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21st September 1874.

Read the following papers :—

No. 456. From G. S. SAGE, Esq., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Kullacoorchi, 17th August 1874, No. 104.

I HAVE the honor to bring to your notice that estimates for constructing Subsidiary Jails at Tindevanum and Mercanum were sanctioned in G. O., No. 1,763, of 29th May 1869. These works were stopped under restrictive orders of Government, Nos. 2,059 and 2,186, of 24th June and 6th July 1869, but previous to receipt of those orders expenditure had been incurred on each work to the amount of Rupees 361-5-0, and Rupees 415, respectively; on 21st October 1869 the Range Officer in his statement showing the state of Sub-Jail works reported that the materials collected were carefully preserved.

2. On 7th August 1873, revised estimates were submitted for these works, (and in these statements the Range Officer deducted Rupees 97-6-0 on the former and Rupees 25 on the latter for value of materials deteriorated; it is therefore supposed the other materials were present and good), and which estimates were sanctioned in G. O., No. 2,467, of 7th October 1873; nothing more appears to have been done to the building, but in G. O., No. 365, of 14th February 1874, works were stopped and so remain to present time.

3. With reference to foregoing, Captain Graham was the officer in charge during the whole period up to 10th April 1874, when from an accident he had to leave the district sick. Mr. Norfor took charge of the range, that is to say cash and cheque books, and since May has been entirely in charge of the range.

4. Owing to what I consider a mistake in the system of accounts, these works, directly expenditure ceased, disappeared from the progress report, (not only in this district but in all others I have seen the same practice occurs), so that Mr. Norfor who knew nothing of the 1869 expenditure, not seeing them in progress report, never looked for materials until just before Mr. Baker arrived, when, in going carefully through all accounts, he discovered the expenditure; but on looking for the materials could find none except the iron doors.

5. The Overseer in charge of these works was a man named Durmaraya Moodelliar who died in December last, and there is now no person living who knows anything regarding the deficient materials except Captain Graham. The statement at foot will explain the deficiencies regarding which I have the honor to request the orders of Government may be obtained.

For Subsidiary Jail at Tindevanum.			Rs.	A.	P.
Purchased five iron doors, at Rupees 40			200	0	0
Do. 34,000 bricks, at Rupees 2-14-6 per 1,000			98	13	0
Do. 250 parahs lime, at 4 Annas			62	8	0
			361	5	0
Written off as deteriorated in revised estimate—					
12,000 Bricks, at Rupees 2-14-6	34	14 0			
250 Parahs lime, at 4 Annas	62	8 0			
			97	6	0
	Balance...		263	15	0
viz., there now remain five doors valued at			200	0	0
leaving the value of 22,000 bricks which cannot be found ...			63	15	0

For Subsidiary Jail at Mercanum.	Rs.	A.	P.
Purchased six iron doors, at Rupees 40	240	0	0
Do. 70,000 bricks, at Rupees 2½ per 1,000	175	0	0
	415	0	0
Written off as deteriorated in revised estimate—			
10,000 bricks, at Rupees 2½ per 1,000	25	0	0
Balance...	390	0	0
Of this only six doors can be found valued at	240	0	0
leaving the value of 60,000 bricks which cannot be found ...	150	0	0

(Signed) G. S. SAGE,
District Engineer.

REFERRED to Captain Graham for report.

OOTACAMUND,
24th August 1874.

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 456 A. From Captain F. GRAHAM, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 28th August 1874.

WITH reference to your endorsement of the 24th instant, on a letter* from the District Engineer of South Arcot regarding the loss of some bricks, I have the honor to report that in May 1869 I commenced collecting material for five new Sub-Jails sanctioned for South Arcot. During the following month these works were stopped. The Sub-Jails for Tindevanum and Mercanum were never recommenced, and are not required.

*Herewith returned with the undermentioned papers:—
G. O, No. 1,763, dated 29th May 1869, with G. O., Judicial Department, No. 818, dated 14th May 1869.
G. O., No. 2,467, dated 7th October 1873.
G. O., ,, 365 ,, 14th February 1874.

2. The material collected for these two works consisted of eleven iron-barred doors, 104,000 bricks, and 250 parahs of chunam. The iron doors were stored in the Range Office, the bricks and chunam were made over to the Taluq Overseer T. Durmaraya Moodelly, with instructions to preserve them as carefully as possible. These bricks and chunam were not sold nor used for other works, as I was constantly expecting orders to go on with the Sub-Jails.

3. In September 1873, revised estimates for these works were called for, and the Taluq Overseer then reported that all the chunam collected as well as 22,000 bricks had been destroyed by the weather, and that some of the bricks had probably been stolen as they were not stored in any building. The Overseer was told that he would be held responsible for the bricks that remained, but as this man died last November, I consider that I am now responsible for the cost of the bricks found wanting.

4. I regret the loss of these materials. It is difficult to preserve bricks for five years out in the open, without a guard and with merely a temporary covering.

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21st September 1874.

No. 457. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1874, No. 2,683.

ACCOUNT, No. 24.

THERE seems no alternative but to write off the loss, amounting to Rs. 204, and the Controller will arrange for its adjustment in the accounts. But His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot exonerate the Range Officer, Captain Graham, from the imputation of carelessness in connection with the matter. He should himself have seen that the bricks were either utilized or proper arrangements made for their safe custody, and not have left the matter entirely in the hands of the Overseer, as appears to have been done.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

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

Exd. T. O'Connor.

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No. 104 Distt. Engineers Office Sarcot
Camp Kullacoorchi 17 August 1874

From
The District Engineer
South Arcot

To
The Secretary to Government
D.P.W.

Sir

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I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant

C. Lillage
District Engineer

For Subsidiary Jail at Tindivanam

	Rs.	As.	P.
Purchased 5 Iron doors @ Rs 40	200	0	0
do 34000 Bricks @ 2-14-6 per 1000	98	13	0
do 250 parahs line @ 4 as.	62	8	0
	361	5	0
Written off as deteriorated in revised estimate			
12000 Bricks @ 2-14-6 — 34-14-0			
250 parahs line @ 4 as — 62-8-0			
	97	6	0
Balance	263	15	0
viz there now remain, 5 doors valued at	200	0	0
leaving the value of 22000 Bricks which cannot be found	63	15	0

For Subsidiary Jail at Mercanum

	Rs.	As.	P.
Purchased 6 Iron doors @ Rs. 40	240	0	0
do 70000 Bricks @ Rs 2½ per 1000	175	0	0
	415	0	0
Written off as deteriorated in revised estimate 10000 Bricks @ 2½ per 1000	25	0	0
Balance	390	0	0
Of this only 6 doors can be found valued at	240	0	0
leaving the value of 60000 Bricks which cannot be found	150	0	0

C. Lillage
District Engineer

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From
The Dt Engr South Arcot
Captn Graham
Read the following
(H.E. No. 104 dated
17 Augt 1874
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P.W. 1874 Dept:
No: 5234
From
The Distt Engr
S. Arcot

Referred to
Captain Graham
for report

G. Walker Col RE
Chief Engr DPW

To
The Secy to
Government
D.P.W.

Dated 17
Recd 21 August 1874

No 104
Enclosures, none

Reports that certain
materials collected for
Sulgail works at Tindi-
vanam and Merkanam
has been lost.

P.W. 5723 A/74

Referred
E.O. No: 2683. 21-8-74

Oatacamund
24th Augt 1874

The undermentioned papers
herewith sent are requested to
be returned—
Gov. 1763 of 20th Aug/69 with Mr. Go.
" 2467 " 7th Octr/73
" 365 " 11th Febr/74 p. 456

Recd to Octy 28th Augt/74

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G.M.W.

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Dt Eng South Arcot
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P.W.C.

Letter from District Engineer South Arcot, No. 104, dated 17th August 1874.
Letter from Captn. Graham dated 28th Aug/74.

For Orders.

Submitted for orders on the subject of the deficit of Rs 213-15-- on account of Bricks.

		Rs as.
Sub Jail at Tindivanam		63-15-
" " Mercanum		150--
		203-15-

Must be written off I think — with censure of carelessness
3/9 [illegible]

G.M.Walker Cdt. R.E.
Secy: to Government
P.W.C.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The Dt. Engr
S. Arcot

Dated

Recd. Encl. 1

G. O. 21 Septr 74, No. 2683

Nos. 456-457.

Bricks collected for Cutcherry Works South Arcot Dt.

The loss of the bricks collected for the sub Jails at Tindevanam & Mercanam ~~in the South Arcot Dt.~~ ordered to be written off with remarks regarding the carelessness of the Range Officer, Captain Graham in connection with the matter —