

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
3rd November 1875.*

No 54. Read the following letter from T. D HARRIS, Esq, Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to Major-General G W WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 13th October 1875, No 103 —

In obedience to your No 47, dated 8th ultimo, I have the honor to forward a copy of letter, No 229, dated 6th instant, from the Assistant Engineer in charge of the Cannanore Range, showing cause why the allotment of each year for erecting the quarters for the Superintendent of Jail at Cannanore was not fully utilized

2 I fully agree in what Lieutenant Dobson states, the work was entirely in the hands of the Superintendent of Jail, as per G O, No 1,316, dated 1st October 1872,* Judicial Department, and we had only to furnish professional aid; I do not therefore think that the Department of Public Works at Cannanore is in any way to be blamed in not utilizing the allotment, on the contrary, the greatest assistance has been rendered by this department, and I have myself constantly visited the work, and have given detailed plan for stairs, portico, &c, which was omitted from the plans originally I would strongly urge the completion of this building, as it will be when completed a valuable public property, and I would strongly recommend, in the interest of State and people, that all such works should be carried out under the direct supervision of a professional department, when there is one to be availed of. I trust the funds may be supplied, and that I may see this building completed before the setting in of next monsoon

From Lieutenant A E DOBSON, R.E, Assistant Engineer of Cannanore Range, Malabar, to T D HARRIS, Esq, Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 6th October 1875, No 229

Your No 230,* dated 24th September 1875, I have the honor to forward the following report.

2 The work was intended originally to have been carried out entirely by the Jail Department, viz, under the Superintendent of Central Jail, with a Supervisor* told off to be always present at the work, but as no Supervisor was available, a competent masonry was to be appointed.

3 Captain Bailey was then in charge of district and range, and his endorsement* on above Government Order recommended Mr. Menazes, Range Maistry, but the range was shorthanded at the time, there being no Overseer in Cherakal Taluq, and the Maistry had to take charge of taluq, and so I could not assist the Jail Superintendent at that moment However I sent up Mr Menazes, Range Maistry, on November 1st, 1873, and put him on special charge of the work, he unfortunately died,† having taken

4 As the work was to be carried out entirely by convicts, I did not like to go on with it without having some man constantly in charge, as I was professionally responsible for the work being properly done I stopped work and reported it, and asked* that Sub-Overseer Rarichen might be given me

* Enclosure herewith returned

* Vide G O. No 2,492, dated 11th October 1873

* No 262, dated 17th October 1873

† 20th December 1873

* In letter No 1,083, dated 5th January 1874

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5 He was appointed* on the 10th January 1874, and almost immediately afterwards the appointment was cancelled on the 21st January† 1874. The work thus having had to be stopped under unavoidable circumstances I addressed the District Engineer, vide letter No. 1,188, of 24th January 1874, to which I received a reply, No. 22 of 30th idem, ordering me to get a good working mason. Thus I did and set to work as fast as I could, and although I was up as often as I could be, still the building could not be pushed on as fast as free-labor building, all the labor employed being unskilled convict labor, and I could not make them work up to mason's tasks, as many of them were quite new hands at building, and had to be taught there for the first time.

6 As the work was to have been carried out entirely by Jail Department they made their own arrangements about getting materials, &c., and I only gave the Superintendent any professional advice he might require, or assisted him and instructed the convicts when necessary, but always was under the impression that the Jail Department were to spend the money as they wanted it.

7 The accounts of the work never passed through this office, and this office never knew what the rate of expenditure was, but supplied money to the Superintendent on requisition.

8 The work was much delayed through the timber contractor not bringing timber, but the Department of Public Works had nothing to say on the matter as the contractor was a jail contractor.

9 The work now is almost complete, except a small portion of roofing, which would have been done before the monsoon, except for the delay of this contractor.

10 As all the labor was supplied by the Superintendent, I did not feel myself justified in interfering about the progress of the work as long as the work was good, although I have often remarked that the progress was slow, but, as I said before, I could only give the Superintendent advice and assist him to the best of my ability when he required it. I have but little doubt that I could, if the work had been carried out by free labor under me, have completed the work easily in one year, as I have never since I have been here found any difficulty in spending a year's allotment and completing whatever I may have to do.

No 55. ORDER THEREON, 3rd November 1875, No. 3,114
CIVIL WORKS, No. 5.

The Financial Department have been requested in G.O., No. 2,956, of 15th October 1875, to allot the sum required for completion of the Jail Superintendent's quarters at Cannanore from the Convict Labor Fund. Work of this kind will in future be carried out under instructions from Public Works Officers, the necessary convict labor under the control of the jail officials being placed at their disposal.

(True Extract)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar
" Financial Department.
" Judicial
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Ed. S. T. Austin

The Assistant Engineer
of Cannanore Range Malabar.

To The District Engineer
of Malabar.

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Yours No. 250 of 24th September 1875.
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* vide f.O. No. 2492
of 11th October 1875

* No. 262 of 7th
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Letter No. 1168 of 24th Jan 1896
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I have the
pleasure to inform Lt. Col.
Assistant Engineer Malabar.

Yours faithfully
J. H. D. S. S.
Offg. Dist. Engr. Malabar

No. 103. Calicut 13 October 1875.
From
The Offg. District Engineer
Malabar
To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

In obedience to your No. 47 of
8th Ultimo I have the honor to forward a
copy of letter No. 229 of 6th Instant from
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more Range showing cause why the allotment
of each year for erecting the quarters for the
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not fully utilized.

P. W. D. Govt.
Order No. 121 of
22nd October 1872

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Sir,

Your most Oblet. Servant

[Signature]

Off. Dist. Engineer, Malabar

In a letter from
 the Off. Dist. Eng.
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 13th October 1895

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 of the Central Jail
 at Cannanore.

No 3114
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 3^d Nov/75.
Read the following:-

From
The Offg. District Engineer
Malabar } (H.S. No 103 dated 13. Oct/75)

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Director of the Supt. District
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