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(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Revenue Department.
,, Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

REVENUE CIRCULAR.

No. 113.

Supplies to be paid for on delivery.

Collector's Office Kistna, 20th September 1869.

It has been brought to the Notice of the Officiating Collector that certain Officers of different Departments do not make it a point to pay immediately on the spot for all supplies furnished for their use, requiring Bills to be sent in afterwards or leaving it to their servants to arrange with the parties. While insisting upon the Heads of villages affording every assistance to Public Officers in procuring supplies &c. the Officiating Collector particularly requests their officials of the Public Works, Police, Medical, Post Office, Telegraph Vaccination and any other Departments will make it a point to pay ready money themselves for all supplies furnished to them paying the money into the hands of the Head of the Village or the Komaty who supplies them before they leave a village.

J. A. C. Boswell,
Officiating Collector.

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వస్తువలుపుచ్చుకున్నమీద వాటిఖరీదుయివ్వడమును గు రించి.

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కొన్నిడిపార్టుమెంట్ల ఉద్యోగస్తులు తమఉపయోగమునిమిత్తము తెప్పించుకునే వస్తువలకుఖరీదు తెప్పించుకున్న మీదటయివ్వకనున్న బిల్లులుపంపించినపిమ్మట ఖరీదు పంపిస్తామనిగాని లేక ప్యాటీలతో లెక్కచరిష్కరించుమని రావలసినదని తనవద్దకర్జనువుండవద్దువాడుకకలిగివున్నట్టు ఆఫీషియేటింగు కలెక్టరుగారి దృష్టికివచ్చినది గ్రామయజమానులు పబ్లిక్ ఉద్యోగస్తులకు భోజనసామగ్రివగైరావస్తువలుతెప్పించి సరంజాంచేయించవలసినది కాకవిధాయకముగా యేర్పరుచుటకు పబ్లికువర్క్సు పోలీసు మిడికల్ పోస్టాఫీసు టెలిగ్రాపు వేక్సినేషన్ యింకాయితరడిపార్టుమెంట్లో యిలాకా ఉద్యోగస్తులు తాముపుచ్చుకునే అన్నివస్తువలకు ఖరీదు రొక్కముగా గ్రామయజమానిపరముగా లేక వస్తువలు యిచ్చిన కోమటికాని గ్రామంసంచివరిగిపోకపూర్వమే యివ్వవలసినదని ఆఫీషియేటింగు కలెక్టరుగారు కోరుతున్నారు.

జే. యెు. సీ. బాస్వెల్,
ఆఫీషియేటింగు కలెక్టరు

No 68 68 P. W. D.

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Under date the 10th January 71
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6. The Govt at the same time deem it proper to record their disapproval of the course taken by Mr Boswell in publishing in the District Gazette a circular order addressed to the Subordinates of another Dept.

I think it but fair to add an admission to Mr Boswell who, if I am rightly informed, has made himself rather notorious by his bad understanding with the D Rev. Officers before now. I believe he took a treaty terms with Col. Moberly refused an invitation to his house & does not do that he must at least meet on good terms with him. I fear we shall not have the members of the two Depts on good terms without making some severe examples

his subordinates

proceeding to proposed

reduced from the grade of Supt Engineer and never be employed again in that capacity

6. The Govt deem it right at the same time to remind Mr Boswell that it is most important that he should abstain from any step which could wound the discipline & bend upon the rights of officers belonging to a corporate & independent branch of the public service the interests of the Govt & Country can only be secured by perfectly good understanding & friendly consultation between the Offices of the Revenue & Public works Dept and the Govt are determined to enforce such an understanding by measures of severity against those who will not do their utmost to procure it.

C.P.C

by this Conveyance assigns
to me the Rent & Covenants reserved by any Lease which has been granted or in any manner concurred with upon the Portsdale Estate towards the Public Works Office. Rochester with a Warning which is contained in a Letter which I have written to the Board & a Copy of the proceedings in Question.

By D.

I cannot write the Architect.

S. D.

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6 " Supt. Engineer 2 Do.

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Referred to Surveyor & Architect

The Board will have their Minute in proper time before them & be prepared to give their decision on the Report of the Surveyor & Architect in pursuance of the Minute of the 4th Inst. on the Portsdale Estate & the Correspondence & Memorandum of Agreement.

Revenue Department

Memo: for Orders on No. 3,013.

Sir Bourke was clearly wrong in issuing his Circ: No. 100. There was no hurry in the matter & he ought to have addressed the Supt of Eng: in the first instance & not the Board. I think he has done right in not giving him more than his duty - and done it with courtesy & promptitude.

I think this circular to the Collectors with the people & the Collectors should be instructed to see that the Rivers Districts are properly looked after & that the Collectors are not interfered with by the Engineers in the discharge of their duties. The Engineers should be instructed to report to the Board of Revenue any cases in which they may consider that the Collectors are not doing their duty.

With their Proceedings the Board of Revenue submit for the orders Govt certain papers from which it appears that the relations between the Collector of the Kistna District and the Officers of the P.W. Dept were most unsatisfactory. The Rules for the administration of Local Funds require Executive Officers of the D.P.W. to forward monthly progress reports of Local Fund works to Collectors, and their reports are incorporated in the Collector's monthly Local

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3. It appears that some of the progress reports received by Mr Bosanquet were defective and incorrect and that he corresponded with the Range Officers on the subject direct and on one occasion issued a circular to them in the District Gazette. This Colonel Moberly considered an undue interference on the part of Mr Bosanquet with the P.W.D. and the unfortunate state of affairs in the District was thus brought to the notice of the Board in the first instance.

4. The Board referred the matter to Colonel Moberly who replied that Mr Bosanquet made himself so troublesome and disagreeable

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desired Mr Boswell to bear in mind that when corresponding with officers of the P.W.D. he was addressing officials who were not subordinate to him, and that he should endeavour to preserve that "cordial understanding and co-operation with the Staff of Engineers which is essential to the interest both of the public service and of the people"

With reference to these Proceedings Mr Boswell submits his letter dated 12 Aug. /96 which discloses that he has been subjected to series of insults and impertinences from Lieut Smith the

future conduct in connection with the Revenue Authorities and the peoples at market with the greatest courtesy and forbearance he will be required to remind to the Dept of Public Works. Colonel Moberly shall be informed that the Govt has seen the letter of his correspondence with Mr Boswell with the gravest displeasure, that they will continue to observe his future course in his relations with the Revenue Authorities with close attention and that if it is not marked by a ready & friendly co-operation for the advancement of the public interests he will be reduced from the grade of Superintendent Engineer and even he will be employed in a capacity [illegible]

the subordinate of Colonel Moberly, and that on making representation to the latter officer on the subject, he has not only failed to obtain any redress but has occasionally incurred his contemptuous sarcasm as noticed by the Board

It is clear too that in his dealings with the people of the district Lieut Smith has acted with gross oppression both as to alleged impressment of labour and non-payment for supplies and carriage

Orders are requested.

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Fenster Rechnung 1871

Govt. of [1870] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Revenue Department

Dated

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Nos. 726 & 738

Progress Khanda Road

Final Works. Making order
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submitting Correspondence
relative to certain differences in the
Engineer, &c. &c. The W...
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view to obtaining information
respecting items entered