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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th June 1871.*

No. 344. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

(Here enter No 42, dated 29th May 1871)

No. 345.

ORDER THEREON, 19th June 1871, No. 1,655.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 39.

House-rent for Military and Medical Subordinates	RS 2,250
Repairs to Military buildings	4,525

IN his letter of the 10th January 1871, No. 215, the Acting Superintending Engineer of the 5th Division represented the urgent necessity for supplementing the Military Repair grant for Bangalore by Rupees 6,775 to meet the demands marginally noted, and recommended that, in the event of the Government being unable to allot the amount from any funds at their disposal, the unappropriated balance of Rupees 5,179 from the allotment for the Ulsoor water-supply project, and Rupees 1,411 from the grant for Minor New Works under Military, Bangalore, might be transferred towards meeting the requirements under Repairs. As the Government were not in a position to meet the demand, application was made to the Govern-

21st January 1871, No 169.

ment of India for authority to make the transfers proposed by the Acting Superintending Engineer, and sanction was obtained in due course. In his letter of the 8th February 1871, No. 235, or in less than a month after the date of the Acting Superintending Engineer's letter on which the application to the Government of India was based, the Superintending Engineer brought to the notice of Government that the Executive Engineer at Bangalore had intimated that no additional funds were needed on account of house-rent as a month had expired since the first application for funds was made, and that Rupees 3,945 would suffice to cover the estimated outlay on repairs during the remainder of the year; but that from the Executive Engineer's Progress Report of works estimated to cost more than Rupees 20,000, it appeared that the balance available for diversion from the Ulsoor water project was only Rupees 2,112, and not Rupees 5,179 as previously stated, a payment for work performed in connection with that project having been omitted to be taken into consideration.

2. In Proceedings dated 17th February 1871, No 478, the Government called for full explanations of the circumstances under which the proposals for the transfers of funds originally submitted were so much at variance with the actual state of the Public Works grant for Bangalore. Colonel Boileau replied to this reference in his letter dated 18th March 1871, No. 256, which gave cover to a communication from Captain Wood, who explained that the estimate for house-rent was based on the average of previous months disbursements, but that the actual charges for December and January having fallen considerably short of that average, the amount at first applied for was no longer necessary. As regards the demands for repairs, Colonel Boileau forwarded two statements, from which it appeared that for repairs already executed Rupees 6,826 were still due, while other work estimated to cost Rupees 3,694 was deferred to be carried out for the want of funds, indicating that the requirements were not originally over-estimated,

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and Colonel Boileau explained that the report made to Government of a smaller sum than that asked for by Captain Wood being sufficient, was submitted with reference to a letter from Lieutenant Purchas, who had charge of Captain Wood's duties during his absence on privilege leave. The mistake in respect to the grant surrendered from the allotment for the Ulsoor water project appeared to have arisen from the Superintending Engineer having supposed that certain payments for work executed had been fully made, whereas Rupees 3,067 were not disbursed until the 6th and 20th January 1871, and the Acting Superintending Engineer not being cognizant, when writing on the 10th January, that claims to that extent remained to be adjusted, recommended the transfer of the sum of Rupees 5,179 which appeared available on the 1st January.

3. Adverting to these explanations, the Government in G. O., No. 898, dated 24th March 1871, remarked that the proposals submitted by Captain Wood for the reappropriation of funds were very ill-considered, and they desired that he should be informed that he would incur their severe displeasure if out- were again permitted without the sanction of competent authority or without a specific allotment of funds. In a letter which forms an accompaniment to the one read at the head of these Proceedings, Captain Wood submits that the censure conveyed in the G. O. last referred to was undeserved, and, under the impression that his previous explanations had not been laid before Government, he now requests that a correct version of the case may be submitted for their consideration.

4. On again reviewing the correspondence above summarized, the Government are of opinion that Captain Wood is not to blame for the incorrect particulars on which the Superintending Engineer's letter of the 8th February 1871 was based, so far as the demand for repairs was concerned, his *locum tenens*, Lieutenant Purchas, having furnished the information; but it appears from Colonel Boileau's memorandum, dated 9th May 1871, that, although Rupees 3,067 were due for work performed in connection with the Ulsoor project in 1869-70, and all further outlay was ordered to be suspended, the monthly Progress Reports of the Executive Engineer made no allusion to the unadjusted demand, and when authority for making the payment was obtained, it was so long delayed to be made, that the Superintending Engineer was led into the error of reporting that a larger balance was at the credit of the work than was actually available. Colonel Boileau's memorandum just referred to, together with the statements furnished with his letter of the 18th March 1871, also show that the Government were not in error in supposing that works had been carried out by Captain Wood without a specific allotment of funds.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R E,

Secretary to Government

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
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N^o 23.

Superintg. Engineer's Office, 5th Div.,
Maddalore, 9th May 1871.

Official Memorandum.

With reference to letter of the 30th March 1871, N^o 1163 from the Executive Engineer, Bangalore, offering explanation to the remarks conveyed in G. O. N^o 898 of the 24th idem, on certain proposals for reappropriation of funds for works at that Station, and also requesting that the letter be submitted to Government in order that the correct state of the case may be known to them, the undersigned has the honor to forward to Captain Wood, with the following observations, a copy of this office letter N^o 256 of the 18th March 1871 to Government on which the G. O. is based.

It is observed from the Executive Engineer's letter above quoted that he is under the impression that the Government have been led into misapprehension by this office, without

bringing to their notice his explanation furnished with reference to G. O. of the 17th February 1891, No. 478. In this he is mistaken. He will observe on the contrary, that not only was his letter of the 2nd March 1891, No. 1056, which contains his explanation, as well as the two lists received with his No. 1075 of the 9th idem, laid before Government, but it was also intimated to them that the transfer of Rs. 5179 from the grant for the Uloor Water Works had been proposed by this office.

3. The Executive Engineer's letter under reply is confined to the point of the disbursement of Rs. 3067. made in January 1891 on account of the Uloor Water Works, but he will now perceive that the admonition contained in the G. O., to which he takes objection, is also intended to apply to the other points noticed in G. O. No. 478 of the 17th February 1891.

4. — It has been also intimated to the Government that the Executive Engineer was, so far back as 2nd May 1st December 1890, authorized to disburse

the said sum of Rs. 3067, but this office is still at a loss to understand the cause of the amount not having been then paid away at once, and of its having been withheld until the 6th & 20th of January 1891, especially as it was said to have been due for work executed in 1889-90. Moreover in the face of the subsequent orders contemplating the stoppage of further work on the work in question, and in the absence of any allusion, at least in the Monthly Progress Reports of the Range, to the balance that was still due, this office was not certainly aware that the sum in question was intended to be disbursed before the end of March last.

5. The Superintending Engineer is still of opinion that the Executive Engineer was wanting in care and forethought in estimating the requirements of his Range; and the 2 lists which accompanied his No. 1075 of 9th March 1891, shewed that in some cases work had been carried out without

* Rs. 2000.
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Rs. 3067.

specific assignments of funds.—

6. A copy of the Superinty: Engineer's letter was not in the first instance furnished to the Executive Engineer, as it was considered that, as is ordinarily done, the letter would be printed with the G.O., but in this case it was not so. And in communicating the G.O. this office unfortunately omitted to forward a copy of the letter.—

7. The Executive Engineer's letter will, however, be forwarded to Government, as desired by him.—

[Signed] A. Boileau, Col. R.E.,
Superinty: Engineer, 5th Div.

To,
The Executive Engineer,
Bangalore.

[True copy]

A. Boileau Colonel R.E.,
Superinty: Engineer, 5th Division

V^o 11/63.

Executive Engineer's Office,
Bangalore, 30th March 1891.

From,
The Executive Engineer,
Bangalore.

Engineer's
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To,

Colonel V.C.,
Superintg Engineer, 5th Division

Enclosure No. 2.

In a letter No. 42 of 29th May 1871 from the Supg Engineer, 5th Division.

From,
The Superintg Engineer,
5th Division.

To The Executive Engineer,
P.O. No. 2496/72 Bangalore.
Regarding observations on his letter taking objection to the admonition conveyed by Govt in G.O. No. 898 of 1871, on his proceeding in incurring certain unauthorized outlay &c, and forwarding copy of the Supg Engineer's letter to Govt on the subject with an intimation that the Ex. Engineer's letter will be also forwarded to them.

No. 1163.

Executive Engineer's Office,
Bangalore, 30th March 1871.
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From,
The Executive Engineer,
Bangalore.

To, The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division.

Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Memo. No. 262 dated 24th March 1871, in the 2nd para of which you call my particular attention to para 3 of the G.O. dated 24th March 1871, No. 898 forwarded with the above mentioned memo.

The para of the G.O. in question censures certain proceedings of mine and threatens me with "the severe displeasure of Government, if it be again brought to their notice that he, [Captain Wood] has taken upon himself to incur outlay without the sanction of competent authority or without a specific allotment of funds."

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charge is made against me, without
my having been furnished with a copy
even for information. - As far as I can
gather from the G.O. the grounds of the
charge are that I expended Rs. 3067. on
the Ulloor Works, and the charge is
made against me, notwithstanding
my letter N^o 1056 dated 2nd March 1891,
to your address in which I pointed out
that the sum mentioned was disbursed
by the special sanction of the Acting
Superintending Engineer of the 5th

Division conveyed in his N^{os} 17 and 19th
dated 2nd May and 1st December 1890
respectively. - In my above letter I all-
intimated that G.O. N^o 168A dated 20th
January 1891, was based on the incorrect
information contained in para 8 of the
letter N^o 215 dated 10th January 1891, from
the Acting Superintending Engineer of
the 5th Division to the Secretary to
Government, Department Public Works
in which it is stated that Rs. 5179.
still remained to the credit of the
Ulloor Works at this station - whereas
in fact Rs. 3067 of that sum had been
sanctioned for payment only in the
preceding month by the Superintending
Engineer, 5th Division.

It appears therefore from the
foregoing that the Superintending Engineer
gave me authority for disbursing
the sum of Rs. 3067. -

That the Superintending
Engineer made an error in forgetting
that sanction was given me for

disbursing the above sum of Rs. 3067.4
consequently misled the Government in
his letter No. 215 dated 10th January 1891.

That in consequence of the
corrections required in G.O. No. 168A, dated
20th January 1891, based on the above
detailed incorrect information, the
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,
addressed Government in his letter No.
256 dated 18th March 1891 and the Govern-
ment are pleased to threaten me with
their severe displeasure for the mistake
which I plainly indicated had been
made by the Superintending Engineer.

I have therefore the honor to
request that this letter may be forwarded
to Government in order that the correct
state of the case may be known and
that the misapprehension they have
been led into in regard to my conduct
may be removed.

I have &c.
Signed H. W. Wood, Capt. R.E.,
Executive Engr. Bangalore.
[True Copy]
H. W. Wood, Colonel R.E.,
Superintending Engr., 5th Division.

No. 42 Superintg. Engineer's Office, 5th Division
Camp Villapooram 29th May 1891.

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Enclosure No. 1.

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From,
The Executive Engineer,
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P. W. 2495/71
The Superintending Engineer,
5th Division.

Submitting explanations in
regard to the remarks made
by Government on payment of
Rs. 3067 made in January
1871 on account of labor
water works.

name ...

H. W. Wood, Capt. R.E.,
Civil Engr., Bangalore.

By Colonel R.E.,
Superintending Engr., 5th Division.

No. 42

Superintending Engineer's Office, 5th Division
Camp Villapooram 29th May 1871.

From,

Colonel A. J. M. Boileau, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division,
To, Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.,
Secretary to Government, I. W. D.

Sir,

Enclosure 2.

As requested by the Executive Engr.,
of letter Bangalore, I have the honor to submit,
for the consideration of Government, copy
of his letter of the 30th March 1871, No.
1113, taking objection to the admonition
conveyed in G. O. No. 898 of the 24th idem,
as also a copy of my reply to that
officer.

In my letter No. 256 of the 18th
March 1871, (a copy of which has now
been furnished to Captain Wood)
the matter in question was set forth
in full, and I have now nothing further
to add on the subject.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

A. J. M. Boileau, Col. R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.

Public Works Department
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the 19th Dec/71
 Read the following

From,
 The Supg. Engineer, } H. C. No 42 (29th May 1871)
 5th Division

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House rent for Military and Medical Re-
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 Repairs to Military Buildings - 4,525

Dec 24th Memo No 11 90 623
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From,
 The Supg. Engineer,
 5th Division
 The Secy. to Government
 And Department.

Extract 29th May 1871.
 No 42

Enclosure No 2

Submitting for the con-
 sideration of the Secy. to Govt.
 from the Secy. to Engineer,
 Bangalore, regarding objection
 to the appropriation of Rs 775
 voted in G.O. No 898 of
 27th March 1871.

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21 Jan 1871 A. 92

Rs 5179 from the allotment for the Uleor Water Supply Project, and Rs 1411 from the grant for Minor New Works under Military, Bangalore, might be transferred towards meeting the requirements under Repairs. As the Government were not in a position to meet the demand, application was made to the Govt of India for authority to make the transfers proposed by the Acting Supt Engineer, and sanction was obtained in due course. In his letter of the 8th Feb 71, N^o 235, or in less than a month after the date

21 Jan 71, N^o 169

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from the Ulloor Water Project was only Rs 2112 and not Rs 5179 as previously stated, a payment for work performed in connection with that project having been omitted to be taken into consideration.

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appeared available on the
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Memo dated 9th May 1871,
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Enclosure to Insp Engineer's letter
dated 29th May/71, No 42.

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