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27th March 1874.*

No 735. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 2nd March 1874, No. 3,553 :—

With reference to your memorandum of the 23rd February 1874, No. 134, received this day, I have the honour to state that the sum of Rupees 2,000 surrendered from the Telegraph Office, Cocanada, is from savings on the estimate generally I did not give this up earlier in the season, as the Telegraph Department had desired to make sundry alterations in the building, and a compound wall is absolutely required to be built; this latter work I have ordered to be carried out, but the requisitions of the Telegraph Department were not received till after I had despatched my savings and demand statements, and many of these cannot now be effected as the work is complete. I had sent to them in September last a sketch of the alterations proposed, but no reply was received till last month when it was impossible for me to alter the arrangements I had made in regard to funds, as the work could not be done in this official year. I propose meeting the Superintendent of Telegraphs at Cocanada on his arrival there this week from Calcutta, and will then endeavour to arrange with him for the completion of the building and report further to Government thereon.

No. 736. ORDER THEREON, 27th March 1874, No. 868.

ACCOUNT, No. 42.

In this letter the District Engineer, Godavery, explains that the surrender of Rupees 2,000 from the grant for the

Telegraph Office at Cocanada is due to savings on the estimate generally, which he had proposed to utilize in making certain alterations in the building and erecting a compound wall. This he was only prevented from completing by delay on the part of the telegraph authorities in replying to the references made to them on the subject.

2. In connection with the proceedings contemplated by the District Engineer, and which it would appear have been partially carried into effect, it seems necessary to call Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer's attention, as well as that of officers generally, to the grave responsibility they incur by departure from sanctioned designs without specific authority. The standing orders of the department are

Vide paragraph 6 of Chapter V. of the Public Works Code.

explicit on this point, and officers are now warned against the practice. If continued they must not be surprised to

find themselves charged with the cost of any unauthorized alterations which they may have assumed the responsibility of carrying out.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Godavery.
" Executive Engineer, Wynaad.
To District Engineers.
Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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No 3553

District Engineer's Office
Dau. Louisiana March 1874

To

Mrs. C. J. Barker
District Engineer
New Orleans

From

Colonel J. M. R. R.
Secretary to Government
New Orleans

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Have the honor to be
 Sir,
 your most Obedt Servant

Justification
 District Engineer, Madras

P.D. 7374 Department.
 P.D. of Govt. of Madras
 at No. 1368.
 The District Engineer
 Coimbatore

To The Secretary
 to Govt. of Madras
 Madras
 1874

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Information relating to
 the surrender of Rs 2000
 from the Telegraph
 Office Coimbatore.

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J. D. Engr. Goddard
Engr. " Dymond
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The Dist. Engineer
Godavari

Dated

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27th March 1868

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Telegraph Office at
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11th March 1868