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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
5th March 1873.*

No. 97. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 8th February 1873, No. 942:—

I HAVE this day received G. O., No. 346, of 3rd February, in which the Government have been pleased to censure me with reference to the Dhoby Wells.

2. I beg to point out that the actual sites for the new Dhoby Wells were not fixed by Captain Wood, and he intended to select the actual sites for them when the work was about to be carried out. The matter was carefully looked into after my arrival here, and sites were selected in Government ground, which would extend the area from which water would be drawn.

3. I may add also that the wells now ordered to be closed contained good water (*vide* Dr. Nicholson's report), and would have added fully 5,000 gallons a day to the yield of the Dhoby Wells. The wells in no way endangered the stability of the tank bank, and there was no leakage through the bank. All the water of the wells came through the stratum a good deal below the tank bank, and filtered through at least 60 feet of good laterite gravel.

4. It is my firm opinion (as I have already reported) that the wells ordered to be abandoned would have been most useful, and I feel quite confident that had a closer investigation been made they would not have been abandoned.

5. I would therefore respectfully urge that the censure implied by the G. O. is hardly justified by the circumstances, and I am clearly of opinion that no better sites can be fixed upon to increase the supply of good water from the Dhoby Wells.

6. In conclusion, I wish to state that the sites were marked out when the Superintending Engineer was in Bangalore and approved of by him, and it seems to me, with all due deference, that I was justified in proceeding with the work at once.

No. 98. ORDER THEREON, 5th March 1873, No. 703.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 15.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason why the Bangalore District Engineer should take offence at the remark in G. O., No. 346, of 3rd February, that he and the Superintending Engineer took upon themselves a grave responsibility in departing from the exact sites of the wells, as delineated in the sketch originally submitted to them. The Water Supply Works at Bangalore have not been on the whole carried out as systematically and carefully as was to be desired; and it should suffice to Captain Vibart to be told once for all that the Government do not acquiesce in the sites chosen by him for five of the wells in question.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bangalore.
„ Inspecting Engineer for Buildings.
Exd. S. T. Austin.

Govt. of 1873 Mys. Indras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
THE DISTRICT ENGINEER BANGALORE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated March 5th.

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 5th March 1873, No. 703.

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Nos. 97-98

New Dhoby Wells at Bangalore.—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Bangalore, requesting to be relieved of the censure passed on him in G. O., No. 346 of 1873, in regard to the sites for the Dhoby Wells.

No 942

District Engineer Office
Bangalore: Feb 4/7.
Distd 10°

From

The District Engineer
Bangalore.

To

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.

Sir,

I have this day received G. O. No. 346 of 3rd February in which the Govt. have been pleased to censure me with reference to the Dhoby Wells. I beg to point out that the actual sites for the New Dhoby Wells were not fixed by Captain Wood and he intended to select the actual sites for them when the work was about to be carried out. The matter was carefully looked into after my arrival here and sites were selected in Government ground which would extend the area from

which water would be drawn.

I may add also that the wells now ordered to be closed contained good water (vide Dr. Nicholson's report) and would have added fully 5000 gallons a day to the yield of the Dhoby Wells. The wells in no way endangered the stability of the tank bank and there was no leakage through the bank. All the water of the wells came through the stratum a good deal below the tank bank and filtered through at least 60 feet of good laterite gravel.

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I would therefore respectfully urge that the censure implied by the L. O is hardly justified by the circumstances and I am clearly of opinion that no better site can be fixed upon to increase the supply of good water from the Dhoby Wells.

In conclusion I wish to state that the sites were marked out when the Superintending Engineer was in Bangalore and approved of by him and it seems to me with all due deference that I was justified in proceeding with the work at once.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your Most Obedt Servt.

Henry Vivian Esq. Capt. R.E.
District Engineer Bangalore.

No. 703
 Proceedings of the Madras Government
 Under date the February 1873
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On the District Engineer ^{to the} ~~to the~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ⁸ ~~8~~ February 1873
 Bangalore

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 works at Bangalore have not

M.
 [Signature]

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P. M. 1873 March
 Bangalore
 The District Engineer

To the District Engineer
 Bangalore
 P. M. 1873
 No. 10-February 1873
 No. 11-February 1873

Respectfully submit
 that the enclosure in-
 closed in the G.O. with
 regards to the sites of
 the new water works
 is hardly practicable.

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To The District Commr
Bangalore

Date

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G. O. 5th class, No. 703.

No. 92498

New Whisky Wells at Ban-
galore. Passing orders
in letter from the D. Commr,
Bangalore, requesting to
be relieved of the censure
passed on him in G.O.
No. 341 of 1873 in regard
to the sites for the Whisky
wells.