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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 13th November 1871.

Read the following papers :—

No. 237. Endorsement of the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 17th August 1871, No. 1,349.

From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Bellary, 12th August 1871, No. 916.

I HAVE the honour, with reference to your letter No. 634 of 23rd June 1871, to forward a copy of docket No. 444 of 31st July 1871, from the officer in charge, Madnapally Range, for information, and to return the completion certificate which accompanied your letter under reply.

SUBMITTED for the consideration of Government.

2. In furnishing a completion certificate for the repairs to the Post Master's residence at Madnapally, the officer* in charge of the Madnapally Range remarked that, owing to the work being "by no means very good," he was unable to certify fully to its completion. The printed form of certificate was accordingly altered, and "fair" substituted for "in a substantial manner and of the best materials."

* Mr. O'Ratigan.

3. On the certificate being referred to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division, that officer in reply transmits a memorandum from the Range Officer, in which the latter explains "that, in his opinion, the mortar and wood in the roof repairs are not the best procurable," and that he signed the certificate as he considers "that the work will stand pretty well."

4. The repairs to the Post Office were commenced and completed in February 1871. The charge of the Madnapally Range during that month devolved upon Mr. Overseer Perrin, as a temporary measure, by whom payment was made for the work, which was carried out under the immediate supervision of Mr. Overseer Russell. Seeing that Mr. O'Ratigan, the present Range Officer, had no actual concern in this transaction, the orders of Government are requested as to the final admission of the outlay, which amounts to only Rupees 65.

(Signed) S. BROCK,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

REFERRED to the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division for an expression of his own opinion on the question of the subordinates who should be held responsible for the execution of inferior work in the first instance, and for the payment in full made for it.

(Signed) A. deC. SCOTT, Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

19*th August* 1871.

No. 238. From the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 18th October 1871, No. 1,322.

WITH reference to your endorsement, dated 19th August last, and the enclosures received therewith, and which are herewith returned, I have the honour to inform

was unable to give me more

that the repairs to the Post Office at Madnapally were commenced in January 1871, when Mr. Assistant Engineer Turner was in charge of the Madnapally Range; but on reference to his diary, it does not appear that he ever inspected the work, as he was apparently sick, which necessitated his going to Europe on leave.

2. The temporary charge of the range devolved on Private Russell, Acting Talook Overseer, who was also in charge of the Madnapally Talook until relieved by Serjeant Perrin (a new Overseer just appointed to the department) on the 7th February following, of both the charges. It however appears from the papers before me that Private Russell was responsible for the work executed, and I would here remark that it was quite possible he was unable to give the work that close attention as was necessary, and hence I gather that, while Mr. O'Ratigan does not pronounce the work to be so bad as to be rejected, still he seems to admit it to be sufficiently fair as to be, in his estimation, commensurate with the outlay incurred thereon.

3. The final payment was made in February by Serjeant Perrin, who was, as before stated, a new hand in the department.

4. It therefore now remains for me to request Government to authorize Controller to accept of the certificate as submitted by Mr. O'Ratigan, or to recover so much of the amount from Private Russell Mr. O'Ratigan considers to have been over paid.

No. 239. ORDER THEREON, 13th November 1871, No. 2,872.

ACCOUNT, No. 20.

UNDER the circumstances explained by the Superintending Engineer in the second of the letters above recorded, the Government authorize the Controller of Public Works Accounts to pass, on the certificate furnished, the outlay of Rupees 65 incurred on repairs to the Deputy Post Master's house at Madnapally in the Cuddapah District. Care should however be taken that indifferent work is not in future accepted.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts, with three Enclosures.
" Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin

No. 1392 *Superintending Engineer's Office.*
3rd Division.
Camp , Taloof:
Bellary District.
The 18th Octobre 1871.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George.

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Sir,

With reference to your endorsement dated 9th Augt last and the enclosures proceeded thereunto and which are herewith returned I have the honor to inform that the repairs to the Post Office at Madanapally were commenced in January 1871, when Mr. Assistant Engineer Turner was in Charge of the Madanapally Range but on reference to his Diary it does not appear that he ever inspected the work as he was apparently sick which necessitated his going to Europe on leave.

2. The temporary charge of the Range devolved on Private Russell acting Talook Overseer, who was also in Charge of the Madanapally Talook until relieved by Serjeant Perrin, a new Overseer just appointed to the Department on the 7th February following of both the Charges. It however, appears from the papers before me that Private Russell was responsible for the work executed and I would here remark that it was quite possible he was unable to give the work that close attention

as was necessary and hence I gather that while Mr. O'Hatigan does not pronounce the work to be so bad as to be rejected still, he seems to admit it to be insufficiently fair as to be, in his Estimation, commensurate with the outlay incurred thereon.

3. The final payment was made in Feb. ruary by Sergeant Perrin who was as before stated, a new hand in the Department.

4. It therefore now remains for me to request Government to authorize Controller to accept of the Certificate as submitted by Mr. O'Hatigan & to recover so much of the Amount from Private Russell, Mr. O'Hatigan considers to have been over paid.

I have &c

Lieut Col R.E.
Inspg Engineer 3 Div

Acct- P.W. Dept

No. 2872.

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

Under date the 13 ~~October~~ November 1871.

Read the following-

From the Controller of P.W. Accounts, Here enter No 1349 / 17 August 1871

Supt Engineer of the 3rd Div. Here enter No 1322 / 18 October 1871

Under the circumstances explained by the Supt Engineer in the second of the letters above recorded, the Govt authorize the Controller of Public Works accounts to pass on the certificate furnished, the outlay of Rs 65 incurred on repairs to the Deputy Postmasters house at Madrapully in the Cuddapah District. Care should however be

From, The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,
The Secretary to Government.
Public Works Department.
Fort Saint George.

No. 1322

Dated 15 October 1871.
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Enclosures 3. 4

Requests to authorize the Controller of P.W. Accounts to accept the Certificate as submitted by Mr Platjam & to recover so much of the Amount from Private Russel overpaid for repairs executed to Post Office at Madanapalle as an Estimate of Rs 65 - 13 Nov 71

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To The Controller of Public Works Accounts

Dated

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Nos. 237 & 238

By Port Masterships at Madrapatty, Caddapah &c.

The Controller P. W. Accts authorized to pay the salary &c Rs: 6 incurred in the years by the Port Masterships at Madras. Pulley