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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
16th June 1871.*

No. 270. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. PALMER, Executive Engineer, in charge of 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 1st June 1871, No. 351 :—

In compliance with G. O., No. 1,447, dated 26th May, I have the honour to submit the following explanation of my having continued the work of "improving the supply of water to the Cantonment of Bellary."

2. In paragraph 2 of my letter I reported that the "work was being briskly carried out on contract to prevent any damage from expected rains." I thought at the time that this would be considered sufficient explanation. But I have now to urge that the chief work is a large tank, fed by a channel from an anicut across a jungle stream, and if delayed, Bellary would have to pass through another hot season without stored water, and the usual water-famine, which was but slight or of short duration this year (in consequence of sundry showers which fell on and after the 8th of May), might recur with greater intensity next year if the monsoon waters of June and following months were not timely stored. Even this year almost all the wells were dry, and in a large one which I was deepening the water was so insufficient for the demand that it was being scooped up by cocoanut shells as it oozed out at the surface. No one who has not been at Bellary during the hot months can imagine the great drought that occurs.

3. The tank, with subsidiary works, is now in a position to receive and store the rain-floods, and I trust that the above explanation will be sufficient to exonerate me in your eyes from disregard of the Government orders referred to, and that you will consider I have acted in the best interests of Government, as also of the population, Civil and Military, in carrying on the work when so near its completion, and reporting it for your information and orders.

4. On the prior occasion referred to in G. O., No. 1,381, dated 19th May 1871, regarding the Female Hospital, the sum was so trifling (Rupees 1,937) out of an estimate of Rupees 38,000, so necessary to complete the building (so far advanced) for occupation before the rains, and would have entailed so much loss on the contractor by the withdrawal of labourers at so critical a time, and endangered so much chunam and other material, that had I countermanded it according to the strict letter of Government order, it would have been a serious blow to the contract system which has acted excellently here, if, indeed, it would not have been a breach of good faith, as under the pressure of last year the sum applied for in G. O., No. 1,381 of 19th May, had been diverted from this work to the Alipoor tank project.—*Vide* G. O., No. 724, dated 10th March 1871.

5. I have further to state that from the pressing request of the Civil and Sessions Judge, who, on his departure when the Court closed for the recess, intended pleading its necessity personally at Madras, I signified my intention in letter No. 208, dated 9th May 1871, to commence the work of making up the furniture in anticipation of sanction, but on the receipt of G. O., No. 1,381, dated 19th May, I at once gave orders to stop the work, which I found had not then been commenced.

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6. In conclusion, I beg to offer in extenuation of my action, that although well knowing the orders of Government are peremptory, I judged that in acting for Colonel Moberly I would seriously compromise, at all events, myself, were I to allow the possibility of future danger to, or extra expense on, any work, by declining the responsibility of allowing an emergent expenditure to be incurred on works approaching completion, reporting the same for the sanction and approval of Government.

No. 271.

ORDER THEREON, 16th June 1871, No. 1,620.

ACCOUNT, No. 18.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 351.

Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.

Bellary 1 June 1871.

From,

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

Sir,

In compliance with L.O. No. 1447 dated 26 May, I have the honor to submit the following explanation of my having continued the work of "improving the supply of water to the Cantonment of Bellary."

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3. The tank, with subsidiary works, is now in a position to receive and store the Rain-floods, and I trust that the above explanation will be sufficient to exonerate me in your eyes from disregard of the Government orders referred to, and that you will consider I have acted in the best interests of Government, as also of the population, Civil and Military, in carrying out the work when so near its completion, and reporting it for your information and orders.

4. On the prior occasion referred to in G.O. No. 1381 dated 19 May 1871, regarding the Female Hospital, the sum was so trifling, (Rs 1,937) out of an estimate of Rupees 38,000, so necessary to complete the

proaching completion, reporting the same for the sanction and approval of Government.

I have the honor to be,

Dr.

Yours most obed^t servant.

Walter Lintford
Executive Engineer
in Charge

No. 1620. P.M.D. 112
 Proceedings of the Madras Government.
 Read the following.

~~Sup. Court 32 on 1 March 1871~~ 9c

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From, *[Signature]*
 The Superintending Engineer
 3rd Division.

To, The Secy to Govt
 P. W. Dept
 Madras.

No. 551
 Dated 18 June 1871
 Received 31

Sept. 20-1871
 Giving required
 explanation regard-
 ing his having autho-
 rized expenditure on
 the Alipoot Tank
 project and the Euro-
 pean Female Hospital
 at Bellary without
 the previous sanction
 of Government.

to 270
 6/2 June 71 No. 132

1620 P.M.D.
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Read the following:
 From, The Sup. Engr. 3rd Div. (14. 6. 71 No. 351 of 1871)

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 The work was so useful
 helping out the entire
 report that I think we had
 better award the makers
 of it. I have made up
 the work.

ordered to be recorded
 The Excellency the
 Governor in Council
 admits that the completion
 of the work which
 Mr. Palmer had
 authorized to be proceeded
 with the anticipation of
 an allotment of funds
 was very desirable, and
 the Government, having
 no doubt as to the
 which guided the Sup.
 Engr.; but the reasons
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The delay of a few days
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urgency of the work
and requesting an
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execution of work
without an allotment
by proper authority, deprives
the Government of the
control which they should
have exercised in the dis-
tribution of the Reserve
within a view to its
utilization to the best
advantage. This is
a serious matter
and is of great importance.

L. C. 3204

Oct 31 1871 D.D.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

Recd.

L.S.

G. O. 16th Dec 71, No. 1620.

Nos. 27th 271

Received of the
Public Works
Department
the sum of
£100
for the
purchase of
materials
for the
construction of
the
new
bridge
over the
river
at
Kilburn, London.
Witness my hand
this 16th day of
December 1871.

Wm P 32