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11th July 1871.*

No. 161. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 26th June 1871, No. 32 :—

REFERRING to G. O. No. 1,491 of 1st instant, I have the honour to report that during my late inspection in Nellore I received complaints from both the Overseers in the 4th Range that their endeavours to keep down rates had been nullified by Mr. Hall's action, in that he altered the amounts charged by them in the *bills* and paid a higher amount than they thought the work was worth. To this Mr. Hall replied that the only man whom he could depend on had tendered at the higher rates and that he having accepted them was bound by his contract.

2. I pointed out to Mr. Hall that under G. O. No. 245 of 27th January 1869, he had no power to make any contracts, and that the documents themselves were not in proper form, and I cancelled them at once. I would not take any measures retrospectively, but warned Mr. Hall that his proceedings were very irregular.

3. I afterwards discovered that the contractor in whom he placed so much confidence as to entrust him with the execution of nearly all the road-work in his range had formerly been a Goomasta in the department under Mr. Hall, and utterly without means. I was informed that other men, respectable land-holders and known in the talook, had tendered but their offers had been rejected, although the rates at which they had offered to work were lower than the accepted ones.

4. The work was badly done, and the Overseers reported that their complaints were always overruled; in one case I desired that all the material supplied to one length of road should be re-examined, and rejected a very large quantity.

5. Serjeant Taylor, one of the Overseers in question, having misbehaved himself generally was removed in G. O., No. 557, of 25th February 1871, from the department. I transferred the other to the 2nd Range, as it was clear that he and Mr. Hall would not get on together; but the Overseer who has been appointed to act till Mr. Taylor's successor is appointed has repeated the complaint, and reports that he has been compelled by threats from Mr. Hall to enter in his accounts as received from this contractor 20 per cent. more material than he has received, by counting 12 instead of 15 paras of broken stone as equal to the cubic yard.

6. After he was convinced of the irregularity of his proceeding, Mr. Hall submitted his requests to me to accept tenders from certain persons whom he named, but I cannot find from their papers (which I called for) at what rates they propose to work, or on what grounds he has selected some; specially the above-mentioned Goomasta Coppole Ramaya, but the feeling in the range is strong that this man is merely his Agent, and that Mr. Hall is his own contractor; proof of this I cannot obtain.

7. Mr. Hall's conduct for some months past has been very unsatisfactory. He has confined his visits to work generally in the neighbourhood of Ongole, having only seven times gone to the western country in the last twelve months, and then travelled very hurriedly.

1st to 23rd September 1870.
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3rd to 10th December 1870.
10th and 11th February 1871.
22nd to 24th and 29th and 30th March 1871.
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8. The progress report for March announced the completion of the Police Station-house at Tungella, and payment of the money. I had learned from Mr. Hall

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himself on the 23rd March that the materials were not yet brought to the spot, and, as the Police Officers stated that the work was not begun till the 28th, Mr. Hall was obliged to acknowledge that he had made an untrue entry to save the loss of the allotment. If he had exerted himself in February as he did in April he might have got the building honestly finished within the year. I propose to take an early opportunity of inspecting the station-house.

9. His own office, the repairs of which he has estimated for in July 1870 as emergent, was not touched in March, though in January I had admitted the correctness of his fear that the building might fall any day; nor do his reports show any progress in April or May.

No. 162.

ORDER THEREON, 11th July 1871, No. 1,821.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 20.

THE Superintending Engineer of the 2nd Division will furnish Mr. Sub-Engineer Hall with a statement of the specific grounds upon which he is considered to have failed in his management of the range, and of the other matters of complaint against him, with a view to his offering any explanation and defence which he may have to make. In the event of Mr. Hall's defence not being received before the expiration of his present leave, he will not be permitted to rejoin his appointment, but, pending the final orders of Government on his case, he will be considered under suspension.

2. Colonel Moberly is requested to explain that part of the first paragraph of his letter which relates to the alteration of amounts charged in bills. It is not understood what kind of bills are referred to.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Mr. Hall, Sub-Engineer.

Exx. E. C Shuaker.

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Superintending Engineer
Office 2d Div. Madras
28th June 1871.

From Colonel J. J. Moberly R.E.
To Superintending Engineer 2nd Div.
Colonel J. Carpendale R.E.
Secretary to Government
D.P.C.

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Yours most Obedient

Frederick. Cooper
Supergr 2000

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" 25 Feb/71 - 523-524
" 1 June - 6-7-

Public Works Department
Pro. of No 33 for July
No 3159.

From

The Supt Engineer
2nd Division

To

The Secretary to Govt
P.W. Madras

Dated 26th June 1871
Res 11 July.

Submits detailed report on
Mr Hall's irregularities &c.
found on enquiry of Complaints
came forward during the Supt
Engineer's late inspection in
Vellore.

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Public Works Department
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Under date the 11th July 1871

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To *The Superintending Engr*
2^d Division

Dated.

Recd.

G. O. 11th July 1871, No. 1821

Nos. 1519/162

Mr. Mr. Mr. Hall. The
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