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14th April 1875.*

No. 354. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy,
20th November 1874, No. 2,323:—

I HAVE the honor to forward the enclosed certificates from Mr. Lowry for
roads and Mr. Lowry's explanation, as it
appears to me that he does not admit the
importance of these vouchers as laid down
in G. O., No. 589, of 21st February 1873.

2. The work on these roads has been executed utterly without any regard
to the estimates submitted under authority of G. O., No. 3,506, of 20th November
1865, and which Mr. Lowry thinks so little of that he cannot even find them.

3. The first paragraph of his letter refers to the alteration of the word
estimate into bill, which raised my doubt as to his having adhered to the former.

4. The extra money asked by him for unusual injury was sanctioned in
March 1874. The outlay from the maintenance allowance was not in the original
estimate, and was not sanctioned by the Local Fund Board till the date above
mentioned.

5. The roads were not in good order, and notice was taken of their condition
by the Local Fund Board and by me. The wing-walls of a tunnel fell many
months ago, and in spite of repeated reminders by me have not been rebuilt. I
feel confident that the masonry works have scarcely ever been examined; they
have not had any repair certainly.

From R. J. LOWRY, Esq., Executive Engineer, Chingleput Range, to Colonel F. J. MOBERLY,
R.E., Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, dated Mappadu, 3rd July 1874, No. 833.

RE-SUBMITTING the 51 certificates returned with your letter, No. 874, dated 17th June 1874,
because the word bill was substituted for estimate in the wording of the certificate, I have the
honor to state that the only explanation I have to give of this circumstance is that my Accountant
being of opinion he could improve the composition of the document in question made the alteration
you object to, and as further on it is stated that the work is done according to estimate. I saw
no reason for changing his word; I would beg to refer you to G. O., No. 2,222, of 8th September
1873, which does not encourage notice being taken of insignificant variations.

2. In the second paragraph of the letter under reply, you mention the road from Chingleput
to Sadras as one of these which I vouch for as
having been kept in repair throughout the year,
whereas it is stated on the face of the certificate
that it was kept in repair up to the 31st August only, and then the work was stopped for want
of funds.

Road from Madranticum to Chunampet.
" " Chingleput to Sadras.
" " Tirporur to Lattice Bridge.

3. For explanation of why work was stopped on the roads as per margin, *vide* my letters,
No. 1,604 of 27th October 1873, and No. 464 of 21st May 1874.

4. The other roads as per margin, although work was stopped on them on the dates
named, remained in good order till the end of
the year as stated in the certificates; it ought
scarcely be necessary to point out that in the
dry weather a road with but little traffic upon
it, if put in good repair, will in all probability
keep so for two or even three months. I can
speak from personal inspection of most of these having done so.

Road from Cheyoor to Chotapakum and Wandewash.
Padapay to Streepermattoor.
" Chingleput to Covelong.
" 41st mile on Trunk Road No. II. to Tattry.
" Streepermattoor to Trivellore.
" Carangooly to Nelvoy.
" Wallajabad to Vendaloor.
" Coom to Thundalum.

Sent to Mr. Walker. See Chingleput of 1875.

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5. The Sunkavar Choultry road is the only one for which I have found it necessary to alter the certificate.

6. In reply to the concluding paragraph of your letter, I regret to say that I have no explanation to give. If any estimates for the roads of the range were ever sanctioned by you last year, of which I have no recollection, they cannot now be found.

No. 355.

ORDER THEREON, 14th April 1875, No. 1,031.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 30.

COLONEL MOBERLY does not sufficiently explain himself to enable His Excellency in Council to pass any useful order on the papers referred to him.

2. If, as His Excellency in Council infers, Colonel Moberly is dissatisfied with certain parts of his subordinate's work, it will be necessary for him to lay the matter before the Government in fuller detail, together with Mr. Lowry's explanation, in order that His Excellency in Council may be enabled to form a judgment on the matter.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
Spare Copies

N: 833.

N: 3 Range Office
Camp Mappadu
3rd July 1874

From
The Executive Engineer
Chingleput Range
To
The District Engineer
Chingleput

Sir
Resubmitting the 51 Certificates
Enclosures 51. Returned with your letter N: 874 dated 17th June 1874, because the word bill was substituted for Estimate in the wording of the Certificate I have the honor to state that the only explanation I have to give of this circumstance is that my Accountant being of opinion he could improve the composition of the document in question made the alteration you object to and as further on it is stated that the work is done according to Estimate. I saw no reason for changing his work. I would beg to refer you to G.O. N: 2222 of 8th September 1873 which does not encourage notice being taken of

N^o. 2323

Chingit. Dist. Engin^r. Office
Guindy 2nd November 1874
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From,

Colonel F. J. Moberly R.E.
District Engineer Chinglapat

To,

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Enclosures
16 Certificates
1 Copy of letter
from Mr. Lowry
N^o. 833 of 3rd
July 1874.

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the enclosed certificates from Mr.
Lowry for roads and Mr. Lowry's
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these vouchers as laid down in G. O.
N^o. 589 of 21st February 1873.

The work on these roads has
been executed utterly without any
regard to the estimates submitted
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20th November 1865, and which Mr.
Lowry thinks so little of that he
cannot even find them.

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The roads were not in good order and notice was taken of their condition in the Local Fund Board and by me. The wing walls of a tunnel fell many months ago and in spite of repeated reminders by me have not been rebuilt. I feel confident that the masonry works have scarcely ever been examined. They have not had any repair certainly.

I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedient S^t

Alfred W. Collett
District Engineer



PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

Read the following:—

From
The Supt^r Engr^r Chingleput (H.E. No 2323 of 20th Nov 1874)

I enclose as
performed by
Mr Robinson
11/29/3

His Excellency the
Governor in Council has
been quite at a loss to
understand the particular
object of the reference—
made by the Superintendent
—ing Engineer, Chingleput
in this letter. G.O. No 589 of
21st February 1873, quoted
by him, does not appear
to have any bearing on
the certificates now sub-
mitted; the dates of last
inspections on which are

Forwarded by Col.
Col. M. does not appear
with explanation
with H.E. No 1 of 1873
my useful order in the
papers referred to
H.E. No 1 of 1873
Col M. is despatched with
certain parts of his sub-
ordinates work it will
be necessary for him to
lay the matter before him
in full detail, together
with Mr. [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

J. M. 1874 Report.

Throu. No 7338.

Mr. District Engineer
Chingleput

To, Mr. Secy to Govt.
P. M. Secy to Govt.

Dated 20th Nov 1874
Recd 23rd Nov 1874

Enc. 17. 16th Dec 1874. Side C No 4992 of 1875

Compl. certain certificates
for roads with the
Surveyor's explanation
as it appears that
he does not understand
the importance of
these measures—

G.O. No. 1032 14.4.75

to P. M. Secy to Govt. No 3526
" " " " " " " " 2706
" " " " " " " " 2705
" " " " " " " " 2222
" " " " " " " " 589
" " " " " " " " 2336

not anterior to the com-
-pletion of the work to
-which they relate - nor
can His Excellency in
Council find in the other
order quoted No 3506 of
20th November 1865, any require-
-ment to submit regular esti-
-mates for working out main-
-tenance allowances - On
the contrary (the necessity
for such estimates is re-
-futed); though Superin-
-tending Engineers are pre-
-sumed to ascertain from
Range Officers, in a general
way, how they propose to
lay out on each road the
upair funds entrusted
to them - And it is competent

for District Engineers to
issue specific instructions
regarding such outlay -
2 Colonel Moberly
may have good reasons
for being dissatisfied with
some of Mr. Lowry's work;
but he has not taken the
trouble to go into suffi-
-cient detail in the mat-
-ter, to enable His Excel-
-lency the Governor in
Council to adjudicate
between them - A refer-
-ence of the nature that
he has made is only cal-
-culated to give trouble,
and to widen a breach
which more judicious

management might have
averted.

G.M.V.

Chingleput
1875

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the

READ the following:—

From the Supg: Engr:
Chingleput —

A. O. No. 2323 dated
20th Nov 1874.

G.O. No. 1031 of 14th April 1875

~~His Excellency the~~
~~Governor in Council~~
observes that Colonel
Moberly does not suf-
ficiently explain him-
self to enable His
Excellency in Council
to pass any useful order
on the papers referred to
him. — If as His Ex-
cellency in Council
informs Colonel Moberly
is dissatisfied with
certain parts of his
subordinates work, it
will be necessary for
him to lay the matter

be fore the Government
in fuller detail, together
with Mr. Viorry's ex-
planation; in order that
His Excellency in Council
may be enabled to form
a judgment on the matter

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Govt. of 1875
PUBLIC WORKS.

Chapt. Dupuis
Chirifut

Chirifut

Recd. Encl.
G. O. 14 April 1875, No. 1031

Nos. 352, 353

Completion Certificates.

Paying orders on letter
from the Chief, Chirifut,
forwarding, with remarks,
— for certain road
works.

S. Aug. Chirifut,

Sept 22-4,

N^o 352/5