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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 24th August 1871.

No. 317. Read the following paper from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 6th July 1871, No. 961 —

List of Bills received from the Collector of the Coimbatore District, and submitted for the sanction of Government

Number and date of Bill	Description of work	Amount of Estimate	Amount of Bill	Year to which the expenditure appertains	Date of receipt of bills
		Rs	Rs A P.		
4th May 1869	Repairing Thadapully main and branch channels in the Coimbatore District, sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division — *Vide* his Appropriation Returns for April 1868 . . .	2,900	1,927 8 4	1868-69	5th July 1871.
Do do	Do Arkencottah channel in the Coimbatore District, sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer of the 7th Division — *Vide* his Appropriation Return for April 1868	1,730	696 3 5	Do	.
	Total		2,623 11 9		

Remarks —Submitted for orders as to whether the expenditure can be passed by this office on the enclosed bills and correspondence.

No. 318. Order thereon, 24th August 1871, No. 2,174.

ACCOUNT, No. 38.

These papers relate to expenditure incurred by the Revenue Department in 1868-69 on the Arkencottah and Thadapully channels in the Coimbatore District.

2. The Supervisor who was in charge of the Collegal Range at the time these works were executed explains that he inspected them while in progress, and objected to the mode in which the clearances of the channels were being carried out, and to the measurements of the work said to be done, which he characterized as false, and as no notice was taken of the objections, and corrected measurements of work performed to the Arkencottah channel were not furnished, he declined to grant the requisite Completion Certificate The Tahsildar of Satiamungalum states that the objections of the Range Officer received prompt attention, and that in the course of a conversation the latter admitted that the works had been well carried out. He also reports that the clearance of the channels had to be undertaken by the Revenue Department in consequence of the Public Works Department having delayed to execute the work.

3. The Government observe that the work was begun and finished in May 1868, and that it was not until more than a year afterwards that the Range Officer,

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Department Public Works, was asked to furnish Completion Certificates. The correspondence relating to the expenditure under notice took place between July and September 1869, and the bills, although dated 4th May 1869, were not forwarded by the Collector to the Controller until July 1871, and no explanation of the delay is furnished, nor does it appear that in the long time which elapsed, any further enquiry was made from the Range Officer in regard to the Tahsildar's explanation. It seems useless at this distance of time to pursue the enquiry into the matter further, and His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly has no alternative but to sanction the expenditure

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 7th Division
,, Revenue Department.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts, with three Enclosures.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

Cavoor Range Office
Erode 9th July 1869.

c. No 115.

To,

The Officer in charge of
Collegal Range.

Sir

In returning the enclosed documents which accompanied your letter No. 290, dated the 6th instant, I beg to state that I am unable to furnish the necessary completion certificates for Repairs executed by the Pattymungalam Tahsildar to the Arkenkattai and Thadapully Channels during the year 1868, called for by the Collector.

2 The work was inspected by me when in progress, and no notice was taken by the Tahsildar of representation made of bad work being performed, and false earth work taks made neither did the Tahsildar supply me with measurements of work done on the Arekenkattai Channel as requested.

I have &c.

(signed) John Nicholson
Superintendent in charge of
Cavoor Range.

(True Copy)

Sub Collr. for Collr.

No 341

Collegal Range 5th office
Bowany 17th July 1869

From

W. H. Nordmann Esqr
Asst. Engineer D.P.W.

To

A Mc. Webster Esqr
Ag Collector of Coimbatore

Encl 3
1 Bill for Repairing Thadapully channel Rs 1927 8.0
1 Do Do Do Arekenkottai Do Rs 696 3.5
1 original letter from Mr Nicholson

Sir

I have the honor to return the bills as per margin, forwarded with your letter No 64 dated 4th May together with a letter from Mr Supervisor Nicholson who having been in charge of the Range when the work in question was executed declines to grant the usual certificate for the reasons stated by him.

I have &c
(signed) W. H. Nordmann.
Asst Engineer

(True Copy)

J. A. Webster
Ag Collr for Collr.

Rs 3810/1

Thadapully channel &c &c.

Collectorate No 15
Letter No 112 dated 17th July 1869

Translation of Cheque from the Shahdara Cutcherry
amounting to the Collector of Cawnpore dated 10th
September 1869 Rs 134.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your order
dated 25th August last Rs 105 directing me to restore
the amount of the refund of his Supervisorship
on charge of the Public Works Range, to pursue a
certificate for the clearance of the Thanadary
Shah Sharkencottah channels in 1866-67, carried
out under my Supervision.

2 The Range officer wrote me a packet dated
13th Aug 1868 Rs 19 giving certain objections to the mode
of the work in connection with the clearance of
the Thanadighi channel, Ammichitty mofussil &c.
which referred to, and that the work carried out
x
Nichol on a different way, his objections the Range Officer
wrote me a memo dated 11 Aug of the third year
Rs 16 regarding that on the completion of the
clearance of the channel, the fact might be
reported to him in view to the inspecting the
same. He to always would to let water into the

x Nichol

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Forwd. Supt 4/11 Dec 1871.

Enclosure No 2 to
letter No 112 of 1871

channel on the 1st inst. for Car cultivation, but last year there was some delay in commencing the clearance as the work had to be begun on the 7th inst. after the receipt of a cheque for the amount, and I on the 12th inst. of the said year wrote an Urgee No 148 to the Division Officer stating that if rains should set in before the work performed was inspected and measured by the Range Officer, the work would be deteriorated. I received an order No 152 of the 19th to the effect that I should make arrangement with the Range Officer. I accordingly proceeded to the Superviser Mr. Nicholson who was then at Attang in Bhowany Taluq and had an interview with him. He said that the work had been well carried out and that the accounts might be sent. According to his orders the accounts connected with the clearing of the Arakencottah channel were first sent to him. Those connected with the clearance of Thadapully channel were sent afterwards together with the Neerany Inniyan to point out the places where work had been performed, but the Range Officer

returned them and the Judicial saying that he did not require them, and that he had no business with them and went away to Neringpet and other places in Bhowany Taluq. I did not see him afterwards. About 4 or 5 days afterwards he returned the accounts connected with the clearance of the Arakencottah channel also by the Neer Inniyan. Thus I did not fail to send in the accounts. Water should have been let into the channels on the 1st inst. for Car cultivation. Such not having been the case, the Ryots complained that the cultivation season was far advanced. In consequence of such complaints and hindrance to cultivation, I mean your displeasure. Consequently I let water into the Thadapully and Arakencottah channels on the 28th and 29th of that month for cultivation, and reported the above circumstances to you in Urgee No 90 of the 30th Inst. Out of the estimated amount there was an unexpended balance of Rs. 376-4-3, which was credited to the head "Public Works Department"

under orders from the Collector dated 5 February 1869 No 16 his Supervisor Nicholson Range Officer examined the list showing the clearances of the Thadapully channel at each spot at its head and has signed it. If the remaining work had not been properly carried out he should have objected to it then. Had he done so, I would have pointed out the locality and satisfied him. but no objection was raised at the time. The delay on the part of the Public Works department in repairing the channels at the proper season having been reported to the Huzoor from time to time, orders were received that the work might be done under my supervision. I accordingly caused the channel repairs to be done by the village Monigars properly and efficiently within a month, and allowed water into the channels. On one or two occasions when he inspected the repairs of the two channels, I was present and conferred with him on the subject, and subsequently sent to him the accounts also. He however returned them

and grew angry with the Neerguntty establishment who took the accounts. He was only for a short time on duty and then went away. During my absence on sick leave, Acting Tahsildar Venkatasiengar wrote a Jadast to which the Smither Range Officer replied that he would furnish a certificate after inspection of the works. Erzees Nos 135 and 141 dated 1st and 12 October 1868 were addressed to you on this subject. I beg to enclose as per list documents &c. in this case. It appears that the Range officer objects to the grant of the certificate because the work was undertaken by the Revenue department instead of by the Public Works department, and with an intention that the channel establishment should be under his control. There has been no mistake in the work performed.

/Signed/ Peddu.
Tahsildar

(True Translation)

A. Beck
Ag. Sub Collector
for Collector.

P. W. 3210/71

Enclosure No 3.
to letter No 112 of
1871

List of Bills received from the Collector of the Coimbatore District, and submitted for the Sanction of Government. 171.

Number and date of Bill	Description of work	Amount of Estimate	Amount of Bill	Year to which the expenditure appertains	Date of receipt of Bills	Remarks
1869 May 4	Repairing Thada- -pully Main and branch Channels in the Coim- -batore District sanc- -tioned by the Superin- -tending Engineer of the 7th Division - Vide his Appropriation Returns for April 1868	2900	1927 8 4	1868/69	July 5	Submitted for orders as to whe- -ther the expenditure can be passed by this office on the enclosed Bills and Correspondence.
Do. Do.	Do. Athencottai Chan- -nel viz - Do. - Sanctioned by Do. Vide his Appropriation Return for April 1868	1730	696 3 5	Do.	.. ..	
	Total Rupees	.. ..	2623 11 9			

Office of the Controller of P.W. Accounts, Madras, 6th July 1871

To The Secretary to Government Public Works Department with Six Enclosures

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Controller of P.W. Accounts

E. P. W. A. C.

No 2174 C. W. Department

Proceedings of the marine government
Under date the 24th August 71

Read the following

From The Controller of W. Accts / No 961 / 26 July 71

These papers relate
to expenditure incurred
by the Revenue Department
in 1869 on the Sirkanda
and Noddapully Channels
in the Coimbatore District.

The Superintendent
was in charge of the Collegal
Range at the time these
works were executed.

I claim that the inspection
of these works was properly carried
out, and to the
objected to the mode in
which the clearances of the
Channels were kept.

Carried out, and to the

C. W. Dept
Dept of Govt for August
North No 3210

The Controller of W.
Accounts

To The Secretary to Govt
C. W. Dept
Fort St George

3-8-71 vs

dated 6th July 1871
Rec'd 7th } No 961

2 Bills
1 Original Letter
3 Copies of Letter

List of Bills received
from the Collector of the
Coimbatore District and
submitted for the sanc-
tion of Government

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No 817

6 Obj 1st Sept 71 R. 19th
6 24th Feb 71 R. 25th

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Revenue Department in consequence of the Public Works Department having delayed to execute the work.

The Govt. observe that the work was begun and finished in May 1868, and that it was not until more than a year afterwards that the Range officer D. P. W. was asked to furnish completion certificates. The correspondence relating to the expenditure under notice took place between July and September 1869, and the bills although dated 4th May 1869, were not forwarded by the Collector to the Controller until July 1871, and no

explanation of the delay is furnished, nor does it appear that in the long time which elapsed, any further enquiry was made from the Range officer in regard to the Shaoil-dara explanation. It seems useless at this distance of time to pursue the enquiry into the matter further and His Excellency the Governor in Council accordingly has no alternatives but to sanction the expenditure.

20 July

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To The Supt Engr 7 Div ✓
" Rev: Departt ✓
" Controller with 3 Encs ✓
Dept. 25th August 1871

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Govt of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Acting Superintending
Engr. 1st Division

Dated

Rcd. 3

G O. 24 Augt No. 2174

Nos. 317 & 318

Rhodafally & Parkevattah
Channels - Coimbatore -

Forwarding with remarks
the Bills for expenditure
on the Works -