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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
2nd July 1875.*

No. 39. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R.E., Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Pulney, 11th June 1875, No. 935:—

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of G. O., of the 25th May 1875, No. 1,435, and beg very respectfully to submit the following explanations for the consideration of the Government.

2. The Chief Engineer's No. 1,040, dated 14th December 1874, was received in Madura on the 27th February 1875, and by me in camp on the 2nd March 1875, requiring this mass of information to be collected and submitted by the 30th June following. I had but one young officer to assist me, as the other Range Officer is unable to survey or level. Major Law is of no use to me for the general duties of the district, and only joined me on the 22nd May 1875, with special orders not to leave the Hills; Mr. Paynter has not yet joined or taken charge of anything.

3. By Circular No. 62, paragraph 3, revenue information regarding all tanks proposed to be surveyed are required; but as this was not required by Circular No. 1,040, I considered that on account of the importance attached by the Government to the matter of the tanks affecting the Railways, this information, which always takes a good deal of time to collect, was not required in this instance, and so applied for the additional assistance I required to enable me to collect and afford the details

required only by Circular of the 14th December 1874, No. 1,040,* and not to lose any time in this matter, which I regret

to find has been condemned by the Government as neglect on my part. Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., could do very little in this matter himself, as he had to relieve Mr. Hawksworth and take charge of the Range; the Sub-Engineer is unable to survey or level; and the Overseers of the district are admitted to be overworked in their large taluqs. Of the officers sent to me one has not yet joined and the other is specially exempted from the ordinary duties of the department, when the Government then sent orders for special works to be done in a very short time, and the instructions regarding this matter were not received till one-half of this short time had expired. I applied for more assistance to collect all the information I could in the field; it certainly never occurred to me to take this in any loose manner off atlas sheets and lease estimates on them; but I regret to find that, even in such a matter when endeavoring to do the best I could with admittedly insufficient means, I am censured for dereliction of duty.

No. 40.

ORDER THEREON, 2nd July 1875, No. 1,850.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

RECORDED, with the remark that the instructions given to the District Engineer are sufficiently clear and full, and that he should conform to instead of writing about them.

(True Extract.)

Major, R.E.,

Offg. Joint Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.

Exd. E. C. Shanker.

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No 935

District Engineer's Office
Madras 11 June 1875

From

Vicent Colonel J. F. Fisher A.C.
District Engineer, Madras

To

Colonel E. W. Walker A.C.
Secretary to Government

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of L/O of the 25 May 1875 No 1435 and beg very respectfully to submit the following explanations for the consideration of the Government.

2/ The Chief Engineer's No 1040, dated the 14 December 1874, was received in Madras on the 27 February 1875 and by me in camp on the 2^d March 1875 requiring this mass of information to be collected and submitted by the 30 June following I had

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I have the honor to be
 Sir
 your Most Obedt servant
 Wm. T. Smith
 District Engineer,

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P. W. 1875 Sept.
 From No: 3942

The District Engineer
 General

To
 The Secretary to Gov.
 P. W. D.
 New Mas.

Dated 11th Sept/75
 Dated 11th Sept/75
 Road 16th Sept/75
 No. 435.

Afford to explain
 mention regarding the
 delay in his submitting
 the required information
 regarding the
 affecting the Railways
 line

3942

GOVT. OF INDIA
PUBLIC WORKS.

The D.E.
Madras

2 July 1859

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Tasks affecting Railways
Letter from the District
Engineer, Madras, affording
explanation regarding
his delay in submitting
the required information
relative to ———, recorded
with remarks.