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Public Works **DEPARTMENT.**

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Dated 14-12- 1872.

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No. 287. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated 23rd November 1872, No. 1,970 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to notice that in G. O., No. 1,350, dated 29th May 1872, an allotment of Rupees 2,000 was made from the Military Reserve of this year for the removal of prickly-pear near the lines of the Native Infantry Regiment, Bellary, from the estimate of Rupees 10,330 sanctioned for the purpose in G. O., No. 1,189, dated 28th April 1871.

2. Up to the 31st August in this year a sum of Rupees 2,691-11-9 has been spent, or Rupees 691-11-9 in excess of the sanction, and I beg that Government will be pleased to sanction the excess outlay.

3. Mr. Fraser, Executive Engineer, Bellary, has been twice called upon to furnish full explanation as to the cause of the excess, but the only information received from him on the subject, excepting a remark in the Controller's Audit Note of his Accounts, is contained in his letter of the 14th September 1872, No. 399, extract of which is enclosed. In the Audit Note it is stated that the work was carried out before the sanction was received and allotment made, but I observe that Rupees 1,610-6-5 are charged in the Progress Report for July. I am aware that the work of clearing the pear was left in a very incomplete state at the beginning of this official year, and Colonel Moberly, reckoning on an allotment sufficient to complete the work, ordered Mr. Fraser to push on with it. Rupees 5,191-9-7 up to date have been spent on the clearance, and it would have been well to have completed it had Government been in the position this year to provide funds.

Extract of a letter, 14th September, No. 399, from the Executive Engineer, Bellary, to the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

IN sending in the accompanying statement, I have the honour to make the following remarks :—

Prickly-pear.—This work was undertaken as a sanitary measure on the earnest application of the medical officers of the station. The whole of the prickly-pear has been cut down, and more than half has been either burnt, buried, or carted away; but the work has been stopped for want of funds. The medical and other officers in the station are very anxious to have the work completed. The improvement has already been very great, and it would be a pity not to finish it. I attach a letter received from Colonel Burton on this subject.

No. 288. ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1872, No. 2,960.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

THERE being no longer any doubt but that the allotments for New Works Military of the current official year have not been worked up to proportionately in past months, and will not be fully availed of, His Excellency the Governor in Council resolves to authorize the completion of the work of clearing away prickly-pear at Bellary, sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,350, of 29th May.

2. The Controller will accordingly extend the credit of the District Engineer of Bellary by Rupees 5,500 on this account, pending a specific transfer from other works in progress.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No. 970

Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.

Camp _____, _____ Taluk
_____ District.
The 23rd November 1872.

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

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

Enclosures. /

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to notice that in G.O. No. 1350 dated 29th May 1872 an allotment of Rupees 2000. was made from the Military Reserve of the year for the removal of Prickly Pear, and extension of the Native Infantry Regimental Bellary from the Estimate of Rs 10.330 sanctioned for the purpose in G.O. No. 1169 dated 20th April 1871.

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From 1871 Nos 5879.

The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division.

To,

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

No. 972

Dated 25th November 1872.
Received

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a statement of the Expenditure incurred on account of the Pulicat Bar Improvement Works during the month of October 1872.

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Maun Col. R.E.
Superintending Engineer
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Enclosure in a letter
No 1970 dated 25th
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Approved

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To Dist. Engineer Bellary
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14 " Mily. Dept.
In 5 despatch 16/12/02
P. C. 21/12/02

To " Despatch

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Govt. of {1872} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engr
Bellary

Dated

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G. O. 14th Decr 1872. No 2960.

Nos. 287 & 288

Prickly Pear at Kellamy.

Authority sanctioned for the completion of the work of clearing away Prickly Pear at Kellamy Pte Contractors P.W. Cutts desired to extend the Credit of Pte ... by Rs: 5,500 receiving a Receipt transfer of Pte for the work.

Lt. H. Bastyn