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14th January 1874.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Neilgherries, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 29th November 1873, No. 215:—

IN Government Order, Public Works Department, No. 2,805, of the 19th instant, occurs the following paragraph:—

“It is remarked that the space proposed by the Superintendent of the Gardens to be covered in is excessive, being no less than five times the space which the existing conservatory covers. It is curious that neither the District Engineer nor the Consulting Architect should have compared the Superintendent's demands with the space in actual use, and ascertained whether they were excessive or not.”

As my name has been introduced into the above paragraph on a subject upon which I was never consulted, I trust that His Excellency in Council, when he learns the facts of the case, will be pleased to pass such fresh orders as he may see fit to issue.

2. The two Revenue Department Orders referred to in the above quoted Public Works Order I have now seen, for the first time, by applying to the Commissioner for them. They contain the following paragraphs:—

(a.) Paragraph 3 of Commissioner's letter in G. O., No. 1,025, of the 22nd September last.—“With reference to this proposition from Mr. Brecks, I consulted Captain Morant, the District Engineer, and the Superintendent of the Gardens, and we came to the conclusion that to purchase a new building of a suitable size and design in glass and iron in England and erect it would involve an outlay of £2,000.”

(b.) Paragraph 10 of Commissioner's letter in G. O., No. 875, of the 20th August last.—“Sometime ago Captain Morant, the District Engineer, and I decided that an iron and glass building we selected out of a number in an English pamphlet would be suitable, but the cost in England we found to be £1,000, and Captain Morant was of opinion that this sum would be doubled before the conservatory was erected out here.”

3. It is, I presume, from the above paragraphs that Government have supposed that I was intimately connected with the matter of the conservatory. The fact, however, is that I only one day in conversation mentioned to the Commissioner that I had a pamphlet on conservatories, and on his expressing a desire to see it I showed it to him. I also mentioned that whatever a conservatory cost at home it would cost double when erected here. Beyond this I had nothing whatever to do with the subject. I was never asked for my opinion, and I knew nothing of what the size of the conservatory was to be or of anything else. I have referred this matter to Mr. Cockerell since the receipt of the Government order, to which this is a reply, and he says,—“You had nothing to do with the conservatory beyond lending me a catalogue you happened to have of glass houses. Pray, say so.”

I trust, with the above explanations before them, Government will be pleased to reconsider their order in so far as it relates to myself as District Engineer.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1874, No. 90.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 9.

RECORDED with reference to G. O. in the Public Works Department, No. 2,805, of 19th November, and communicated to the Revenue Department for information and correction of the inaccuracies which occur in letter from the Commissioner of the Neilgherries, recorded in orders of that Department, Nos. 875 of 20th August and 1,025 of 22nd September.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries.
“ Revenue Department.

No 215

Not a comm. District Engineer's Office
29th November 1873

From The District Engineer
Kilgore

To The Chief Engineer &
Secretary to Government
P. W.
Madras.

Sir In Government order P.W.O. No 2805 of the 19th
Instant occurs the following paragraph.
It is remarked that the space proposed by the
Superintendent of the Gardens to be covered in is
excessive being no less than five times the space
which the existing conservatory covers. It is
curious that neither the District Engineer nor the
Consulting Architect should have compared the
Superintendent's demands with the space in
actual use, and ascertained whether they were
excessive or not.

As my name has been introduced into
the above paragraph on a subject upon which I was
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when he learns the facts of the case will be pleased to
pass such fresh orders as he may see fit to issue.

2. The 2 Revenue Department orders referred
to in the above quoted Public Works order I have
now seen for the first time by applying to the
Commissioner for them. They contain the following
paragraphs

(a) Para 3 of Commissioner's letter in G.O. No 1025 of the
22nd September last

With reference to this proposition from Mr.
Bricks I consulted Captain Morant the
District Engineer and the Superintendent of
the Gardens & we came to the conclusion that
to purchase a new building of a suitable size
and design in glass and iron in England and
erect it would involve an outlay of £2000

(b) Para 10 of Commissioner's letter in G O No 875 of
the 20th August last

"Some time ago Captain Morant the District
Engineer and I decided that an iron & glass
Building we selected out of a number in an
English pamphlet would be suitable but
the cost in England we found to be £1000
and Captain Morant was of opinion that
this sum would be doubled before the
Conservatory was erected out here"

3. It is I presume from the above para-
graphs that Government have supposed that I was
intimately connected with the matter of the conservatory.
The fact however is that I only one day in
conversation mentioned to the Commissioner
that I had a pamphlet on Conservatories and on
his expressing a desire to see it I showed it to him.
I also mentioned that whatever a conservatory
cost at home it would cost double when erected
here. Beyond this I had nothing whatever to do
with the subject. I was never asked for my opinion
& I knew nothing of what the size of the conservatory
was to be or of anything else. I have referred
this matter to Mr. Lockrell since the receipt of
the Government order to which this is a reply, and
he says

"You had nothing to do with the conservatory
beyond lending me a Catalogue you
happened to have of Glass Houses. Please say so"

I trust with the above explanation
before them Government will be pleased to reconsider
their order in so far as it relates to myself as
District Engineer

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt. servant
J. E. Morant
Capt. R.E.
(District Engineer)

Recorded with reference to
L.O. in the P. N. D. 12,3805 of 19th
November. Also communicated to the

Revenue Department for info.

situation and correction of
~~the same~~ in letter from the
 Commissioner of the Vestry here,
 in line of that

Commissioner of the Navy
recorded in Orders of that
Department, No. 875 of 20th Aug.
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Department, No. 1
and 1026 of 22nd September 1911

"The Holy Scriptures"
"Real Hope"

Reynolds to Allen

G. O. 1873 Department
No 215

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From
The District Engineer
Nilghevies

To The Secretary to Govt.
S. P. W.
Madras

Dated 29th November 1873
Received 1st December 1873.

Inclosure -

Relative to G. O. S. P. W.
No 2005 of 19th November
1873 with certain
remarks thereon

4th Dec 73

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Govt. of 1873 Madras
PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
Kilcherries

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 14th Jan'y 1874 90.

Nos. 177 & 178

New Conservatory in
the Govt. Gardens at
Atacamund. Letter
from the D. E. Engr.,
Kilcherries, offering
Explanation in con-
nection regarding the
Conservatory, Com^d to
the Govt. with remarks.

Per 2. Dec 73