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No. 726. Read the following letter from Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R E , Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. MULLINS, R E , Officiating Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Guindy, 17th July 1875, No 1,596 —

In reply to G. O , No 1,031, dated 14th April 1875, I have the honor to observe that in G O , No 589, dated 21st February 1873, I was reprimanded for countersigning a completion certificate on which a slight omission had been made

2. I could not, with that order before me, countersign a number of certificates which on the face of them were incorrect

3 The work had not been done according to the estimates, of which Mr Lowry thought so little that he had kept neither original nor copy , the certificates stated that the works were done in accordance with the bills

4. He had deliberately neglected all the masonry works in spite of my orders, avowedly taking care only of the surface of the road. This latter was generally fairly good as it ought to have been, considering that the whole maintenance allowance was spent on it The masonry works were, however, in very poor order, and are now being estimated for separately.

5 Not knowing what other course to pursue in the case of completion certificates which I could not sign, I reported the matter to Government

6. I request that you will order the completion certificates above referred to forwarded to Government with my letter, No 2,323, dated 20th November 1874, printed with G O , No. 1,031, to be sent on to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, as in his letter, No 833, dated 3rd July 1874, paragraph 6, Mr Lowry now, on leave, says that he has no explanation to offer.

No 727. ORDER THEREON, 27th July 1875, No 2,162

ACCOUNT, No 30.

THE Superintending Engineer, Chingleput, forwards certain completion certificates for maintenance allotments for

roads signed by Mr. Lowry, Executive Engineer, Chingleput Range, and declines to counter-sign them, on the ground that the work had not been done in accordance with the estimates, and that the masonry works on the roads had not been kept in repair

2. In G O , No 3,506, dated 20th November 1865, it was stated that it would be the duty of Superintending Engineers to call upon their Executive Officers for annual statements of the work proposed to be done from the funds allotted for the maintenance of each road. Apparently these statements are designated estimates by Colonel Moberly, but the Range Officer states that, if any estimates were sanctioned by the Superintending Engineer, of which he has no recollection, they cannot now be found.

3 These statements, prepared, of course, early in the year, are only intended to be laid before the Superintending Engineer to show how it is proposed to expend the allotment, and on what portions of the road the Range Officer considers it necessary to incur considerable expenditure, or to do more work than can be performed by mile coolies or gangs who fill ruts, clear drains, &c, and as any damage done to the road during the monsoon has to be repaired from the maintenance allotment, it may be

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necessary to revise very considerably the statement which cannot therefore be considered in the same light as an estimate, the deviations from which should be noticed in the completion certificate

4 The certificate in the form now approved states that the grant has been duly expended on the road, that the road was kept in good order throughout the year, and that the work done has been satisfactorily executed. Colonel Moberly apparently only questions the accuracy of the certificates on the ground that the roads could not be said to be in good order as the masonry works had not been repaired, though the surface was generally good, and the conclusion therefore is that the repairs required to the surface were so extensive that no balance was available for expenditure on the masonry works, which would ordinarily receive attention after the monsoon was over.

5 In originally returning the certificates to the Range Officer for explanation, Colonel Moberly called attention to the fact that the masonry works had been neglected, of which Mr Lowry said he was unable to give any explanation, and he now states that the Range Officer "has deliberately neglected all the masonry works in spite of his orders." The Honorable the Governor in Council desires to express his dissatisfaction with Mr Lowry's conduct in this respect, and will require his strict attention to orders in future.

6 The Controller is authorized to pass the certificates

(True Extract)

Majr, R.E.,

Offy Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, Chingleput
" Controller of Public Works Accounts

NO. 1506

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

CHINDY, 17 July 1875.

From

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

Chingleput District

To

THE Secretary to Government
Department Public Works

Sir,

In reply to G. O. No 1031 dated 14th April 1875, I have the honor to observe that in G. O. No 589 dated 21st February 1873, I was reprimanded for countersigning a completion certificate on which a slight omission had been made.

2. I could not, with that order before me, countersign a number of certificates which on the face of them were incorrect.

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Public Works Dept.
No 2162
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Under date the 27 July 1875
Read the following

From
The Supg Engr.
Chingleput } (H.C. No 1506 of 17 July 75)

The Superintending
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for Roads signed by
Mr. Larry Executive
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3014-1415/15-16-352-355 only
Ch 3518 & a list of numbers
in August 1875 -
3010-3015/15-16-469-470.
- 10-1007/12 - 172-173
- 2125-2163/13 - 521-522
- 8-1641/12 - 320-111.

225-1895 22nd July
From Mr. J. B. S. S.
The Superintending Engr.
Chingleput District
Public Works Officer

Dated 17th July 1875
Recd 13th July 1875

H.C. 1506
Observes that he is not
under the circumstances
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in signing certain Com-
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requests to transfer the
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Supd Supd Chingleput
Cbr P.W.C.

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To

The Supergr.
Chingleput

Dated

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Recd.

For

27 July 75 No 212

Nos. 726-727

Completion Certificate.

Passing orders on letter
from the Super:
Engr: Chingleput,
declining to sign
certain —, I request
their ~~their~~ transfer
to the Controller.