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24th April 1874.*

No. 324I. 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, 14th April 1874, No. 114.—

In continuation of my letter, No. 111 of yesterday's date, I have the honour to forward, for your information, another letter I have received from the Rev. O. Dene, the Principal of the Lawrence Asylums, and beg to invite your attention to the following points.

2. On the 29th of July last, I wrote to the Principal informing him that the scullery was finished, and enclosing a certificate for his signature. On the 7th of the following month the Committee held their usual monthly meeting and passed the following resolution:—"The Committee inspected the scullery, and authorized the Secretary to sign the receipt sent by Captain Morant." This resolution was not at that time communicated to me, nor was the receipt signed by the late Principal. I heard nothing more on the matter until yesterday, eight months after the building was handed over and accepted by the Committee. The Principal then addressed me as follows:—"The Committee request me to say that they decline to take over the scullery until the roof has been made water-tight."

3. The reasons given by the Rev. O. Dene for setting aside the deliberate decision arrived at by the Committee are simply amusing, and I do not think worthy of further notice.

4. Paragraph 2 of Public Works Department G. O., No. 2,598, of the 5th November 1872, which is as follows, clearly indicates the course to be followed:—"His Excellency is further of opinion that it would greatly tend to the harmonious working of the Public Works and Military Departments if it were required that, in the event of the countersignature being for any cause withheld, the completion report be returned to the Executive Engineer, with a statement in full detail of the work yet required or objected to, or of the facts which, in the opinion of the officer concerned, justify such a course, and accordingly directs that this procedure be invariably followed."

5. I hope you will agree with me in thinking that the Committee cannot with any show of justice ask me now to execute repairs to the building, and that you will be pleased to move Government to order them to take it over.

6. As I cannot obtain a settlement of the accompanying bill for work done and for materials (*not* L. A. stock) supplied on demand to the Asylums, and as no replies have been received to the many letters I have written to the late and present Principal of the Asylums on the subject, I am reluctantly compelled to request you to be so good as to move Government to order the money to be paid.

From Rev. O. DENE, Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylums; to Captain J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., District Engineer, Ootacamund, dated 13th April 1874, No. 52.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge yours of this day's date, No. 108. *

Your Storekeeper did not arrive here until past 3 p. m., and thus I am unable to point out to him all the material that I anticipate requiring for the coming month.

Besides which your Storekeeper is not prepared to measure and to hand over the material in question, nor has he a statement of what has already been handed over to my predecessor and to me.

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I must decline your proposition to allow your Storekeeper to examine the Minute Book of the Committee's Proceedings; such a procedure would, I am sure, render me liable to the grave censure of the Committee.

In the Proceedings of the Committee, 7th August 1873, paragraph No. 14 stands thus:—

"The Committee inspected the scullery and authorized the Secretary to sign the receipt signed by Captain Morant," but the words from "authorized" to "Morant," inclusive, have been erased by a pencil being run through them; moreover, the Proceedings have not been signed by the Chairman, nor has the receipt, sent in duplicate by you, been signed by my predecessor, and which, I conclude, he would have done had this matter been finally settled. However, I am sorry to say that I cannot act independently of the Committee, and this question must remain open until their next meeting.

I shall be most happy to give your Storekeeper a receipt for all I have taken, & shall take over.

No. 324J.

ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1874, No. 1,066-E.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 6B.

THE attention of the Lawrence Asylum Committee will be called to the order of Government quoted by the District Engineer, and of which they may have been ignorant, which requires that if objection be taken to any work the completion certificate be at once returned to the officer submitting it; failing to do which for upwards of eight months they cannot hold the District Engineer responsible for the new scullery.

2. The bill referred to will be forwarded to the Principal for early adjustment, and he will arrange that similar delay does not again occur.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Neilgherries, with Bill.

Principal and Secretary, Lawrence Asylum Committee, with G. O., No. 2,598, dated 5th November 1872.

Educational Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Lawrence Asylum
13th April 1874
No 52

From
The Principal Secretary
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Captain J. L. L. Morant R.E.
District Engineer
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 Principal & Secretary
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/ True copy /

John Morant.

Captain R.
 (District Engineer)

No 114

Botacamund
 District Engineers office
 14th April 1874

From The District Engineer
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 To The Chief Engineer
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Your most obed^t Serv^t
Jas Norant.
Captain R.
District Engineer

G.O. No. 10666 of 24 April 1874

P. W. D.

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(H. E. No. 114 of 11 April 1874.)

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P. W. D. No. 10666 of 24 April 1874

From the District Engineer

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to the District Engineer

Neilgherry

24 April 1874

Dated 14 April 1874
Received 16 April 1874
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Forwards certain copies
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Mr 3248

G.O. No. 10666 of 24 April 1874

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N.C. ~~Wm. L.~~
Wm. L. Garrison

Dated

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G. O., 24 April 1874, No. 1066 E.

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Committee called to
G.O. No. 2598 of 5 Nov.
1872 relating to Com-
pletion Certificates for
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Sculley forwarded to
the Principal for early
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s.c. dec'd only to D.E. filed 3/5/76

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