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No. 11. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Cuddapah, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Goovalchervoo, 4th June 1874, No. 441 :—

WITH reference to Government Order No. 456, of 24th February 1874, I have the honor to inform you that I have delayed answering in hopes of getting the records from the District Engineer of Kurnool in order to give correct dates ; but as I am told that the file connected with the claims of Arunagiri Achary was forwarded to you with Mr. Fraser's report on the charges against Mr. Crowe on 28th May 1873, and as there seems to be a hitch about getting copies, I will supply what information I can from memory, which can be verified from the records in your office.

2. There was a sum of Rupees 1,600 allotted in April 1871 for the road from Cumbum to Cuddapah, and on my receiving, in August 1871 I think, the petition claiming, if I remember rightly, a sum of Rupees 250, I directed Mr. Hudson to pay the Contractor out of this grant of Rupees 1,600 to be adjusted afterwards when the estimate, which had been submitted, was sanctioned.

3. This estimate of Rupees 25,430 was, I find, sanctioned in Government Order No. 69, of 9th October 1871, and a sum of Rupees 5,000 was allotted, so that if he could not have settled the claim as I directed he might have done it in the end of October or beginning of November.

4. If any further information is required I beg I may be furnished with the file.

No. 12. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1874, No. 2,471.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 2.

It appears from the late Mr. Fraser's notes of evidence taken in connection with the charges against Mr. Supervisor Crowe, that report was made to Colonel A. Moberly regarding Contractor Arunagiri Achary's claim for work done on the Cuddapah road, by Mr. Supervisor Stephens on 7th December 1870; that on the 11th December 1870 the Contractor petitioned Colonel Moberly for payment of a bill of Rupees 2,300 (not Rupees 250 only as stated in his letter under notice); that on 22nd December Colonel Moberly replied to Mr. Stephens, but gave no decision; that on the 9th March and 25th June 1871 the Contractor again applied to Colonel Moberly for payment, and report was called for on 30th June and supplied by Mr. Conductor Hudson on 26th July; whereupon Colonel Moberly directed Mr. Hudson, under date the 30th August, to "dispose of the whole matter himself at an early date and before going on leave." Finally, Mr. Hudson left the district in February 1872 without doing more than report, or making any definite attempt at settlement, or recording the data for a settlement by measuring up and valuing such work as was entered in the Contractor's bill.

2. It was no justification of such neglect of duty and repeated orders that there were no funds available to meet the demands of the Contractor. The allotment of Rupees 1,600, alluded to by Colonel Moberly, was probably required for

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current work; but Rupees 5,000 more appears to have been available in October; and if Mr. Hudson could not have actually settled with the Contractor before he left in January, he could at least have recorded what were his just claims, and so prevented the heavy loss to Government caused by Mr. Supervisor Crowe's payment in the following July. So far Colonel Moberly is justified as against Mr. Hudson's report.

3. But neither in his correspondence, nor in his only recorded visit to Mr. Hudson's Range in January 1872, did he call for and see produced such measurements and valuation of the work, for which a claim was known to him to have been pending for upwards of a year, as would have formed the basis of its settlement, so far therefore he must be held responsible for the loss incurred. It is incumbent upon a Superintending Engineer to realize the exact points of the questions that come before him, to prepare the way for their solution, and not to rest till they are solved.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
,, Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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Cuddapah District Engineer's Office
Camp. General Order dated 4th June 1874.
From The District Engineer
Cuddapah

To The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,
With reference to Government Order No 456 of 24th February 1874, I have the honor to inform you that I have delayed answering in hopes of getting the records from the District Engineer of Kurnool, in order to give correct dates; but as I am told that the file connected with the claims of Annagisi Achari was forwarded to you with Mr. Fraser's report on the charges against Mr. Crowe on 28th May 1873 and as there seems to be a hitch about getting copies I will supply what information I can from memory which can be verified from the records in your Office.

There was a sum of Rs 1600-/- allotted in April 1871 for the road from Kumbum to Cuddapah and on my receiving, in August 1871 I think, the petition claiming, if I remember rightly, a sum of Rs 250 I directed

The District Engineer, Cuddapah No 2300

Mr

Mr Hudson to pay the Contractor out of
this grant of Rs 1600, to be adjusted afterwards
when the Estimate which had been sub-
mitted, was sanctioned.

This Estimate of Rs 25430 was I find
Sanctioned in Government Order No 69 of
9th October 1871 and a sum of Rs 5000 was
allotted, so that if he could not have settled
the claim as I directed, he might have done
it in the end of October or beginning of November.

If any further information is required
I beg I may be furnished with the file.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

W. Webb Esq. Supt. Col. R. E.
District Engineer.
Coimbatore.

W. Webb

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The Hudson to pay the Contractor out of
this grant of Rs 1600, to be adjusted afterwards
when the Estimate, which had been sub-
mitted, was sanctioned.

This Estimate of Rs 25,130 was I find
Sanctioned in Government Order No 69 of
9th October 1871 and a sum of Rs 5000 was
allotted, so that if he could not have settled
the claim as I directed, he might have done
it in the end of October or beginning of November.

If any further information is required
I beg I may be furnished with the file.
I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant.

W. Allsop Supt. C. & R. E.
District Engineer.
Loodhiana.

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Public Works Department

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Read the following:-

Letter from Colonel A. Incherly R.E. No 441
of 4th June 1874.

It appears from the late Mr. Fraser's notes of evidence taken in connection with the charges against Mr. Supervisor Browne, that report was made to Colonel A. Incherly regarding Contractor Annagini Acharji's claim for work done on the Zuddapah Road, by Mr. Supervisor Stephens on 4th Dec 74. That

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Pring 30/1/74 No: 3407

From Mr. District Engineer

Madras.

To

Mr. Secretary to Government

Public Works Department.

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June 1874.

Officer in charge of the
with reference to P. O.

No 456 of 24th February 1874.

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That on the 11th Dec 1870,
the Contractor petitioned
Ct. Moberly for payment
of a Bill of Rs 2,300,
(not Rs 250 only as
stated in his letter under
notice). That on 22nd
December Ct. Moberly
replied to Mr Stephens
but gave no decision.
That on the 9th March,
and 25th June 1871, the
Contractor again applied
to Ct. Moberly for pay-
ment; and report
was called for on 30th
June, and supplied
by Mr Conductor Hudson
on 26th July. Whereupon
Ct. Moberly directed
Mr Hudson under date
the 30th August to "dispose
of

of the whole matter
himself at an early
date and before going
"on leave". Finally
Mr Hudson left the
district in February
1872, without doing
more than report
or making any defi-
nite attempt at
settlement, or recording
the data for a settle-
ment by measuring
up and valuing each
work as was entered
in the Contractor's Bill.

It was no justifi-
fication of such
neglect of duty and
repeated orders, that
there were no funds

available to meet the
demands of the contractor.
The allotment of \$1,000
alluded to by Colonel
Ingham was probably
required for current
work; but \$5,000
more appears to have
been available in
October; and if he
could not have actually
settled with the contractor
before he left in
January, he could
at least have recorded
what were his just
claims; and so pre-
vented the heavy loss
sustained by Mr.
Supervisor Crowe's
payment in the
following

implied
in "50/100" x
Colonel Ingham
did not have
sufficient to his
credit in 1872 x
will

following July. So
far Col. Ingham is
justified as against
Mr Hudson's report.

But what he failed
to do was, that neither
in his correspondence
nor in his only re-
corded visit to Mr.
Hudson's Range in
January 1872, did he
call for and see pro-
duced, such measure-
ments and valuation
of the work, for which
a claim was known
to him to have been
pending for upwards
of a year, as would have
formed the basis of
its

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Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The Dist. Ingr
Cuddalore

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 1st Sep 1874, No. 247/

No. 11-12.

Colonel A. S. Moberly

Passing orders on
the explanation sub-
mitted by Col Moberly
~~regarding the~~
~~in connection with the~~
~~claims settlement of~~
~~the claims of the~~
~~Contractor in connection~~
with Cuddalore road.