being provided either this year if possible, or from the Reserve of 1871-72. This work has not yet been touched.

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10th November 1870.

No. 181. ORDER THEREON, 10th November 1870, No. 2,695.

IRRIGATION, No. 10.

In this letter the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division, in reply to G. O. of the 16th ultimo, No. 2,227, reports that the repairs to the Vanipoothoor Aqueduct on the Arkenkotta channel had, prior to the receipt of that order, been nearly completed in accordance with the provision of the estimate submitted by the late Superintending Engineer in February last, and he explains how it occurred that this work was carried out prior to the sanction of the estimate. The Government accept this explanation, though it must be noticed that, although funds were provided in the orders quoted by Colonel Farewell, it is shown in those orders that the estimate was under consideration, and, in the absence of specific sanction, it was clearly irregular to proceed with other than emergent work; and but little, if any, of that executed was emergent. The revised estimate of Rupees 4,800 for the Repair of this aqueduct is sanctioned.

2. The Mungamary Aqueduct repairs have not been carried out, and the funds which were to have been transferred from the Vanipoothoor Aqueduct not being available, the work must be postponed until the beginning of 1871-72, as the Reserve under Agricultural for the current year has been exhausted.

3. With regard to the unauthorized and useless addition of central walls to the two aqueducts, at a cost of about Rupees 1,420, the Superintending Engineer now reports that Mr. Assistant Engineer Nordmann is the officer responsible, but Colonel Farewell suggests that, in consideration of the high character for general efficiency which Mr. Nordmann bears, the latter should not be required to refund the amount thus improperly spent. His Excellency the Governor in Council is glad to learn that Mr. Nordmann is a deserving, zealous, and hard-working officer, and had the Assistant Engineer caused loss by an error of judgment only, it would not have been deemed necessary to inflict a penalty; the Government cannot however pass over wilful disobedience of orders which have been repeatedly issued, and all that can be done therefore is to allow Mr Nordmann's good character to be taken into account in mitigation of the penalty. Under all the circumstances of the case, and seeing that Colonel Walker says in his letter of February 24th 1870, No. 204, that Mr. Nordmann has put him to much trouble by repeated transgressions of standing orders, His Excellency in Council considers that Rupees 250 should be recovered from the Assistant Engineer, and this sum will accordingly be made good by that officer in five instalments.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
To all Superintending Engineers.
Ed. S. T. Augustin.

No. 156-
Superintending Engineer's Office,
7th Division,
Camp Poonam 13th October
1870

From,
Lieut. Colonel W. Farewell S.C.
Acty Super Engineer, 7th Div

To,
The Secretary to Government,
P. W. Works,
Madras -

Sir,
With reference to G.O. No. 2,227
dated 16th September 1870, I have the honor
to report that the Collyal Cause
Officer having been called upon
to state how far the modified estimate
made by the Chief Engineer
for Irrigation as printed with the
G.O. above quoted could be adopted,
replies that, with the exception of
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per estimate submitted by Colonel
Walker amounting to Rupees 4490 for
the Vanipoothoor Aqueduct, has already
been

been carried out under the impression that, being an incomplete Irrigation Work commenced last year, for which funds were allotted in G.O. No. 1136 dated 29th April, & No. 1259 of 16th May 1870, he was fully at liberty to take the work in hand, and it was pushed on with in order that it might be completed before the heavy rains of October. The work was visited by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation in June, and the Range Officer states it was then well in hand, and had progressed very much towards completion when I visited it in the beginning of August. As no notice was taken of my remark that "the amount required was an unauthorized expenditure," in the statement of work done in 1869/70 to be paid for in 1870/71 submitted on the 11th of April, and the 1st of May

provided in G.O. No. 1136 of 29th April, and the balance in G.O. No. 1259 dated 16th May 1870, I considered the work virtually to have received the sanction of Government, in which supposition I am borne out by the Controller as per his remarks in his statement of objectionable items for May accepted by Government in G.O. No. 2000 of 20th August 1870, and I did not stop it

presuming that formal sanction was only delayed pending the receipt of my report called for in Chief Engineer's Memoranda Nos. 48 & 49 dated 1st March 1870. Under these circumstances I trust that the revised estimate as submitted by me may receive the sanction of Government. The Retaining walls proposed have not yet been built, these therefore can be added in the manner recommended by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and

and Puddle can be introduced as suggested in front of these Walls.

2. In reference to para 4 of the 4th Under reply, Mr. Assistant Engineer Nordmann is the Officer responsible for the Construction of the useless Central Walls. But they respectfully state they were added with the best intention though under very erroneous impressions, and as Mr. Nordmann is a most deserving, zealous, hardworking Officer, and has borne a high character for general efficiency throughout his whole career in the Department, I hope the Government will not deem it necessary to inflict the heavy penalty noted, but will consider it sufficient, in the present instance, simply to censure him for having acted as he has done.

and I feel sure he will fully appreciate the leniency shown him and never again be guilty of such imprudence as that now under notice -

3. The Estimate for the additional work of the Mangamary Aqueduct as sanctioned by Government will be carried out on funds being provided either this year if possible, or from the Reserve of 1871/72 - This work has not yet been touched -

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedt Servt

Wm. H. D. D. D.
Agd Sups Engineer,
J. D. D.

D. H.

Public Works Department
No. 2695
Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 10 Nov 1900

Read the following

From the Supg Engineer 7th Dec. / H.E. No. 156 of 13th October 1899

In this letter the
Acting Supg Engineer
Division in reply to G.O.
of the 16 ultimo No. 2221
reports that the repairs to
the Vaniposthoor aqueduct
on the Ar. Pankotta channel
had prior to the receipt
of that order been nearly
completed in accordance
with the provision of the
estimate submitted by the
late Supg Engineer
February last and
explains how it occurred
that

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Sub. No. 197 of 1900
G.O. No. 1143
The Supg Engineer

7th Dec

The Secretary to Govt.

8th Dec

Order 13th Oct 1899

No 156

Reply to G.O. No 2221 of

16 September 1899 about

the Vaniposthoor and

Surampalay aqueducts

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that this work was carried out prior to the sanction of the estimate. The Govt accept this explanation, though it must be noted that, although funds were provided in the orders quoted by Col. Farwell it is clearly shown in those orders that the estimate was under consideration and in the absence of specific sanction it was clearly irregular to proceed with other than emergent work and but little if any of that sanctioned was emergent. The estimate Rs 2,800 repair of this aqueduct is sanctioned.

2. The Mungamary Aqueduct

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3. With regard to the unauthorized and unauthorized addition of extra walls to the two aqueducts, also cost of about Rs 14,200, the Supr Engineer now reports that Mr. Assistant Engineer Sarda is the officer responsible, but Col. Farwell suggests that

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of judgment only, it
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deemed necessary to inflict
a penalty. The Government
will however pass over
wilful disobedience of
orders which have been
repeatedly
repeatedly

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fine -
the latter is in
his letter of 12/12/1900
that Mr Nordmann has
been a much trouble
by repeated transgressions
in carrying out
the law. I

The Super Engineer & Secy
Controller of P. W. Dept.
Chief Engineer, P. W. Dept.

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Memorandum No. 4158

Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Chief Superintending Engineer
The Engineer

Dated

Recd.

10th Nov 2695.

Nos. 1804/181

Agueducts - Estimate
for the repair of the Vani
poolroom Agueduct, & also
the repair of the Ague-
duct at Mungamany
to be deferred till the
beginning of 1871-72. &
Rs 250 of the unauthorized
expenditure incurred on
these works to be
recovered from Mr.
Edmund, Assistant
Engineer in the Co-
lombian District.