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5th August 1874.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 116. From G. R. LEGGATT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 27th March 1874.

In reference to G. O., No. 373, dated the 14th February 1874, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day submitted to the District Engineer of Madura the completion certificate for the works enumerated in the list attached to the Government Order under reference.

2. I must express my deep regret at having neglected to furnish these certificates before leaving Madura on privilege leave, but I can assure you the Government Order quoted by the officer in temporary charge of the Madura Range quite escaped my notice or recollection; and as when I assumed charge of the Madura Range in February 1870, I was called upon to furnish certificates for between sixty and eighty works carried out by my predecessor, I was under the impression my successor would have furnished the certificates for the eighteen works under reference.

REFERRED to District Engineer, Madura, for any remarks he may have to make regarding the sufficiency of the certificates, report of supply of which should have been forwarded through him.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 117. From Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated on Circuit Kodicanal, 20th May 1874, No. 648.

In reference to your memorandum of 8th April 1874, forwarding Mr. Leggatt's report (herewith returned) for my remarks on the sufficiency of the completion certificates issued by him, I have the honor to bring to your notice that of the eighteen works for which he has issued certificates, only eleven have been inspected, as it would appear, by him on the last occasion of his visit to this place, as the remaining seven had already been finally visited by him before he left Madura on privilege leave.

2. As regards these seven works it is difficult to understand how such long intervals as those that passed could have occurred between the date of his last inspection and that of his signature to the certificate, in each case. One of the certificates, it is observed, bears the dates 17th May 1873 and 27th March 1874, as those respectively of last inspection and signing the certificate; and I am at a loss to know what could have possibly prevented Mr. Leggatt's furnishing the certificate immediately after his inspection of the completed work, as required by paragraph 35, Section II. of the Manual.

3. These certificates are however, with one exception, satisfactory in other respects, and I have therefore this day initialled them and forwarded them to the Controller.

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4. The exception is for the maintenance of the road from Vundyoer to Tiroomboor. After the long interval that has elapsed since the work alleged to have been carried out was inspected, I cannot see how it is possible to certify that the work has been "fully executed to the extent of the estimate," etc., etc., and I cannot say from my own personal experience of the road that I feel satisfied that that expenditure was bona fide incurred.

No. 118. ORDER THEREON, 5th August 1874, No. 2,154.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

ORDERED to be recorded. The punishment already inflicted on Mr. G. R. Leggatt will serve as a warning to him against future carelessness and delay in the inspection and measurement of work and supply of completion certificates.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer Madras.
" " Ganjam.

Madras

27th March 1874.

From G. R. Leggatt Esquire
Executive Engineer
Madras,

Robert G. Walker Esq.

Secretary to Government
Madras.

Sir

In reference to G. O. no 373 dated the 14th February 1874, I have the honor to inform you that I have this day submitted to the District Engineer of Madras, the completion certificates for the works enumerated in the list attached to the G. O. under reference.

I must express my deep regret at having neglected to furnish these certificates before leaving Madras on private leave but I can assure you the G. O. quoted by the Office in temporary charge of the Madras Range quite escaped my notice or recollection and as when I assumed charge of the Madras Range in February 1870 I was called upon to furnish certificates for between 60 and 80 works carried out by my predecessor I was under the impression my successor would

Georg Ritzger 3. u. 4. Aug.

Refused to bring evidence for any
testimony of the witnesses. Refused
to say how he made up his mind
that the witnesses should have been
examined.

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Vicent Colonel V. A. Roberts & Co
District Engineer, Madras

To
Colonel G. W. Walker & Co.
Chief Engineers & M.
Madras.

Enclosure 1
Original letter
of 27 March 1874
from Mr. Siggall.

Sir,
In reference to your Memo
of 8 April 1874, forwarding Mr
Veggall's report (herewith returned)
for my remarks on the sufficiency
of the completion certificates issued
by him, I have the honor
to bring to your notice that of
the 18 works for which he has
issued certificates, only 11 have
been inspected, as it would appear
by him on the last occasion
of his visit to this place, as the

remaining 7 had already been finally visited by him before he left Madras on privilege leave.

2. As regards these 7 works it is difficult to understand how such long intervals as these that passed could have occurred between the date of his last inspection and that of his signature to the certificate, in each case. One of the certificates, it is observed, bears the dates 17 May 1873, and 27 March 1874, as those respectively of last inspection and signing the certificate, and I am at a loss to know what could have possibly prevented Mr Viggatt's furnishing the certificate immediately after his inspection of the completed work, as required by paragraph 35 Section II of the Manual.

3. These certificates are however, with one exception satisfactory in other respects, and I have therefore this day initialled them _____ and forwarded them to the Controller.

4. The exception is for the maintenance of the road from Vandiyoor to Tirumaloor. After the long interval that has elapsed since the work alleged to have been carried out was inspected I cannot see how it is possible to certify that the work has been fully executed to the extent of the estimate &c &c. and I cannot say from my own personal experience of the road that I feel satisfied that that expenditure was bona fide correct. I

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To The Dist. Engr.
Madras

Dated

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G. O. 5 August 1874, No 257

Nos. 116-118.

Completion Certificates.

Letter from the Dist. Engr.
Madras regarding
the Certificates fur-
nished by Mr. Ex. Engr.
Leggett as directed
in G.O. No 373 of 1874,
Recorded with re-
marks.