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Read the following papers:—

No. 480. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Bellary, 27th June 1871, No. 577.

From P. O'RATIGAN, Esq., Executive Engineer, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, dated Madanapully, 22nd June 1871, No. 303.

REFERRING to paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 1,573,* dated 13th June 1871, I have the honour to inform you that the submission of the certificate referred to has been delayed simply because I was unable to visit the locality sooner than I did.

* Herewith returned.

2. As you are aware, I have had to hold charge of two ranges during the period referred to, and in Cuddapah Range have had to account for the expenditure of two years. This entailed a large quantity of extra work and travelling on me, when quite new to the district; and, in order to work off arrears, I took up the work, talook by talook, disposing of all the urgent calls in one talook before going into another. In this way the submission of the certificate has been delayed as Royachoty Talook, in which the work is situated, is the last of the five talooks that I entered. A reference to my diaries will, however, show that I am not to blame for not submitting the certificate earlier, as I could not do more than I did, having been continually on the move during the period referred to.

SUBMITTED to the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, with reference to paragraph 4 of G. O., No. 1,573, dated 13th June 1871, and with an intimation that Mr. O'Ratigan, in addition to the permanent charge of the Cuddapah Range, held temporary charge of the Pullumpett Range from November 1869 to August 1870, on Conductor Haddock proceeding to Europe on medical certificate and until Mr. Supervisor Cowley joined the district.

(Signed) A. S. MOBERLY, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

No. 480A. From the Inspector-General of Police, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 8th July 1871, No. 4,323:—

WITH reference to G. O., No. 1,573, dated 13th June 1871, I have the honour to forward letters from the Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, and the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range, regarding the Chinnamandiem station-house, together with the agreement made with the contractor and copies of a voluminous correspondence which has taken place on the subject with the Range Officer and the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

2. The contract bond for this station-house was executed in January 1868. Since then a proper form of contract (drawn up by the Government Solicitor) has been established.

3. Captain Kilgour appears to have considered that the building was good, and that the contractor had given moneys' worth for the money. The contractor

absolutely refused to go to further expense in making the alterations proposed by the Range Officer, and after some further correspondence Captain Kilgour paid the balance of Rupees 80 to the contractor upon the authority supposed to be conveyed in letter, No. 47, of the 2nd March 1871, from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, copy of which letter will be found amongst the correspondence now submitted.

4. It certainly seems very necessary (as pointed out by the Superintendent of Police) that some definite arrangement should be made in order to secure the inspection of works as early as possible after completion in the presence of the persons concerned—*vide* paragraphs 4 and 5 of Captain Kilgour's letter. Great inconvenience and loss have been caused by the delays which so frequently occur. No doubt it is sometimes felt to be inconvenient and vexatious by Range Officers to leave the work upon which they are immediately engaged in order to inspect a Police building at some distance, but still it is almost always *possible* to make a journey of 30 or 40 miles for a special purpose. Police Officers have to do this continually.

5. In connection with this matter I beg to submit another letter from the Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, No. 85, dated 20th June 1871, together with copies of a further voluminous correspondence regarding completion certificates for the Nullamadda and Mahomedabad station-houses. The Range Officer was applied to for these certificates on the 15th July and 20th August 1870, *i.e., nearly a year ago.* These certificates have not yet been received. It is obvious that things cannot go on like this. If the completion certificate from the Range Officer is considered necessary (and I do not think it can safely be dispensed with) then, I submit, that some arrangement should be made to provide for furnishing this certificate within a reasonable time after the completion of the work, otherwise accounts cannot be adjusted and many obvious evils accrue.

No. 481. ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1871, No. 1,980.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 32.

IN this letter the Inspector-General of Police replies to G. O., No. 1,573, dated 13th June 1871, in which he was requested to call upon the Superintendent of Police, Cuddapah, to report what steps he had taken to remedy certain defects pointed out by the Range Officer in the construction of the Police station-house at Chinnamandiem, and to explain why the contractor was not required to rectify them at least to the extent of the sum of Rupees 80 which was paid to him, although those defects were known to exist at the time.

2. From the papers now laid before Government it appears that the Superintendent of Police inspected the building after completion and considered the work to have been satisfactorily executed. The Range Officer was applied to for a completion certificate in December 1869 and he did not furnish one until July 1870, when the contractor appears to have been called upon to remedy the defects pointed out in the certificate, but this he declined to do, and the agreement entered into by him not having been in proper form it could not be enforced. The Superintendent of Police appears to have paid the balance of Rupees 80 due to the contractor on

receiving intimation from the Controller that the completion certificate would be accepted as sufficient for the passing of the bills, but the Controller subsequently raised objections to the terms of the certificate and asked for a bill with details of expenditure with a view to the sanction of Government, which was applied for on the 22nd May 1871, being obtained.

3. The agreement for the execution of the work was entered into before January 1870, when a form drawn up by the Government Solicitor is reported to have been circulated to Police Officers for adoption; but of the existence of this form the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Central Range, does not seem to be aware, and the attention of the Inspector-General of Police will be drawn to the matter.

4. As it appears that the station of Chinnamandiem is situated in an out-of-the-way part of the district, and the Police had not the advantage of skilled supervision, the Government will not object to the expenditure on the Police station-house being passed.

5. The attention of the Range Officer should be called to the delay of nearly a year which has already occurred in furnishing the requisite completion certificates for the Nullamudu and Mahomedabad station-houses, to which the Inspector-General of Police refers in paragraph 5. With regard to the delay in furnishing the completion certificate for the Chinnamandiem station-house, Mr. O'Ratigan in his letter above recorded pleads pressure of work and the fact of his having been between November 1869 and August 1870 in charge of two ranges. The Government are willing to accept this explanation, but they are nevertheless of opinion that arrangements might be made by Range Officers, without prejudice to their more immediate duties, to make earlier inspections of works carried out by other agency.

6. Major Hearn's particular attention will be called to the remarks of Captain Balmer on the letter from the Acting Superintendent of Police, dated 20th June 1871, No. 4-85, from which it appears that owing to the uncertainty of final payments, contractors are in the habit of *completing* works for the amount of the first advance made to them. Such a system must result in cheap and necessarily bad work, and in frequent failures of buildings and waste of public money.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under-Secretary to Government.

To the Inspector-General of Police.
" Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Judicial Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Office of the Inspector General
of Police
Colombo 8th July 1871

No 4323

From

The Inspector General of Police

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No 1573
dated 13th June 1871 I have the
honor to forward letters from the
Superintendent of Police Kuddapah
and the Deputy Inspector General
of Police Central Range regarding
the Chinnamandiem Station
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2. The Contract Bond for this
Station

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I have the honor to be,
Sirs,
Your most obedt Servant
C Ellis
Inspector General of Police

Madanapalle Range Office
No 303 Station Madanapalle
22nd June 1871

From
C. Ellis Esqr C.S.I.
Executive Engineer
&
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

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W. D. Catty Lieut. R.E.
Executive Engineer

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From the Inspr Genl of Police
No 3313.

To the Secy to Govt
Public Works Dept

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Correspondence regarding
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Proceedings of the Inquiry Government.

Under date the 28 July 1871

Read the following.

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From The Inspector General of Police /86. & No 4 323 & 8 July 1871

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Proceedings dated 28 July 1871

Read Letter from Supt Engr 3rd Div No 3033. dated 22 June 1871

Ex explaining the delay in submitting the Completion Certificate as noticed in G. O. No 1573. of 13th June 1871.

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Such a system must result in cheap and necessarily bad work, and in frequent failures of buildings and waste of public money.

The Inspector General will give this subject his special attention.

18th July

To the Inspectr Genl of Fortifs
" Chief Engineer Pac Div
" Cantonments
" Judge Advocate

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To the Inspector-General of Police

Dated

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Vide Col. 3715/71

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Police Station house &c.

Chinnamandem, Cuddapah Dt.

Asking orders on the letter from the Inspector General of Police forwarding certain information regarding the Police Station house at Chinnamandem.