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No. 193. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Pulney, 28th November 1873, No. 3,667 :—

IN reference to G. O., 14th November 1873, No. 205, in which the Government are pleased to remark that paragraphs 5, 6, and 7 of my letter printed there, with are irrelevant, I have the honour to express my regret that the Government should have been led to arrive at a conclusion implying, as it does, a reprimand on me.

2. In a case like that in question, a contractor, if an honest man and anxious to obtain what was justly due to him, would, I submit, have naturally appealed to me as the Range Officer's immediate official superior, to rectify any legitimate grievance that he might entertain in regard to his treatment by the Range Officer, and he would have done so with every confidence that the matter would be at once set right.

3. The contractor under reference, being, however, a very different sort of personage, preferred the tortuous course of addressing the Controller and the Government on the subject, believing that by so doing he would be able to get the Range Officer into trouble, and thus revenge himself upon that gentleman.

4. The result shows that he has not only succeeded in doing so, but that a claim which he prefers for interest is considered by the Government to hold good, although the delay for which such interest is demanded has occurred solely from his wilfully neglecting the ordinary and obvious course of departmental procedure.

5. I have not attempted to justify the action pursued in this matter by the Range Officer, but I cannot but think that when contractors are made aware that claims which they may set upon the strength of their choosing to ignore the authority of the District Engineers, are recognized by the Government as valid, that the powers of these officers will be considerably curtailed, to the manifest disadvantage of the department and of the public service.

No. 194. ORDER THEREON, 14th January 1874, No. 97.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 14.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No. 3667

District Engineer's Office³²
Camp. Pulney 28 November/73

From.

Sub. R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

To.

Sub. G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government G.O.
Madras

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Yours Most Obedt Servt

Wm. J. Hobbs

Esq. Col. R. E.

District Engineer, Madras

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No 3667
From J. 6560.
The District Engineer
Madura

To The Secretary to C. B. I.
D. F. W.
Madura.

Ordered 28th November 1843
Dated 1st December 1843.
Received 4th " "

I enclose his request
regarding the names
passed by Government
in C. B. No. 2005 dated
14th November 1843. c

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With an order

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Ch. 6560.
Govt. of 1874
PUBLIC WORKS.

Dated

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Enc.

G. O. 14th July 1874 N. 97.

Nov. 19th 1874

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the other Madras
Office explanations
with reference to
No 2767 of 14 Nov 73
Regarding unpaid
cheques being issued
by Mr. Markham

to a Contractor,
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