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No. 460. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 9th April 1874, No. 74 :—.

1 Letter, No. 821, dated 31st March 1874, from Captain Brockman, R.E., with two enclosures.

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 688, dated 13th March last, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter from Captain Brockman, R.E., explaining why he should not be held personally responsible for the sum of Rupees 1,000 advanced to the contractor for the Sub-jail and Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Arealore in the Trichinopoly District.

From Captain R. R. E. BROCKMAN, R.E., Officer in charge No. 1 or Eastern Delta Range, Godavery District, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery District, dated Camp at Dowlaishweram, 31st March 1874, No. 821.

WITH reference to paragraph 2 of G. O., No. 688, dated 13th March 1874, relative to the advance of Rupees 1,000 made by me, as the Officer in charge of the Trichinopoly Range, to one Mooroogasa Moodelly, Contractor for the Sub-jail and Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Arealore in the Woodiarpolliem Taluq, I have the honour to submit the following explanations.

2. The Woodiarpolliem Taluq originally constituted one of the four ranges in the Trichinopoly District, and had for the ten years previous to its amalgamation with the Trichinopoly Range, in September 1872, been under the charge of a Sub-Engineer, Balasoondarum Moodelly ; consequent on the amalgamation that officer sent in his papers for pension, which he succeeded in obtaining, if I remember rightly, either in January or February 1873. This sub-division of the Trichinopoly Range was then left without a Sub-divisional Officer up to the date of my handing over charge of the same to the present Range Officer, Syed Yusuf, on the 1st July. The only subordinate I had to assist me in this remote part of the range was one Dhanacoty Pillay, Local Fund Overseer, who had the supervision of the whole sub-division for the four or five months, between the date of Balasoondarum Moodelly's retirement and the date of my handing over charge of the sub-division to Supervisor Syed Yusuf. During the earlier portion of this period, moreover, I had the duties of District Engineer to attend to from the 1st December to the 17th April, when Major Vertue, R.E., relieved me.

3. It will be thus seen that I had my hands full and my time and attention fully engaged during the most busy period of the official year, with very inadequate subordinate staff to co-operate with me. It was out of my power, therefore, to make arrangements for carrying out departmentally the Arealore Sub-jail and Deputy Collector's Cutcherry works, so I cast about to find a respectable contractor and one who had had prior experience to carry out the work at that remote station, which is 40 miles from Trichinopoly. It has always been a matter of extreme difficulty to induce skilled workmen from Trichinopoly or Combaconum to go so far as Arealore, a station where the necessaries of life are difficult to obtain, and where nearly all the drinking water in wells is brackish. I considered myself very fortunate, therefore, when Mooroogasa Moodelly volunteered to take up the contract, and to whom, after inspection of the many testimonials he held from Engineer Officers in the Great Southern of India Railway, regarding his qualifications and respectability as a contractor, I gave the contract. A formal bond with a carefully drawn up specification was entered into and signed by him, and he lost no time in making arrangements for collecting materials for carrying out the works. I was aware that the rates allowed in the estimates were very low, but as materials for these works had been collected in the neighbourhood by the late Sub-Engineer, and had passed muster with Major Oakes in 1869, and, moreover, as I had no time just towards the close of the official year to frame estimates on revised data for obtaining bricks,

from a greater distance, I accepted the quality originally approved of, impressing upon the contractor the necessity for tempering his clay with still greater care and attention. The man worked very hard and evinced every desire to afford me satisfaction. With the rates at which he worked I felt certain that he could not but sustain a loss, unless he were assisted from time to time by payments made for materials he had collected at site. It was with this view, and in order that no hindrance to the prosecution of the work might result, that I made the advances I did. It will be remarked that these advances were made by me after I had handed over charge of the district to Major Vertue and in my capacity of Range Officer, and were duly shown in my Range Accounts despatched to the Controller; when I handed over charge to Supervisor Syed Yusuf on the 1st July I introduced the contractor to him, and at the same time suggested that the latter should burn bricks at Keelapaloor or Therumanore, and that those which he had collected at Arealore should be disposed of by him to private parties; and I at the same time told the Supervisor that a high rate would have to be allowed for such bricks, that the estimate rates would require revision, and that I left him to arrange with the District Engineer what enhanced rates should be allowed for brick-in-chunam. The contractor was willing to burn bricks at the sites above indicated, and expressed his desire to give the fullest satisfaction with a view to a further and continued employment in the department and on works by which he could earn a competency. I have the honour to enclose copies of two letters subsequently addressed to Major Vertue, R.E., by the contractor, in which he still shows every willingness to afford satisfaction, and there is but little doubt that had he been met half-way that the works would have progressed unhindered, and the results been satisfactory. In taking over charge of the Woodiarpolliem Sub-division from me, Supervisor Syed Yusuf was aware how matters stood, and in so doing, I submit, undertook all the responsibility of any advances that had been previously made by me, and it should have been to his interest, no less than to that of Government, to have avoided the display of any *animus* towards the contractor, and have united with him in furthering the prosecution of the work. The remarks in the contractor's petition regarding his inability to obtain access to the District Engineer shows, if true, the difficulties the man had to fight against, whilst he was on his side so desirous of coming to an amicable settlement in the matter. Under these circumstances I submit that situated as I was, with the increased charge and responsibility I had thrown upon me during the five months I was Officiating District Engineer, for which I received no remuneration, and during which period, moreover, I was suffering from dengue fever, to say nothing of the reduced subordinate establishment I had under me in the Trichinopoly Range, that some palliation exists for my having acted as I did, *bona fide*, whilst, on the other hand it is a moot point whether any responsibility for the advance attaches to me after my having given over charge of the Woodiarpolliem Taluq to the present Range Officer.

No. 1.

The humble Petition of T. S. MOOROOGASA MOODELLIAR, Contractor of Sub-jail, etc., Works at Arealore, to Major J. VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, dated Oriore, Trichinopoly, 27th October 1873.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

When I obtained contract of the above works I expressly told to Captain R. R. E. Brockman, R.E., in whose charge the work was at the time, that I cannot get better materials than those already collected by Sub-Engineer Balasoondarum Moodelliar. The officer yielded to it, and when I had prepared materials, such as bricks, chunam, etc., he personally inspected and approved them, and made a second advance on the same. As I once chanced to see bricks of some best kind at Therumanore, I wrote to the officer and offered that, if any additional cost be paid to me, I would procure bricks from the place; the officer referred me to the present Range Officer who was soon to take charge; since the present officer came I showed him the endorsement, and he has ever put me off without any definite orders for the extra rates. The very first day the Supervisor came to the work spot, he, with an air of aversion, told to my face, "I don't like this man." "I will make arrangements." Although I know little English, yet I know its meaning. I have laid out nearly Rupees 1,350 on the work in the preparation of bricks which are burnt and ready

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at kiln, chunam which has been collected in a large quantity and pounded as per orders of Captain Brockman; firewood carted to the field and in jungles to be cut and carted; pandals erected, and many other materials; professional labourers advanced, etc. Your honour knows that in the present stage of the work it should be impossible for me to recover the sum.

2. When your honour had come to Arealore, I attempted several times to bring the matter to your notice, but the Range Officer's promises kept me back, and ever since your honour returned the officer only ordered me to cart bricks from Therumanore, never settling about the extra bandy hire.

Most respected Sir, I am the son of a Native Superintendent of this district, who has served a very long time in the Government and executed memorable works. I have, as contractor, carried out several works, each of a considerable amount in Great of Southern India Railway and this district and possess testimonials. I humbly beg to say that I feel utmost sorrow to see myself entangled in a way from which I fear I cannot free myself without loss being incurred; this would not be the case if Captain R. B. E Brockman, R.E., had still been in charge of the work; I beg to add that the promises which that gentleman officer made to me so as to encourage me to undertake works at such a village as Arealore are not likely to forthcome at present.

I therefore humbly solicit that your honour will be pleased to issue decisive orders on the following points and protect me thereby:—

(1.) To provide extra cost to be incurred if Therumanore bricks were to used.

(2.) To extend time up to 31st March 1875, as very little only can be executed during the present and next monsoons.

(3) To make prompt payments on materials prepared or collected as after as it should be convenient for the work.

For which act of charity I shall ever pray.

No. 3.

The humble Petition of T. S. MOOROOGASA MOODELLIAR, Contractor of Sub-jail, etc., Works, Arealore, To Major J VERTUE, R.E., District Engineer, Trichinopoly, dated Oriore, Trichinopoly, 27th November 1873.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,

That your humble petitioner received your kind order, dated 11th November 1873, No. 33, calling upon him to explain for the sum he has received on account of the above works, and he begs to state as follows.

He has already informed by a registered application, dated 27th October 1873, how much he has received from Captain R. R. E. Brockman, R.E., for the work, and what sum he has laid out in excess. He now begs to add the delay up to this date in the execution of the works is not owing to him but Range Officer, who did not up to this date issue any decisive order for bricks. Your honour's petitioner waited on the work spot up to Deepavaly feast, and as there was no chance of receiving any order, and as he had to wait for nothing, which cost him greatly in a foreign village, he came to Trichinopoly for the said feast, and remains here since the time expecting for orders. He has not absconded, and there is no necessity for him to do so.

He has collected on the work spot, etc., materials as follows (in the case of bricks he has carted to the field earth from Maroodiar padugay and other different places, respectively, of about two miles, to form a good mixture, and this your honour, of course, knows should have cost him much, besides Captain R. R. E. Brockman, R.E., and Mahomed Yusuf Sahib, the Deputy Collector, know what trouble he had to prevail upon the villages to get earth in the Padugay).

	Rs.
120,000 Bricks at 5 Rupees per 1,000 (actual cost)	600
400 bandy loads (about) earth, of which 250 bandy loads were washed away by the great rain on the 23rd October 1873, at 4 annas	100
480 parrahs of chunam burnt and mixed with sand and pounded, at 8 annas per parrah	240
100 bandy loads of firewood of which about 40 bandy loads have been carried by the above rain, at Rupees 1-8-0	150

		Rs.
Cost of pandal or shed consisting of 100 big bamboos and other materials	... ...	90
Value of firewood in jungle	... ...	30
20 moulds, 1 iron bucket, 6 mamoties, etc., materials	... ...	25
Advance for coolies	... ...	115
	Total...	1,350

He humbly begs to assure that the costs above alluded to are actual ones; the country bricks at Arealore are sold at 3½ or 4 Rupees per 1,000.

He humbly begs to add that if your honour would grant him permission to the following points, he is ready to carry out the work himself, viz. :—

1. The time to complete the work to be extended to 31st March 1875.
2. The work to be often and often inspected, and payments made monthly by your honour or any European gentleman officer.

He has already brought to your honour's notice, by the registered petition, the manner with which the present Range Officer treated him.

No. 461. ORDER THEREON, 22nd May 1874, No. 1,368.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 27.

IN his letter recorded with G. O., No. 688, dated 13th March 1874, the District Engineer, Trichinopoly, reported that a sum of Rupees 1,000 had been advanced by Captain Brockman, R.E., to the contractor for the Sub-jail and Deputy Collector's Cutcherry at Arealore, and that there was little probability of the recovery of the amount. Captain Brockman was accordingly called upon to show cause why he should not be held personally responsible for the sum which had been advanced without security, contrary to the standing orders of the department. With the above letter the District Engineer of the Godavery submits Captain Brockman's explanation, in which that officer enumerates the difficulties under which he laboured owing to increased duties and insufficient subordinate agency, and submits that it is doubtful whether responsibility for the advance attaches to him seeing that he had given over charge of the taluq to the present Range Officer.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council observes that the relieving officer might be held liable for advances on adequate security, but not for an advance contrary to the orders of the department. Meanwhile the Range Officer and District Engineer will do what they can to utilize the Contractor in carrying out the work on the revised sanction; failing which and recovery of the advances in full his future employment on any public work will be prohibited.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Trichinopoly.
" " Godavery.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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27th October 1873 Orion Trichonapolly

No 1.

To Major L'Vertue R.E.
District Engineer
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Trichonapolly

The humble petition of L. S. Moorooguse Modaliar Contractor of Subjail Vew works at Arealore

Most respectfully sheweth.

When I obtain Contract of the above works I expressly told to Capt R.R.E. Brockman R.E. in whose charge the work was at the time that I cannot get better materials than those already collected by Sub Engineer Bala Samudra Moodelly. The Officer yielded to it and when I had prepared materials such as bricks Chunam &c. he personally inspected and approved them and made a second advance on the same. As I was chained to see bricks of some best kind at Therumanore I wrote to the Officer and offered that if any additional cost be paid to me I would procure bricks from the place, the Officer refered me to the present Range Officer who was soon to take charge since the present Officer who was soon to take charge since the present

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When your honor had come to Arcalore I attempted several times to bring the matter to your notice, but the Range Officers promises kept me back and ever since your honor returned the Officer only ordered me to cart bricks from Theroomanoor never settling about the extra bandy hire.

Most Respected Sir

I am the son of a Native Superintendent of this District who was served a very long time in the Government and executed memorable works. I have as Contractor carried out several works each of a considerable amount in G. S. I. Railway and these District and possess testimonials. I humbly beg to say that I feel utmost sorrow to see myself entangled in a way from which I fear I cannot free myself without loss being incurred; this would not be the case if Captain D.R. Brockman D.R. had still been in charge of the work. I beg to add that the promises which that Gentleman Officer made to me so as to encourage me to undertake works at such a Village as Arcalore are not likely to forth-come at present.

I therefore humbly solicit that your honor will be pleased to issue decisive orders on the following points and protect me thereby

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2 — To extend time upto 31st March 1875 as very little only can be executed during the present and next Monsoons.

3 — To make prompt payments on materials prepared or collected as offer as it should be convenient for the work.

Yours

For which act of charity I shall
ever pray.

I beg to remain &c.

/Signed/ P. S. Moorooçasa Modaliar
Contractor

/True Copy/

/Signed/ H. M. Brockman Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer.

/True Copy/

Ltr. 2212 11th
P. Dawson Esq.
Lt. Col. R.E.
&c. &c. &c.

Wm. Tytler Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer Galle.

No. 3

27th November 1843, Orisse

Trichinopoly

To
Major J. Fortue R.E.
District Engineer
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Trichinopoly

The humble petition of P. S. Moorooçasa
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works Arrackore.

Most respectfully sheweth that,

Your humble petitioner received your
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have been carried by the

above rain at 1-8-0 ——— 150-0-0

Cost of Direct all & shed consisting

of 100 bgs bamboos and other materials 90-0-0

Value of firewood in jungle ——— 30-0-0

2 Pr moulds, 1 iron bucket, 6 mamatties &

materials ——— 25-0-0

Advance for Coolies ——— 115-0-0

Total Rupees 1.330-0-0

He humbly begs to assure that the costs

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above alluded to, are actual ones the Country bricks, at Arealore, are sold, at 3½ or 4 Rupees per 1000.

He humbly begs to add that if your Honor would grant him permission to the following points he is ready to Carry out the work himself. viz.

1. The time to complete the work to be extended to 31st March 1875.

2. The work to be often, and often inspected and payments made monthly by your Honour or any European Gentlemen Officer.

He has already brought to your honors notice by the registered petition the manner with which the present Range Officer treated him.

He begs to remain &c.

(Signed) T. S. Moroogasa Mudiliar
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Trichinopoly.

(True Copy)
(Signed) R. R. C. Brockman Capt. R.E.
Executive Engineer Godavery.

(True Copy)
W. Fitzherbert Lieut. Col. R.E.
District Engineer Godavery.

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Enclosure in a letter
No 74 dated 9th April 1874
from the District Engineer
Godavery to the Secretary
to Government. Madras.

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District Engineers Office Cody
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From

Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer Godavery

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt P.W.D.
Madras.

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With reference to para 2 of G.O. No 688 dated 13th March last, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter from Captain Brockman R.E. explaining why he should not be held personally responsible for the sum of Rupees 1000 advanced to the Contractor for the Sub Jail and Deputy Collectors Cutchery at Arcaloor in the Trichinopoly District.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant
Lieut. Fischer Lieut Colonel R.E.
District Engineer Godavery

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P. W. D.

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Under date the ~~187~~

Read the following:—

From the Dr Engr
Godavery

(H.E. No. 7487 - Aprl 1874)

In his letter recorded with G.O. No. 888 dated 13th March 1874 the Dr Engineer Trichinopoly reported that a sum of Rs. 1000 had been advanced by Capt. Broekman R.E. to the Contractor for the Sub Jail and Deputy Collectors Cutcherry at Arcadoor, and that there was little prospect of the possibility of the recovery of the same. Capt Broekman was accordingly called upon to show cause why he should not

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From Lt. Col. Dickson Engineer
Godavery
To A. J. Stuart Esqr
Secretary to Government
Madras.

Dated 9th October 1874.
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Endorsed G.O. No. 406 dated 22nd Sept. 1874.

From Captain Broekman
Asst Executive Engineer in charge
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he should be personally
held responsible for the
advance made to Contractor
of Sub Jail and Dy Collectors
Cutcherry at Arcadoor in
the Trichinopoly District

No. 406

G.O. No. 1308 P. 22-9-74.

Copy to Chief Engr & Secy

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To

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" Godavery ✓
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To

The Dist. Engr.
Nellimoolay

Dated

Rcvd. Encl. 3.

G. O. 22d May 1874 No. 1368

Nos. 460-461.

Captain Brookman. RE.

Passing orders on the explanation of Captain Brookman RE ~~[illegible]~~ as to why he should not be held personally responsible for the sum which had been advanced to a Contractor in connection with the ~~[illegible]~~ by Collector Cuttack & Sub Jail at Arcadore in the Nellimoolay E