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Government of Madras.

Public works **DEPARTMENT.**

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th February 1873.*

No. 490 Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Godavery, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 23rd January 1873, No. 578 —

I HAVE the honour to forward, for the consideration and orders of Government,

- 1 Letter from Lieutenant Dorward, R E, No. 328, dated 19th October 1872
- 1 Letter from Superintending Engineer, No. 2,738, dated 4th November 1872
- 1 Letter from the Superintendent of Police, No. 408, dated 6th November 1872
- 1 Memorandum from Superintending Engineer, No. 2,937, dated 18th November 1872
- 1 Letter from Lieutenant Dorward, R E, No. 421, dated 4th December 1872
- 1 Letter from District Engineer, No. 113, dated 12th December 1872
- 1 Letter from Superintendent of Police, No. 6, dated 3rd January 1873.

the correspondence as per margin relative to a charge of Rupees 14-4-8 for lowering the ground near the Police Hospital at Ellore after the floods of October last.

2. Lieutenant J. Dorward executed the work on emergency at the request of the Dresser in charge under paragraph 13 of Chapter XIX., Public Works Code, and I asked the Police Superintendent to pay for the same, this Captain Porteous refused to do on the grounds he had no funds, and the Range Officer should have applied to the Police Inspector who could have had the work done by the Constables. Subsequently Captain Porteous admits there would have been some delay in this proceeding, and the Dresser evidently, on very reasonable grounds, wished to have the vicinity of his hospital lowered to prevent the drainage running into it after such a flood which had brought the dirt from the adjacent bazaar about the place.

3 In his letter of the 3rd January 1873, No. 6, Captain Porteous recommends the charge should be defrayed out of the Public Works Budget, but simply on his own authority, and as he had in a similar manner directed the Dresser at Ellore, not to admit any members of this department when sick into the hospital claiming it as belonging only to the Police—see paragraph 1 of Lieutenant Dorward's letter which has been sent to the Inspector-General of Hospitals but no reply received—I am not prepared to recommend the outlay should be incurred by this department, not at all events until the Government have decided how far, and in what manner, Captain Porteous is authorized to proceed in such matters and to tell me that the officers of this department are to put themselves in communication with the subordinates of his department as regards the carrying out of work.

4. Had the Police at Ellore followed the example of Lieutenant A. Dorward R E, in the previous month and cut the canal bank in time, no such damage could have occurred as did take place in October; for there is no great difference in the fall of river on either occasion, but unfortunately no officer of this department happened to be at Ellore at the time, but, as soon as they could, they got to the place and acted at once in remedying matters, and it is not at all becoming to try and impute blame to them.

No. 491. ORDER THEREON, 20th February 1873, No. 573.

ACCOUNT, No. 34.

The necessary funds will be provided by savings from the Police allotment. The Ellore Range Officer's procedure in acting emergently on the Dresser's requisition is approved.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
20th February 1873.*

2. The Governor in Council observes with dissatisfaction the voluminous correspondence caused by a want of cordial co-operation between departments
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R E.
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Inspector General of Police.
,, Judicial Department.

Public Works Department

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*No 1100. Ellore Range Office
Ellore 19th October 1872.*

No 328.

From

*The Officer in charge of No. 1 Range
Godavery District*

To

*The Superintending Engineer
1st Division*

Sir,

Enclosure

*During the recent inundations the
Lummelair deposited sand on the Parade ground
round the Police Hospital at Ellore, in sufficient
quantity to raise the general level of the ground
above the floor of that building, so that, even after
a light shower, the ward was filled with drain-
age water. The dresser represented the matter as
requiring immediate attention, and I have there-
fore commenced work on the enclosed Estimate
in anticipation of your approval and of provision
of funds.*

*I have the honor to be very
Yours, J. L. Dorward Esq. Esq.
Executive Engineer Ellore Range.
True Copy*

*W. T. T. Esq. Esq.
District Engineer Godavery District*

District Engineer Godfrey

№ 408

From,

The Superintendent of Police
Godavery District

20.

The Superintending Engineer
1st Division
Dowlaisbaram

Sir,

In reply to your letter No 2738,
dated 11th November 1872. I have the honor to
inform you that I have no funds to meet the
expenses alluded to by you; nor do I think the
expenditure should have been incurred without
previous communication with this Department.

The Inspector of the Division was the proper person for the Director to communicate with, had he done so, the Inspector would have had the sands and silt removed from the hospital by some Constables without any expense to Government.

I have the honor to acknowledge
 /Sd/ C. A. Porteous Captain
 Superintendent of Police G. O.
 /True Copy/
Wm. L. L. L.
 District Engineer Gadag District

Superintending Engineer Office 1st Div.
Dowlaishuram 18 November 1872
912

No 2937.

Memorandum

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108 Dated

November 1872

With reference to the Estimate herewith
returned unpassed which accompanied his
letter No 328 dated 19 October 1872 the Executive
Engineer in charge No 11 Range Hyderabad is
informed that under the circumstances stated
in the letter from the Superintendent of Police
(Copy enclosed) this Office is not prepared to
make any appropriation for the Estimate above
referred to. On the contrary Lieutenant Dowland
is requested to recover the money already
spent in clearing away the sand round the
Hospital from the Doctor at whose request
the work is stated to have been undertaken.

J. P. Fischer Lieut Col R.E.
Superintending Engineer 1st Div.

/ True Copy /

W. T. Fisher Lieut Col R.E.

District Engineer Hyderabad District

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No. 4 Range Office
Ellora 14th December 1872
No. 21

From
The Assistant Engineer
No. 4 Range Godavary Dist
To
The District Engineer
Godavary District
Sir

Rs
14-4-8

In your letter No 2937 dated 18th November 1872, you directed me to recover the amount which was expended on emergency in clearing away the sand which had been deposited by the Lameelair round the Police Hospital from the Hospital Assistant in charge, who requested me to do the work. On writing to the Hospital Assistant in accordance with the above order, he referred the matter to the Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals.

2 He denies altogether that he is subordinate to the Police Department and asserts his independent position. He has never, hitherto, he states, corresponded through the Police Department, but always direct; and he does not

not draw his pay through them but through the Civil Surgeon. In so far as his utility to this Department is affected by the orders issued to him / he says, irregularly (by the Police Superintendent), I requested, again in my letter No 158 dated 20 June 1872 to get the matter authoritatively settled.

3. Captain Porteous states his opinion that I should not have incurred the expenditure without communication with his Department. That is, I should have written to, and waited for a reply, from Rajahmundry or Narsipore; for I am not authorized to communicate in official matters with Police Authorities.

4. In this opinion he is clearly wrong, and he appears to forget that the question of time is involved in the very term 'emergency'. The building is 'harm' in my notion of public buildings and is therefore, in a measure, under my charge. The Hospital Assistant represented to me that the grounds had been so raised as to flood the Hospital after every shower. He was the only medical officer available

available but no professional skill is ¹³⁷¹ ¹³⁷² required to see that this state of things was extremely adverse to the well-being of the patients. It was at a time when more rain might have been reasonably looked for and that speedily; for it was at the beginning of a monsoon. Unquestionably any delay such as that advocated by the Superintendent of Police would have been injurious; and I therefore in no way exceeded the discretion allowed to me, in acting at once. That you approved of my action, is apparent to me from your having countersigned the Estimate and sent it on.

5. The Superintendent, and his assistant, were both in Ellore soon after the flood; and left, I believe on the same day that I arrived. They, of course, inspected the Hospital. The evil under reference was so obvious (they could not have gone into the back verandah without sinking ankle-deep in mud) that they could not have failed to notice it. It is difficult, therefore to understand why they did not at once remedy it.

it in the manner described by Captain Porteus, I can only imagine that, at that time they considered that it was not their work.

I understand that several letters have been addressed to the Dy. Commr. General of Hospitals regarding the position of this Hospital assistant, without having elicited any reply. Possibly, that Officer may not consider the present matter of sufficient importance to refer to Government, by which means alone, I suppose, he can get the money refunded. Under the circumstances set forth in Para 4, I would respectfully suggest that the Police are bound to find the money, and if they still refuse to do so, I trust you will bring the matter to the notice of the Chief Magistrate and request him to decide whether or not, in case of emergency connected with the Police, the District Superintendent has power to settle the action of the Range Officer.

I have the honor to be
Yr. Obedt. Servant
J. P. Domard Esq. R. S.
Asst. Engineer, Ollore Range.
Most Respectfully
District Engineer Godavari District.

District Engineer's Office Godavari
Dowlaiswarum 12 December 1872

No 113.

From

The District Engineer
Godavari

To,

The Superintendent of Police
Godavari District

Sir,

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Addressing to your letter No 1108 dated 6 November 1872 relative to the expenditure incurred in clearing away sand round the Police Hospital at Ollore, I have the honor to forward for your consideration a letter on the subject from Lieutenant Domard the Officer in charge of the Ollore Range and to request you will be good enough to return it with your views, to enable me to decide whether the whole correspondence should or should not be laid before Government.

* To be returned.

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/ True Copy /

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District Engineer Godavari District

District Engineer Godavari District

No. 6. Office of the Supt of Police G. W.
Rajahmundry, 3rd January 1873

From
Captain B. A. Postens
Superintendent of Police G. W.

To
The District Engineer
1st Division
Woulachurum

Sir,
In returning the letter of Lieutenant
Dorward, Assistant Engineer in charge of Ellore
Range, and in reply to your letter No. 2738 dated 2nd
4th November 1872, I have the honor to inform
you that my views are still exactly those stated
in my letter No. 408, dated 6th November 1872.
I was at Ellore and visited the Hospital. I
do not consider that the removal of the silt
was such an emergent matter there having
been two feet of water in the Hospital, the
removal of the silt from the verandah a day
or two sooner or later could not have materially
affected the state of the Hospital. Lieutenant
Dorward states that he is not inclined to
communicate with Police Subordinates, but
surely his dignity as Range Officer would not
have been any more infringed by communicating
on

P. M. 592/75.

on this matter with Inspector Pendergast, than
 easily meeting the requisition of W. report
 Ramaswamy. In discussing my relations with
 with the Medical Department, Lieutenant Howard
 goes beyond his province and as to his power so in
 the important post of "Range Officer" being forgotten,
 that is more imaginative than real. I would suggest
 this sum being defrayed out of the D. P. M. budget.

I have the honor to be your

/signed/ G. A. Fortous Captain
 Superintendent of Police

Yh.

/True Copy/

W. to the Hon. Lieut Colonel R. C.

District Engineer Godavari.

P.W. 592/73.
E.P.L. 12.5/3 of 20 Feb/73.
Enclosure in
letter P. 578 dated
23rd January 1873
from the District
Engineer Godavari
to the Secretary to Govt.
D. P. W. Madras

No 578. District Engineer's Office Godavari
Wolairahwarum 23 January 1873

From

Lieut Colonel J. F. Fisher R.E.

District Engineer Godavari

To

Colonel J. W. Walker R.E.

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

Madras

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Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

W. H. Tucker Lieut Colonel R.A.
District Engineer Godavery

Just District Insp. 2. 1. 73

No 573 P.H.D.

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To the St Engineer Godavery
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"Just District"
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No 3 of 1873 P.H.D. 4-2-73

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No 5 of 1873-20 Feb 1873

Forwarded for consideration and order of Government certain correspondence between the Superintendent of Police Godavery District and the Department relating to the charge of No 14-4-8 of 1873 on certain Government papers deposited at the Police Station at Ellore

No 578

Dated 23rd January 1873
Received 29th 3/1873

To the Secretary to Govt
Godavery
20th Feb 1873 - Madras

To the St Engineer Godavery
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"Just District"

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Engineer and Super.
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To The District Surgeon
Godavari

Date

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Police Hospital at Ellore.

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to be provided by savings
from the Police allotment;
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proceeding in carrying
out the work approved
of cooperation.