Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 10th December 1874.

No. 207. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 2nd December 1874, No. 3,743:—

In continuation of this office letter of the 3rd November 1874, No. 3,236, I have the honor to submit, for the consideration and orders of the Government, the accompanying copy of a report from the Acting Taluq Overseer Soonder Row, sent to me by the Range Officer, with a plain docket (copy enclosed) merely transmitting the same to me without one word of explanation as to the steps he had taken to rectify matters, and leaving me to do the best I can for this most important work.

Two copies of letters.

2. I have already reported to the Government the highly unsatisfactory state of affairs I had found here in October last, even after I had given the Range Officer distinct orders in August last how to proceed with the work, and in September and the early part of October he had assured me he would fully utilize his allotments. During my inspections at the end of October, the Executive Engineer told me the Contractor had been unable to burn any bricks; but I found that the man had 80,000 bricks in kilns ready burnt, which Mr. Hawksworth declared were not fit to be used and he had rejected them; but as the kilns had not been opened no proper inspections of these could have been made. Another excuse made was that the sites for the out-buildings had not been fixed, but I found the foundations for these dug in accordance apparently with a plan left by Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, R.E., and the Range Officer had certainly never once applied to me in the matter. As the Sub-Collector was at Pulney, I arranged with him at once for these works to be proceeded with.

3. From his inspection reports, Mr. Hawksworth was at Pulney about the 20th September and for some days in that month; during October he was frequently there and yet failed to make any progress whatever with the most important work in his range; at the time of my visit I fully warned him of all this, reminding him of the orders he had received in August last, and, when reporting to Government the reductions I had been obliged to make in his allotment for this work, I warned him that if he did not arrange to make better progress I should report the circumstances in detail to Government; he must therefore be held entirely responsible for the consequences of this report, as I could no longer allow the interests of the State to be trifled with owing to a petty squabble between an Acting Taluq Overseer and a Contractor.

4. I am constrained to add I have found everything in the Dindigul Range in a very unsatisfactory state, and very little better if at all in the two taluqs now forming the sub-division. All over the taluqs formerly comprising this range complaints are rife that the works have not been properly inspected, measured up, or paid for, and I have urged on Mr. Hawksworth the absolute necessity of his making a change for the better administration of his range; but I must now solicit the Government to send me another officer here to enable me to do justice to the

district; with the establishment I have I am perfectly crippled, and my time entirely wasted in looking after matters which any good officer would take care should never arise.

5. I purpose returning to Pulney next week, having now to go out on the Trichinopoly Road, where some bridges are reported to have been damaged and several breaches have occurred. In the meantime I have ordered the Taluq Overseer of Dindigul to take charge of Pulney Taluq, as the Contractor has lodged a charge against the Acting Taluq Overseer of receiving monies from him which I have referred to the Magistrate for investigation; so far as I have seen his work Mr. Gill appears to be a very good Overseer, and I trust he will be able to set matters to right in Pulney, and I am in hopes I shall soon have a man to take the place of the late Mr. Williams to send to Dindigul.

No. 208. ORDER THEREON, 10th December 1874, No. 3,474.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 14.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council will await the report from Mr. Hawksworth already called for in G. O., No. 3,356, of 27th November. It will be confined for the present to the Pulney Cutcherry, and will specially afford explanations on the two points brought forward in the 2nd paragraph of this letter.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Spare Copies

Pulney
21st November 87

To
Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Fuchen R.E
District Engineer
Madura

Respected Sir,

I most humbly beg to bring to your honor's notice that I have communicated to the Executive Engineer Dindigul Range regarding the bad workmanship occurred in the Taluq Cutcherry of this place by my letter No 283 / 18/11/87 but no reply is received as yet. Moreover I went this morning to the Work Spot to give some instructions on the Workmanship and Wood Work and on my return from the Work Spot the Municipal Pillay Son of Contractor Subah Pillay came before me by the instigation of his father, insulted and abused me much disgracefully which I am unable to reveal in this letter.

Under these circumstances I most respectfully beg to state that I am unable

unable to meet with Your Sons pleasure
by getting Work from the Contractors.

Signed J Saunders Jun
Ag Taluq Overseer

/True copy/

Lieut Taylor Lieut Col RE
District Engineer Madura

No: 1067 J-3.

From,

The Executive Engineer
Dindigul Range

To,

The District Engineer
Madura

Dated 27th November 1874.
Dispd 30th November 1874.
Received 1st December 1874.

Sir,

As requested by the Taluq overseer of Pulney I have the honor to forward herewith for your early disposal his letter No: 295/21-11-74.

The Taluq overseer's letter No: 283 of the 18/11/74 was forwarded for your orders on the 20th Instant.

I have &c

J. M. Hawksworth Lieut &c
Incharge of Dindigul Range

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Distruct Engineer, Madura

Encl 1 In a letter from the District Engineer Madura to the Secretary to Government Dated 2 Dec/74 No 1067

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Taluq Overseers letter

District Engineers Office
Madura 2 November 1854

No 3743

From

Lieutenant Colonel J. F. Fischer CB.
District Engineer Madura

To

Colonel C. W. Walker CB.
Secretary to Government FWD
Madras

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Copy of the letter from the Executive Engineer Madura to the Secretary to Government No 3743 dated 2nd December 1854

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Your most obedt Servt

Christian Leander Colerick

District Engineer

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P. W. 1874 Department
Letter of 2nd Dec 743
From No 7665.
The District Engineer
Madura

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The Secretary to
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P. W. No 3774 Public Railway Dept. 10th Dec 1874. Submitted to the Engineer in Council with a copy of the Report from Mr Hawkesworth already called for in G.O. No 3356 of 27th Nov. 1874 and he confined for the present to the Railway Cutcherry and will specially afford explanations on the two points brought forward in the 2nd para of this letter.

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To The Sec. to Govt.
Madras

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