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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd September, 1873.*

No. 41. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Kuringepady, 11th August 1873, No. 76 :—

REFERRING to the Order of Government, No. 1,903 of the 28th July 1873, requiring an explanation of the cause of delay in the submission of certain estimates for Police Works in this district, I have the honour to report that the G. O. No. 2,340 of the 7th October 1872, calling for plans and estimates for the Police Works

noted in the margin, was received in the late Superintending Engineer's Office on the 16th idem, and it would appear from the records that the order

1. Station-house at Trinomanellore, }	No. 1
2. Do. at Valavanoor, }	Range.
3. Do. at Pinnalore, No. 3 Range.	

was communicated to the Range Officers concerned "for their information," but an approved plan of station-house was by an oversight omitted to be sent with it. This was forwarded by me on the 12th December 1872 to the Range Officers, requiring the immediate submission of the plans and estimates in question, and my requisition was complied with by the Officer in charge of No. 1 Range on the 23rd idem; but the papers were returned on the 7th January for a site plan and information as to the nature of soil, etc., at the proposed building site; there was some little delay in fixing the sites, as those wished for by the Police Authorities were not in the first instance selected by this department; however, all the papers relating to the Valavanoor and Trinomanellore stations were back in my office on the 14th February, and despatched (after examination) to the Superintendent of Police on the 20th idem, who returned them on the 13th March, and they were then forwarded to the Inspecting Engineer on the 19th idem, from whence they appear to have been sent on to Government on the 19th July 1873.

2. Considering that I have only one Estimate-maker in my office to examine and check the numerous estimates and plans received from the three ranges, I beg respectfully to submit that the papers in question were not detained in this office longer than absolutely necessary for proper scrutiny.

3. In respect, however, to the plan and estimate for the Pinnalore Station-house which left my office on a subsequent date, namely, 23rd July 1873, I must admit there has been very great delay owing chiefly to the Range Officer's inattention to repeated calls.

4. On the 15th November last, the late Superintending Engineer forwarded to the Officer in charge No. 3 Range an approved plan of a station-house with instructions to prepare an estimate for the same, adopting such foundations as the nature of the soil required; after repeated reminders these were received from the range on the 5th March 1873 in a very incomplete shape, without specification, site plan, etc. I, therefore, at once returned them to the Range Officer with a requisition to supply the omissions without further delay, but nothing was done, though several calls were sent from this office, until Mr. Sub-Engineer Wiffen took charge of the range, and then I visited and examined the site myself on 21st June and directed Mr. Supervisor Hicken in charge of the sub-division, to whom the Range Officer had transferred the papers and whom I happened to meet at Shatiatope, to submit the plans, instructing him also what foundations to put in, etc.

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I accordingly received these papers from Mr. Wiffen on the 26th June, sent them on to the Superintendent of Police on 7th July, and got them back from him on the 23rd idem, and on that same date they were sent on to the Inspecting Engineer for submission to Government.

P. S.—The Police buildings now sanctioned will be put in hand at once, and I hope to see them in occupation by January next.

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 2nd September 1873, No. 2,186.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 3.

ORDERED to be recorded; and distinct intimation given to the Police Department, Inspecting Engineer for Buildings, and District Engineers, that the grants for new Police Buildings entered in future Budgets for each district will be considered as lapsed at the commencement of the official year for which those Budgets are framed, except as regards buildings the plans and estimates of which shall have been submitted in sufficient time to admit of the orders of Government being passed on them previous to that date.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, South Arcot.
To all other District Engineers.
To the Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
„ Judicial Department.
„ Inspector-General of Police.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.
To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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 130 All other & most
 4 1/2 Improvements Building
 6 Paid Capt
 1 1/2 Hospital & Place
 1 1/2 Major's Quarters
 1 1/2 Camp

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PUBLIC WORKS.

to The District Engineer
South Arcot

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G. O. 2nd Sept 1873, No. 2186

NO. 41/42

Police Works

Letter from the District Engineer
South Arcot, submitting
explanation relative to the
delay in the submission
of certain Estimates for Police
Works in South Arcot
District, with
remarks

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