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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
7th February 1874.*

No. 141. 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 Dowlaish-weram, 15th December 1873, No. 2,783 :—

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum of the 28th November 1873, No. 466, drawing my attention to G. O. of the 28th July 1873, No. 171, regarding the boring for coal at Bedadanole, which it is alleged I had misapprehended; but I beg very respectfully to observe, paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 25th September 1873, No. 2,368, distinctly declares "that the *first* practical step to be taken is to place Mr. Vanstavern in charge of *all* further necessary coal explorations, *especially* that of the Bedadanole field;" there was then nothing more for me to do in the matter, and this I beg may be submitted to Government to explain any delay that has occurred.

2. Further, by G. O. of the 23rd July 1873, No. 152, communicating the orders of Government in the Public Department of the 14th May 1873, No. 502, paragraph 2, the Government expressed a desire for Mr. King to carry out the boring experiment as soon and as completely as possible, I was therefore quite at a loss to know what to do in this matter; certainly, to my own mind, this latter course appears to afford the best promise of any results being obtained, and I am quite prepared to accompany Mr. King and give him all the assistance I can, and this appears also to be the course desired by the Government in G. O. of the 18th June 1873, No. 632, Public Department.

3. I have no pretensions to being a Geologist, and in that range I have only a Supervisor doing the duty of a Range Officer, who perhaps knows more of the subject than I do myself; the locality where these coal fields are said to exist is a dense jungle and very feverish at this time of the year, so much so the work people will not go there till February, I beg therefore to solicit you will be pleased to move the Government to allow these operations to be deferred for a short time, and this will enable me to get up some proper boring tools, etc., and give Mr. King time to rejoin this district. At the same time I request an allotment of funds may be made and placed at my disposal of not less than Rupees 2,000; for such novel work in such a locality it is impossible to submit a regular estimate, but bills will be sent to the Controller for audit as the expenditure goes on.

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1874, No. 305.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 10.

THE District Engineer's explanation shows that some misapprehension has occurred in respect to the intentions of Government, which were that he should, with the means already at his disposal, make such preliminary arrangements as might be possible, without waiting for Mr. Vanstavern, an officer whose services were not till very lately placed at the disposal of the Madras Government though long since applied for.

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2. He will now render Mr. Vanstavern and Mr. King any assistance in his power; but his actual participation in the work on the spot seems unnecessary.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
,, Public Department.

No 2783 District Engineer's Office Godavery
Dowlaiswaram 15 December 1873
From Lieut. Col. J. F. Fisher R.E.
District Engineer
Godavery

To Colonel J. H. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
and Chief Engineer

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I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt servant

W. T. Tucker Esq. C. P. R.
(District Engineer Goswami)

Government expressed a desire for Mr King to carry out
the boring experiments desired.

At 3:46/72
At 3:00/74
At 3:15/74
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Under which the boring operations
for Coal exploration in No. 2
Borehole were not com-
menced and request for means
states that these undertakings
may be deferred for some
time.

At 27.83
December 1873

To The Chief Engineer
P.W.D.
Madras

At 3:15/74
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second set of...
The District Engineer...
have known better than
to have imagined that of
in order like that of
No. 171 of 28th July 1873
city instructing
The... to make immediate
preparations for the
boring operations...
and based...
minutes of the...
required... that
been... N. 2368
of the 25th Sept...
elicited by a letter from
the Govt of India and
repeating an opinion
already...
to these... Officers
Staver...
make...
the proper persons to
be entrusted with the
Coal & Petroleum
The...
made for Boring Ap-
paratus and a second

of Rs 2000 should have
been made by the Dis.
Trust business of the
Godavery being before
receipt of the order men-
tioning Mr. Van Staden.
Again the idea that
Mr. King was to conduct
forming operations him-
self should have been
completed. Disputedly
Mr. Medlicott's letter com-
municated with C.O. No.
8847 of 28th July. The
fact is that L. J. D. Fischer
is too apt to cherish &
act on his own, which
are not in accordance
with the positive orders
of Govt. which he receives;
a course of action which
may lead to unpleasant
consequences, if persisted
in.

It has been ascertained
from Mr. King that he will
not be ready to show the
ground at Beddandur.

The Dis. Commission
must not be misled
by the intention of
Govt. which was
that he should
with the means
already at his
disposal, make
such preliminary
arrangements
as might be
required, without
waiting for Mr.
Van Staden, in
order that some
idea will not
be lost till very late.
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disposal of the
Madras Govt.
through long since
afforded for
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and Mr. King may
appear in his
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tual participation
in the work on the
ground is necessary.

till February; intention
of which will be made
to the Govt. of India with
urgent repetition of the
request that Mr. Van Sta-
den may be directed
to lose no time in pro-
ceeding further with
his local forming no
later. There being no
Apparatus in the Public
Works Store available
for depths exceeding
50 feet - G.M.W.

I don't think that this will quite do - 1897
20th has not been put up - But if it has
been well gathered for other papers, I see
reason for the error in which Col.
Fischer has fallen for the tenor of the
subsequent orders - Indeed so far as
I understand the D. O. it is Mr. Van
& know the boring operation - If so
Marom & Col. Fischer - I fear
I will retain the last Para, & preparing
it a few words to the effect that the D. O.
states the close some general misapprehen-

A C. 2pang/176
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GMW

Enc-s. despatch to Dr. Hoanung 7/2/74.
P-C to do to 2/2/74

Dr. Hoanung
Pub. Dep't

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Sp. 6936

Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Commr
Madras

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 7¹⁸⁷⁴ "F. S. 305.

Nos. 141 & 142

(Paper in admission)

Coal Paving orders on
letter from the St. Insp.
Madras, explaining the
circumstances under which
the boring operations in
connection with Coal
explorations in Bedda-
nore fields were not
commenced.