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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 9271328,329	491	Press Mis.
Dated	15.2.	1873.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th February 1873.*

No. 327. Read the following letters:—

From the District Engineer, Bellary, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Guntahal, 15th January 1873, No. 2,288.

With reference to G. O., No. 67, dated 9th December 1872, I have the honour to report that before the receipt of that order the compound wall of the Court-house at Bellary was nearly completed, and the gate made by Mr. Fraser.

Under these circumstances, I am compelled to request that the estimated cost of this work, Rupees 2,537, may also be sanctioned.

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. above referred to, I have the honour to report that Mr. Fraser was called on for an explanation of the irregularity noticed in paragraphs from 4 to 6 of the late Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 1,539, dated 30th September 1872, but that he left the district without furnishing the requisite information.

3. In conclusion, I have the honour to state that the transfer of funds referred to in paragraph 3 of G. O., No. 1,437, dated 31st October 1872, has not yet been made.

No. 328. From the District Engineer, Kurnool, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Kurnool, 21st January 1873, No. 66.

In reply to your memorandum, No. 26, dated the 18th instant, I have the honour to state that there was nothing irregular in my proceedings in connection with the Bellary Court-house.

2. When the plans and estimates were ready I was authorized, in writing, by Colonel Moberly to proceed with the works *to the extent the savings would allow*. At that time our accounts showed the savings to be Rupees 1,600, and to this extent the Overseer was directed to proceed. The accounts were then under revision, and as the Court-house was one of the buildings whose cost was involved with the timber accounts, I was uncertain how the savings might eventually stand. I inquired from time to time and the instant I found that the amount would probably be reduced I stopped the work. I think there is still a sum of about 700 Rupees to be paid for work and materials.

3. I consider that I have a right to complain of paragraph No. 4 of Major Vertue's report. I cannot suppose that he wrote it for the purpose of what is called "making capital;" but the least I can say is that it was very careless on his part to pen such a remark without having made the slightest inquiry as to its accuracy. Had he asked me (and we were in almost daily intercourse) or inquired in his own office or mine, he would have learned that I had ample written authority for what I did.

G. O., No. 1,437, dated 31st October 1872, was not communicated to me until a day or two before Colonel Bean left Bellary.

4. With regard to the substitution of a wire fence and hedge for a wall, I have to remark that this was considered in consultation with the Judge and the idea abandoned, as it is all but impossible to grow or maintain a hedge of any kind at Bellary; besides the wall is nearly completed.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
15th February 1873.

No. 329.

ORDER THEREON, 15th February 1873, No. 491.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 17.

UNDER the circumstances reported His Excellency the Governor in Council has no alternative but to sanction the entire cost of additional works carried out in connection with the new Court-house at Bellary estimated at Rupees 5,000; the funds for which will be provided by transfer from the sum surrendered from the Subsidiary Jail and Cutcherry allotments of the Bellary District.

Item No. 14.

2. Copy of Major Vertue's report to Government of the 30th September having been communicated to Mr. Fraser, and an explanation having been called for from him on the 21st September, that gentleman has no right to complain of Major Vertue's remarks; and the terms in which he alludes to them are not approved of.

3. The Court-house was occupied by the Judge in February 1872, and estimates for the additional work required were then promised by the Executive Engineer, who has given no explanation whatever of the circumstances under which their final submission was delayed till August. It is shown that he undertook a work estimated to cost over Rupees 2,500, on a written permission by the Superintending Engineer to proceed with work to the extent the savings would allow, the probable amount of which savings he himself estimated at the time to be only Rupees 1,600. He might have been justified by the Superintending Engineer's written order in commencing the smaller works, certainly not in undertaking the most expensive addition of all.

(True Extract.)

District
Superintending Engineer's Office.

Memo 28/2

A copy of G. O. by of 9th Decr is forwarded to Mr. Fraser with a view to the early submission of the report which the Govt have been awaiting regarding the irregularity of his proceed in connection with the Bellary Court House.

No. 2288.

District
Superintending Engineer's Office.

3rd Division.
Camp ~~untitled~~ -
Bellary 15 January 1873.

From, District
The Superintending Engineer

To, 3rd Division,
Bellary.
The Secretary to Government

Public Works Department
Fort Saint George

Enclosures.

Sir,

With reference to G.O. No. 67 dated 9th December 1872, I have the honour to report that before the receipt of that order, the Compound wall of the Post House at Bellary was nearly completed, and the gate made by Mr. Fraser.

Under these circumstances I am compelled to request that the Estimated Cost of this work Rupees 2537, may also be sanctioned.

With reference to para 2 of G.O. above referred to, I have the honour to report that Mr. Fraser was called on for an

P. W 1873 Deptt

Chief Engineer

Memo. No 26

d/18th Jan'y/73

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an explanation of the same

No 9 Decr/72 No 67 Ans

From, *MW 1872*
The District Engineer
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division
Bellary

To,
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Fort Saint George
No. 2288.

Dated 15th January 1873
Received 18th January 1873
Memo No 265
Reporting that the
Compound wall of the
Court House was nearly
completed & the gate
by Mr. Fraser before
the receipt of G.O. No. 1637
of 9th Decr/72 in which
that the estimate No
2537 may therefore
be sanctioned.

No 591-15th Jan/73

Transferred to
the Public Works
Department
No 9 Decr/72 No 67 Ans
of 31 Decr/72, No
1637 - Mr. Fraser
with the estimate
to explain the same
particularly
that the wall
of the Court House
was nearly
completed & the gate
by Mr. Fraser before
the receipt of G.O. No. 1637
of 9th Decr/72 in which
that the estimate No
2537 may therefore
be sanctioned.
No 327
23rd Jan/73

No
No 66

District Engineer's Office
Kurnool 21st January 1873.

From,

The District Engineer
Kurnool.

To,

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

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 26 dated the 18th Instant, I have the honor to state that there was nothing irregular in my proceedings in connection with the Bellary Court House.
2. When the plans and Estimates were ready I was authorized, in writing, by Colonel Moberly to proceed with the works to the extent the savings would allow: At that time our accounts showed the savings to be Rs 1,600 and to this extent the Engineer was directed to proceed: The accounts were then under revision, and as the Court house was one of the buildings whose cost was involved with

the timber accounts, I was uncertain how the savings might eventually stand: I enquired from time to time and the instant I found that the amount would probably be reduced I stopped the work.

I think there is still a sum of about 700 Rupees ~~still~~ to be paid for work and materials.

3. I consider that I have a right to complain of Para No 4 of Major Vertue's report: I cannot suppose that he wrote it for the purpose of what is called "Making Capital," but the least I can say is that it was very careless on his part to pen such a remark without having made the slightest enquiry as to its accuracy: Had he asked me (and we were in almost daily intercourse) or enquired in his own Office or mine, he would have learned that I had ample written authority for what I did.

G. O. No 1,437 dated 31st October 1872, was not communicated to me until a day or two before Colonel Deane left Bellary.

4. With regard to the substitution of a wire fence and hedge for a wall, I have to remark that this was considered in consultation with the Judge, and the idea abandoned, as it is all but impossible to grow or maintain a hedge of any kind at Bellary; besides the wall is nearly completed -

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedient Servant
William Massey

C.E.

District Engineer.

No. 91 P. H. O. *Amal*

Proceedings of the Madras Government

From, *22*
 The District Engineer }
 Bellary. } (H. E. No. 2288 of 15 Jan'y/73)
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Under the cir-

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 His Excellency the Governor
 in Council has no
 alternative but to sanc-
 tion the entire cost of
 additional works carried
 out in connection
 with the new Court
 House at Bellary es-
 timated at Rs. 5,000.
 The

M. S. E.

No. 100 of 12 Feb 73
 From, *22*
 The District Engineer }
 Bellary. } (H. E. No. 2288 of 15 Jan'y/73)
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P. O. 1873

To, *22*
 The Secretary to Govt.
 of Madras,
 The District Engineer,
 Chennai.
 Madras.

Dated 21st January 1873.
 By 25-
 The Secy to Govt.
 of Madras,
 The District Engineer,
 Chennai.

Reporting that the
 work was proceeded with
 the authority of Colonel
 Mauley & Major Foster's
 report was without any
 objection.

21st 591.15 July 73.

No. 328
 21st 591.15 July 73.

the funds for which will
be provided by transfer
from the sum surrendered
from the subsidiary jail
and Cutcherry allotments
of the Bellary District.

Item No. 14.

Copy of Major
Vertue's Report to Govern-
ment of the 30th September
having been communicated
to Mr Fraser, and an
explanation having been
called for from him on
the 25th September that
Gentleman has no right
to complain of Major
Vertue's remarks; and
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under which their
final submission was
delayed till August.
It is shown that he
undertook a work esti-
mated to cost over
Rupees 2500, on a
written permission by
the Superintending En-
gineer to proceed with
work

the work to the extent
the savings would allow,
the probable amount of
which savings he himself
estimated at the time
to be only Rupees 1600-

It might have been
justified by the Superin-
tending Engineers' written
order in commencing
the smaller works, -
certainly not in under-
taking the most expen-
sive addition of all.

Mr Fraser
will be expected to com-
ply more strictly with
Departmental Rules,
and set his Subordinates
a better example, now
that

of.
that he is in separate charge
of a District. G.M.W.

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To the J. L. B. Bellary District
" Controller
" J. L. B. Bellary

Rs. 13/2/73

Op 322 4505



Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer
Bellary

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 15th Feb 1873 No. 491

Nos. 327 & 329

Court House at Bellary.

Rs. 5000 incurred on the
additional works carried
out in connection with
the new Court House at
Bellary, sanctioned
with remarks.

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