

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd July 1875.*

Read the following letters —

No. 567. 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 Camp at Dindigul, 3rd July 1875, No 1,273

ADVERTING to G. O., of the 23rd June 1875, No 1,768, I have the honor to observe that the claims therein referred to belong apparently to the official years 1872-73 and 1873-74. I am therefore not in a position to offer the plaintiff any compromise in the matter as no funds are available for the purpose, and the Local Fund Board are not likely to sanction any unless specially ordered to do so by the Government

2. I have repeatedly reported that neither of the Range Officers in this district ever kept any proper registers of work or check measurements, and the document referred to in paragraph 2 of the order under reply is a fair specimen of Mr. Hawksworth's doings in such matters

3. Mr. Hawksworth had this matter before him from the 16th April to 31st May, and then deliberately arranged to leave it on my hands just as he himself was leaving the district on the 1st June, without reference to any other records than those transmitted to the Government, he had left Lieutenant Boddy as ignorant in the matter, and I therefore solicited he should be ordered to return as our time is being entirely wasted by his own arrangements; as above-mentioned I have no means available to make a compromise with, the matter will in all probability have to go into Court and Mr. Hawksworth must appear as a witness by the summons he has received. I trust then the Government will be pleased to insist on this officer returning here at once, and I will endeavour to collect in the meantime all the facts and circumstances of the case from the records

4. I am thus urgent in this matter as it is absolutely necessary for the credit of the public service that Mr. Hawksworth should not be allowed to parade his great neglect and dereliction of public duty in this ostentatious manner; he had ample time and opportunity before he left on leave to make out a complete case, but rather than do so he deliberately left without supplying any information to any one, so that the greatest difficulty and every obstacle should be in the way of those who remained in the district after him. Under these circumstances, I respectfully urge he be not allowed any indulgence but directed to return to his duties at once.

No 567-a. From the same Officer, dated Camp at Butlagoondoo, 8th July 1875, No 1,334.

In reference to G. O., of the 23rd June 1875, No. 1,768, I have the honor to report that I have walked over the greater portion of the road with the plaintiff who has preferred a suit against Mr. Hawksworth, and he pointed out distinctly the remains of gravel and stone heaps for which he claims payment. I have no means of disputing his allegations. Mr. Hawksworth left the case on my hands evidently with a view of embarrassing matters as much as possible, and like all the rest of the work he did in this district he has made no proper check measurements or records of any of his inspections. I therefore solicit that he be ordered to return and defend himself in the suit, he had ample opportunities of settling the matter, but would do nothing for nearly two years, and then sent it in only after he had deliberately arranged to leave the district without reporting his departure on leave or otherwise.

Dr. J. B. ...

ORDER THEREON, 23rd July 1875, No 2,095

IN G. O., No 1,768, dated 23rd June 1875, the District Engineer, Madura, was directed to submit a further report

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Suit brought against Mr Assistant Engineer Hawtsworth by a Contractor—Passing orders on letter from the District Engineer, Madura, submitting a further report on the subject of the —

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18th June
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further report on the
subject of a suit brought
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ascertaining the correct-
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Instead of submitting
this report or apparently
taking any further steps
in the matter Colonel
Fischer now reports that
he has no funds at his
disposal and that
the Local Fund Board
are not likely to sanction
any expenditure, as the
transactions referred to
belong to past years,
and requests that Mr.
Hawthornth may be
recalled from leave,
saying that in the
meantime he will en-
deavour to collect all
the facts and circum-
stances of the case from
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Colonel Fischer
will now be called
upon to carry out the
directions given in
G.O. No. 1708 dated
23rd June 1875, and to
submit the report called
for, without further
delay. If Mr. Hawks-
worth's address can be
discovered a copy of the
order will be furnished
to him, and he will
be called upon to return
and settle the matter
during his leave, and
should the suit be
brought while he is
absent, application can
be made for an
adjournment

received by the
Supt. General
1875

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adjudgment to enable
him to attend the Court.

The remark that
the Local Fund Board
is not likely to sanction
funds to pay a small
amount shown to be justly
due to a Contractor, because
the work was carried
out in previous years,
must have been made
without any communica-
tion on the subject with
the Board.

J. L.

Dist. Secy: Madeira
Mr. Hawthornthwaite
Dist. Secy: S. Canara

SC repd.
4-8-75

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Mr. Hugo
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Dated:

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G. O. Wiley, Jr.

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