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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 8th January **1874.**

Read the following papers:—

No. 72. From the District Engineer, Chingleput, dated 21st October 1873, No. 1,871.

ABSTRACT.—Reports on the work executed on Kanuparty Salt Cutcherry without sufficient authority, and how he stopped the progress of the work.

No. 73. From the District Engineer, Chingleput, dated 1st November 1873, No. 2,025.

ABSTRACT.—Requests information as to the points on which Government consider that he showed neglect of duty as Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 8th January 1874, No. 34.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 5. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Exd. W. H. French.
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No. 325

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To

The Officer Incharge

4th Range No. 2.

M'aculipatam
19th October 1713

No. 209 dated 29th September 1871.

Salt Cutcherry at Kamparty

M.r Franklin is requested to forward a Supplemental Estimate and Comparative Statement for completing the building.-

(signed) F. J. Mobert Lt. Col. R.E.
Superin.t Engineer 2d. Division

No. 209

To

The Superintending Engineer.
2nd. Division.

Dated 29th September 1871.

Refers to no. 428 dated 5th Instant making certain Remarks in the progress report for July 1871.

Repairing Vagur Tank Sluice —	The work was carried on on emergency to save the tank from breaking as the Villagers declined to do any thing an Estimate was prepared, but detained from submission owing to the Ayaent's account &c not yet received from the Tahsildar —
Constructing Stall Catcherry at Kaunpatt	Inspcts 349-8-5 was shown as due to contractor in the statement sent from this Office on 2d April 1870 but now only Rs 238 is granted for expenditure this amount will be paid to contractor but the work cannot be completed.
Road from Kotta -patam to Nundial	The information called for will be furnished hereafter.
Kelapand Rawarrah tank Pedda Irelapand tank	Will be commenced shortly after the Rains ones.
Somaragrepully Kondrayer Tank Chinna Laturpy Large tank Gudipand tank	In progress.

Repairing Sub-Ma -Jistrate Cutcherry at Mogallur	Will be completed before the close of the official year.
Improvement and Completion of the 4" Ribs of Cuyole and Kottapatnum Road	In progress, but work detained at present being rainy season.
Fair weather Road from Ponnaloor to Kanigherry	Will be completed in progress.
Road from Kanigherry to Vanula pand Ghaut	In progress.
Do from Do to Pedella.	Will be commenced.

I have &c
(signed). T. Franklin Superinr
No 4th Range Officer.

"True Copy"
(signed) A. Ottmann
Asst. Engineer.
Incl: Northern Range No 4.
(signed). R. Smith
Asst. Engr. Nellore

(True Copies)
F. Flesher Lieut. R.E.
District. Engineer Chingleput

Encl: in a letter from
the District Engineer
Chittagong to the Secretary
to Govt: P.W.D. dated 2d
Octr: 1873 No: 1891.

F.C. No: 34. 6-1-74
A.B. 1/2
P.W.D. 5708 J.
1/1/74

No 110

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To

The Officer Incharge
4th or Nathern Range.

Camp: Masulipatam
Dated 10th May 1869

No 31 dated 1st May 1869.

The construction of the Salt Cutcherry at Kanuparty was in last year stopped pending the decision of the Board of Revenue as to the expediency or otherwise of retaining the Motar at that station. Mr. Hall is requested to report under what authority the work has been resumed. No expenditure should be incurred on any work without funds being first allotted except under emergency.

(Signed) F. J. Moberly Lt. Col. R.E.
Super. Engineer 2d Division

No. 137

To

The Officer In charge
4th or Northern Range

Station. Masulipatam
Date 17th May 1869

Requests an Estimate for carrying out the additions in the enclosed sketch to Kamparty Salt Cutcherry to afford further accommodation

(Signed) F. J. Mobert Lt. Col. R.E.
Supr. Engineer 2d Division

No. 167.

To

The Officer In charge 4th or
Northern Range.

Masulipatam
30. May 1869

No. 47 dated 18th May 1869.

It appears that the unexpended balance on Kamparty Salt Cutcherry is only Rs 438 application has been made to Government for a grant. Mr. Sayer should not have recommenced work without proper authority which the Deputy Collector does not possess.

(Signed). F. J. Mobert Lt. Col. R.E.
Supr. Engineer 2d Division

No. 253.

To

The Officer Incharge
4th or Northern Range

Bezwada
3d July 1869

Request to expedite the dispatch of Estimate called for in this Office. No. 137 dated 17th May 1869.—

The progress of the Kamparty Salt Cutcherry work should be stopped at once till further orders.—

Mr. Hall should not have begun it without Departmental orders.

(Signed) F. J. Mobert Lt. Col. R.E.
Supr. Engineer 2d Division

No. 258.

To

The Officer Incharge
4th Range.

Bezwada.
Dated 5th July 1869

Subject.

Estimate for Kanuparty Salt Cutchery.

The Super.t Engineer had no funds to pay for this work he informed Mr. Hall in No. 110 that he should not do any work without sanction. Government have since refused any money in reply to the application which in No. 167 the Super.t Engineer told Mr. Hall he had made Lieutenant Colonel Mobert inform =ed Mr. Hall on 24th April personally that the Deputy Collector had no authority to order the execution of this or any other work but Mr. Hall appears to have neglected all instructions.

No specification report or Comparative statement accompanied the Estimate. In it the rate for roofing is entered at Rs 40-8-0 per square in Mr. Sayers schedules roofing appears at Rs 29-2-0 and taking range prices Rs 27-8-0 should be sufficient. Mr. Hall is requested to explain

(signed) F. J. Mobert Lt. Col. R E.
Super.t Engineer 2d. Division

A.I.O. Ex. 2 of 8-1-74
P.W. Stores.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Guindy, 21 October 1873.

No. 1871.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. W. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. D.

SIR,

Encls: 2
2 Sheets of correspondence between the Supt Engineer and the Northern Range Officer of Nellore.

In reply to G. O. No. 1403 dated 21st May, I have the honor to report that I have only just procured from the District Engineer Nellore some of the papers regarding Kanuparty salt Cutchery. Mr. Smith says he cannot find any more.

From these papers it will be seen that on 10th May 1869 I stopped work on the building, as there was some doubt whether the manufacture of salt would be continued at Kanuparty and was told in reply that the Deputy Collector had ordered it. I then called for an estimate and on 30th May No. 167 pointed out that the Range Officer should not have accepted the Deputy Collectors authority and again early in July I desired that the work should be stopped.

No. 31 dated 17th May No. 167 — 3rd July No. 253

From

From this last letter, it will be seen that I applied to Government for an allotment on the previous estimate - this it appears from my No. 258 dated 6th July was refused. I cannot understand why Mr. Smith cannot find a document which must have arrived between the writing of my No. 253 and 258, in which last letter I also objected to some of the rates.-

I am under the impression that none of the work done by Mr. Hall without authority was paid for, and that therefore I had little or no knowledge of the matter. I write from memory that I was given to understand that the Deputy Collector who induced the Range Officer to commence work, paid for it, and dropped the matter when he found Government would not grant an allotment.-

I am supported in this by extract from a Memo of Mr. Franklin's, who succeeded Mr. Hall in which he brings to notice the debt to the Contractor

No. 209 d/ 29th Septr 1854.

Contractor, in reply to which I again called for a supplemental estimate and comparative statement.

Mr. Hall was removed from Ongole under very suspicious circumstances and the complication arose entirely from his proceedings.

So far as I am able with the whole correspondence I have shewn that I kept nothing back from Government that I myself knew of.-

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient
J. Goldie Lt. Col. &
District Engineer

No.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Guindy, 1st October 1873.

No.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. M. MacMorn R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

SIR,

I have the honor most respectfully to request that I may be informed as to the points on which the Government consider that I should report in the Duty case adjudicating Engineer 2nd Division, stated in G.O. No. 267 dated 20th October. This is the first time during my service of 26 years that such charge has been made.

I am Assistant under Generals Div. A. Cotton - St. Cotton and Ord in the Godavery and Kistna Districts from 1849 to 1856 - and Executive Engineer 1st Grade Chingleput for a few months in 1866/67 During the whole of this time I found that

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Public Works 1873 Department
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From Dr. 5708

The District Engineer
Chingleput

To
The Secretary to
Government P.W.D.

Date 21
Rec'd 22 October 1873

No. 1871
Encls: 2

Reports on the
work executed on Ram.
Further Salt Factory
without sufficient authority
and how he objected
the progress of the work.

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No 72
Encl to Roc 24 Oct 73 R. Sec

that every body's object appeared to be to push on irrigation to the neglect of drainage; an effort made by me in 1854 to arrange for carrying off some of the enormous supply of water which we were pouring over the country was rather discouraged.

When therefore I was appointed to the 2nd Division in 1868, on my return from England, I applied to both His Excellency the Governor, and Colonel Orr then Secretary to Government for some other Division. or even to be superseded till another vacancy should occur. I was however alarmed at every consideration and on joining sketched out the general design of drainage so far as my previous Knowledge of the District admitted. I had occasion to modify and even remove some of Colonel Orr's early work, to do which I received his full consent. When I applied to his successor in the Secretaryship for a lighter Division Colonel Cuppendale answered that "though he had every wish to meet my views he found a difficulty in replacing me in this important District."

Captain A. Edgcome was in the District for a year, Captain A. C. Smith for 2 years and after I joined, they were then succeeded by Captains Smalley and Tibaut. Mr. Larew Executive Engineer was ill when I relieved Colonel Winscom and died some months after at Masulipatam. Mr. McAlpine had never seen an irrigation work before he came to the Kistna. Messrs Norris and Peters and Lieut. D Campbell were young hands who have learned their work during my stay in the 2nd Division, and

and were all of great use during
the last year of my stay.

The people of the District are well off and independent. They would undertake only such work as commended itself to their own personal wants and wishes and it was not till the heavy monsoon of 1871 that they fairly appreciated how liable they were to suffer from escape of water. I had moreover the misfortune of having as Collector, during most of my stay, a gentleman who was urgent for irrigation, and could not understand the necessity for drainage.

I make these remarks, as I saw lately in the Newspaper as an extract from Government Order that Major Huskd had reclaimed the Credit of having first seen the value or necessity for providing means of drainage.

In G. O. No. 2420 of 15th October 1872 Comparison is drawn between work executed while I was

was Superintending Engineer and under my successor. The Government have lost sight of the fact that the canals are opened in June and nearly all work is then stopped.

I left the Division only in May, and submit therefore that in fact work was done mainly during my tenure of office, but paid for after I left. Range Officers cannot afford to measure works more than once or twice in any district. They certainly cannot in the Kistna, and therefore very much of the measurements and payments are made at the last moment i-e in May and June, and my successor has therefore obtained credit for much that was really done in my time.

As to the particular case which has been now cited by Government I appeal to the order itself. Mr. Smith is censured

for

for want of clearness in stating a case and I am blamed unheard, because I could not understand the charge. So far as I am able I have answered it in my N°. 1871 of 21st October 1873, I would only repeat here my firm belief that the whole of the work at Kanupurdy was done by Mr. Hall, contrary to orders and was not paid for by him, and that consequently I could know nothing of the proceeding.

I trust that I have shewn cause for urging a reversal of the expressions of censure or for procuring some definite statement of my shortcomings.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servt
F. Lindsay Col RE
District Engr Chittagong

Dispatched on 26th Oct 74

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Letter from the District Engineer of Chingleput, dated 1st November 1873.

Circulated for Orders with 3 files of papers.

1. Orders relating to the Kanuparty Putcherry.
2. Orders relating to general Administration of the 2nd Division.
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Fort St George
27th November 1873.

W. Mumbee Lt R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Submitted record
Papers ordered by the Ct

For 1873. Depart. of Pub. Works
From
The District Engineer
Chingleput
To.
The Secretary to
Government,
Public Work. Depart.

Dated 1st } November 1873
Rec'd 3d }
No. 311 - 8th Dec. 1873.

Requests information as to the points on which Government considers that he showed neglect of duty as Superintending Engr 2d Division

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Notified to Party 3 Dec 1873

Public Works Depart.

Proceedings of the Board on Sept.

Read the following:-

From

The District Engineer } (H. E. Dep. 18/13 31st
of Chinglepet } Oct. /73.)

Ordered that recorded with reference to H. Dep. 2567 of 20th October.

Neither the letter nor its accompaniments shew cause for non report to Government respecting the landslip between May 1869 when a revised estimate was called for and April 1872 when Lieut. Moberly

Proceed as last suggested as soon travelling is for as stores contained out of the record and beyond any personal acquaintance with the landslip work.

Refer to the letter which needs action

28/11

I think it will be enough to record this and in future when the Engineer

S. Col.

E. 27-11-73. R. 10 Dec/73

left the 2nd Division, which was the first of the call made in para 4 of G. O. No. 403 of 21st May, to which they purport to reply.

G.W.V.

No. 962
1873

No. 254

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following:-

From

The District Engineer
" Chingleput } (M. E. No. 1871 of 21st May 73)
" Do " Do " (" " " 2025 " 1st June 73)

Ordered to be recorded.

Rd. 12th June 1873

No. 5962 + 5708

Govt. of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated

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G. O. 8th Jany 1874 No 34.

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Col Forbes Mr.

Letters

from Col Forbes, Dy
Insp. Gen. respecting, after-
ding explanation in con-
nection with the Kam-
barty Cuttcherry &
respecting in which
of the manner he neglected

his duty when Inspecting
Wks 2nd Dn, recorded.