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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th February 1875.*

No 100 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 Gaudy, 5th
January 1875, No. 3,377 —

I HAVE the honor to enclose copies of correspondence as requested by the
Executive Engineer, Mount, for the consideration of Government.

2. The orders quoted* regarding the submission of Inspection and Progress

* G O, No 2,226, dated 8th September 1873

1 Letter No 2,470, dated 17th December
1874, from the Executive Engineer,
Mount Range, to the District Engineer,
Chingleput, with its 11 enclosures

Reports may perhaps be open to the
reading which Captain Smith suggests,
but I would submit that, if then simul-
taneous despatch be not necessary, yet
the District Engineer needs to have some

means of enforcing punctual submission of returns

3 In G O, No. 2,986, dated 9th October 1865, it is laid down that the
Progress Report shall be forwarded to the District Engineer by the 5th of the
month following that for which it accounts (extreme accuracy in figures is not
required), but practically I find that even when enforcing my reading of this
Government Order, I can get the report only about the 16th or 17th of each month.

4. In former times it rarely reached me for a month or even more after date.

5. Whatever therefore be the intention of Government as regards this parti-
cular order, I trust that they will specifically give the District Engineer some
authority to procure punctuality and due attention to orders, which may be and
are frequently treated as idle words

6. The delay of travelling allowance bills seems an easy remedy.

No. 101. ORDER THEREON, 4th February 1875, No. 313.

ESTABLISHMENT, No 4.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council observes that the Superintend-
ing Engineer, Chingleput, has mis-

apprehended his Order, No. 2,226 of 8th September 1873, and was not justified
in withholding from audit the Travelling Allowance Bills for which Inspection
Lists form the chief vouchers

2 In the Government Order that has been alluded to, it has been enjoined
on Range Officers that they send in their reports to District Engineers at the earliest
possible date, but the Government have abstained from fixing that date with
precision, trusting that the spirit of their order will be acted on. Should a District
Engineer have good grounds for attributing to any Range Officer improper delay
arising from neglect, bad management, or contumacy, it will be his duty to
bring that officer's conduct generally to the notice of Government.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To District Engineers
To the Executive Engineer
" Controllor of Public Works Accounts.
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No 2764
Chinghapul Dec 22 Aug 12 Officer Range Officer
Quindry 15 Jan 1876 15/1874.

From The District Engineer
Chinghapul
To The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

Sir I have the honor to call your
attention to L/O No 2226 of 8th September/15th Inst.
desiring that Inspection Report should be
accompanying Progress Report.

+ I have put
1/2 (Juno Cochar) Dist. Eng. of Chinghapul
large diary
supplement.

Admitted Captain P.C.
Executive Eng. Mount Range
I read the
1873 is
in any

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the Capt. P.C.
(Juno Cochar) Executive Engineer

Admitted Captain P.C.
Exec. Eng. Mount Range

No. 1792

No. 2 or Mount Range Office
22nd January 1874.

From

The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

To

The District Engineer
Lunglepet

Sir

With reference to your No. 2764 of 15th Inst.

I have the honor to report that it is impossible to delay the submission of Inspection until the Progress Report is prepared and submitted, for as it is, the Officer and subordinates are kept a very long time without their travelling allowances. The large diary with full remarks which are to act as a supplement to those on Progress Report (at least as I read the meaning of Lt. No. 2226 of 8th September 1873) is now kept by you and can be perused in any case with the Progress Report.

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+ I enclose
(Signed) A. C. Smith Capt. R.E.
(Inu Echast) Executive Engineer

A. Smith Capt. R.E.
Exec. Eng. Mount Range

P. W. 68/7.

No 2648

Mount Range Office
October 1874

Memorandum

Progress report for
Sept 1874.

Unanswered reference
List for Sept/74-

District Engineer's Office
Chungfah
Guindy, 17 Oct/74

The District Engineer, Chungfah

Chungfah District Division,
requests the Executive Officer
No 2 Range Chungfah Dist. you that I am
to expedite his return notes to the meaning
in the margin. it is pointed out that the Range travelling bill is detained till the Progress Report is received to accompanying
Vide of Q No 2226 of 8 Sept 1873. As far as
at the earliest

[Sd] J. J. Mobley, Col. & C.

District Engineer

Chungfah

[True Copy]

Alsmith Capt. R.E.

should also be prepared.

It says nothing against the previous pre-
paration of the latter and surely if the Diary
is submitted (and retained in your Office as it
is for your information) there can be no possible
objection to your forwarding the travelling allowance
bill accompanying it, at once for audit. I cannot
see what one has to do with the other, the passing
of our just claims by the latter with the

Respectfully

J. M. 1874
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No 1936

No. 20 Mount Range Office
21st October 1871

From The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

To The District Engineer
Chungking

Sir. I have the honor to inform you that I am
of opinion that you have ^{mis-}understood the meaning
of the Ld. No. 2226 of 8th September 1870. As far as
I can make out nothing whatever is said about
the necessity of the Progress Report accompanying
the inspection Report but it merely states that
the former should be submitted at the earliest
possible date and should invariably be accompa-
=ed by the inspection Report, by which I imagine
is meant that by the date the Progress Report
is ready for submission the inspection Report
should also be prepared.

It says nothing against the previous pre-
=paration of the latter and surely if the Diary
is submitted (and retained in your Office as it
is for your information) there can be no possible
objection to your forwarding the travelling allowance
bill accompanying it, at once for audit. I cannot
see what one has to do with the other, the passing
of our just claims by the Comptroller with the

Respectfully

W. B. 1871

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registry of progress of work in your office.

In your No 2418 dated 17th Instant, you intimate to me that in consequence of non-receipt of Progress Report and unanswered returns you have detained the Range Travelling allowance bill. I must respectfully submit that I do not see the justice of this, nor do I think it is the intention of Government in their order No. 292B of 8th September 73. I shall therefore be obliged by your referring to Government for consideration the question as to whether an officer and his subordinates are to be kept out of their just dues for the delay in non-submission of a document; a delay which may be brought about either by negligence of an office member who does not suffer by such detention of the bill in your office, or by circumstances over which we may none of us have any control such as a mistake in accounts rendered by subordinate entailing correspondence and delay.

I may as well here remind you that the date fixed for submission of monthly returns is the 5th of the month and only Travelling allowance bill with inspection Report and Diary are submitted on or about that date but it is a physical impossibility

to prepare and submit the Progress Report by that date as already explained in my No 1792 of 22nd January 1874.

I have the
Lgd of A. Smith Captain R &
Exco. Coy. Mount Range

(True copy)

Ald Smith Captain R &
Executive Coy. Mount Range.

No 2661

Dist Engineer's Office

Quincy 27th October 1874.

From The Dist Engineer
Chicopee District

To The Executive Engineer
Mount Range.

Sir

I have the honor to observe in reply to your
No. 1936 of 21st Inst that whatever may be the
meaning of G. O. No. 2226 of 8th September 1873
I consider that I am fully empowered by Depart-
ment rules to delay your Travelling Allowance
bill if you are not punctual in the submission
of your periodical returns.

I have no means of pressing your office
except through you, and when I find my repeat-
ed calls for papers utterly unnoticed I am
obliged to use such instrument as I possess to
obtain your attention.

There is no reason why such a statement
as the unanswered reference list should not be
prepared on the 1st of each month as it should
be merely a copy of the items in your register
of letters received as have no entry in last column.

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The Progress Report is so simple that it ought
not to take many minutes to fill in the entries.

My proceeding has produced a little
more punctuality and attention, but I have still
much reason to complain & I see no reason for
changing.

I have the honor to be

Yours &c. J. Moberly Coll. M. E.

Dist. Engineer Clingf. J. M.

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Admth. (J. M. E.)

Executive Engineer

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No 2 or Mount Range Off.
21st October 1874

From The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

To The District Engineer
Clingf. J. M.

1st In reply to your No. 2601 dated 27th
Instant, I have the honor to request you will be
good enough to send the whole of this correspondence
to Government for orders.

2nd The preparation of documents by my Office
has nothing to do with my subordinates in the
Field and as their Travelling allowance has to
be billed in the same bill as mine they are punished
for my (or rather my Office) delays.

3rd By a recent by-laws No. 1775 dated 28 July/74
it is laid down that Travelling allowance cannot be
drawn in arrears so that if you choose to delay the
bill long enough the whole of my Range will be
fined their allowances for that month.

4th My Progress report is not the simple thing you
seem to think it and a slight mistake on the part
of an Officer whose Office may be 20 Miles from
the Mount and also may be absent from his records
on important work, such a mistake entailing corres-
pondence delays the preparations of accounts and
I am positive that Government does not intend that
their

their officers should be punished and deprived
of their just dues for mistakes - Call them
offences if you will - over which they have
no control.

With regard to the last para of your
letter under reply I beg to state that I was
not aware that you had detained any of my
prior Travelling allowances Bill or I should
have represented the injustice done to others
thus by earlier. I am glad that there is a
little more punctuality but it was not brought
about by your proceeding as described.

I have the

Yours faithfully Captain R.E.

Exec. Engr. Mount Range

(True Copy)

Admiral Captain R.E.

Executive Engr. Mount Range

Colingford Dist. Engrs Office

Grundy, 6th November 1874.

No. 2746

From The District Engineer
Colingford

To
The Executive Engineer
Mount Range.

Sir

In reply to your L^t. 2044 of 31st ultimo I
have the honor to observe that there were 107
entries in your Progress Report book for September.
If their accounts were received from the Subordinates
in good time, I do not understand why any delay
should occur in filling in the items in your
book and sending it to me in a few hours.

You are mistaken in supposing that
any extreme accuracy as to detail is required
by either the Collector or District Engineer. See G.
O. No. 2986 of 9th October 1865; we only want
a general idea of what you are doing on each work
and punctuality is far more important than accu-
-racy which in accounts concerns the Controller.

I have the honor Sir

(True Copy)
Yours faithfully
Admiral
Capt R.E. Dist. Engr. Colingford.
Exec. Engr. Mount Range

1875

Chingbut District Engineer
Lyons 16th November 1874

From The District Engineer
Chingbut.

To The Executive Engineer
Mount

I have the honor to observe that I do not see any necessity for the entry of a Progress Report.

I shall be very glad to make any allowance on special occasions for any accident that may delay your Progress Report, which may be submitted with explanation to be returned for any further entries.

Your manuscript is so important that I must also point out as of very great importance as it brings to light any loss of letters in transmission.

If the register is properly kept it might be sent away by the 2nd or 3rd of each month before the accounts are received from subordinates.

I have &
Signed F. J. Mahony Esq. R.E.
Dist. Eng. Chingbut

(True copy)

Admitted by Captain R.E.
Exec. Eng. Mount Range

P. M. 18/11/75

1st 2370

Major Mount Range Officer
28 December 1876

From The Executive Engineer
Mount Range

To The District Engineer
Chughpat

Sir I have the to report that I only received
my travelling allowance bill for October duly audited
and by the Comptroller last night the 1st December.
That Officer informed me in reply to a
question from me, that this bill reached his
Office from yours on the 26th November and on
recognition that it was despatched to your
Office on the 19th November.

Therefore a delay of 11 days has occurred
in your Office unless the Post has miscarried.

With reference to my Rs. 1936 and 2016 of
21st and 21st October 1876 I shall be ^{much} obliged
if you will inform me whether the delay was
accidental or intentional.

Yours for—

W. H. Smith Captain P & E
Exec. Engineer Mount Range.

(Enc. 1/1)

W. H. Smith Captain P & E
Exec. Engineer Mount Range

P. M. 1875

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No. 3198

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Colingford Sups. Engrs. Office
Gandy 15th November 1874

From

The Superintending Engineer,
Colingford

To

The Creative Engineer
Grant Range

Sir,

In reply to your No. 2370, 2nd inst.
I have the honor to inform you that your
Progress Report due on 5th was not received
till the 20th November, and your travelling ac-
count bill was forwarded to the Controller
Public Works Accounts that evening.

I have the honor to be

Yours faithfully
J. J. Moberly Col. R.E.
Supt. Engrs. Colingford

Per Capt.

Edmund Col. R.E.
Genl. Engrs.

No. 2170

No. 2 Range Office,

17th December 1874.

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

No. 2 or Mount Range

Chingleput District.

THE District Engineer
Chingleput

With reference to your No. 3125 of 6th Instant
I have the honor to enclose Copies of all the Com-
pendium as marginally noted between us on the sub-
ject and against you will be good enough to forward
the same to Government for consideration.

I was in hopes from the tone of your last
letter No. 2370 of 12th ultimo and also from your
having retained to refer the matter to Government
that you would be so good as to forward the same to
Government in my No. 1906 and 2046 dated 21st
and 31st October 1874, respectively that you had
concurred the point and that you intended in-
clude to forward my Range Travelling allow-
ance bill at once on receipt thereof. I was there-
fore surprised to find you had delayed doing so for
16 days.

I do not write in any cavilling spirit
but simply to ascertain in justice to myself and
subordinates

5/11/88 M. J.

1865
 (The State of New York)
 Albany, 10th January, 1865
 Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed report of the State of New York, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. B. Thompson
 Secretary of the State

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J. W. 1875
 The Sup. Court
 Chingleput
 The Secretary to Govt.
 P. W. D.

Dated 5th January, 1878
 Received

Enclosure 12
 Forwards certain
 correspondence
 passed between
 himself and the Officer
 in Charge of the
 Range and requests
 that the District
 will be allowed
 specifically some
 authority to procure
 punctuality in the
 despatch of peri-
 odical reports
 from Range Officers.
 E. L. 313 4-2-78

I have the honor to be
 Sir,
 Your most obedient servant
 J. M. S. S. S.
 J. M. S. S. S.

P. W. D.

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Read the following:—

The Sup. Court
 Chingleput

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It was not the
 intention of His Excellency
 the Governor in
 Council, by his order
 No. 22316 of 8th September
 1875 [to preclude] inspec-
 -tion from being
 submitted as soon as they
 could be prepared, which
 must ordinarily belong
 before so voluminous
 and important a docu-
 -ment as the Progress of
 Report can be sent in.
 (The)

11 The object of that order
12 is attained if the Inspect-
13 -tion Report is not
14 delayed till after the
15 Progress Report. Hence
16 the Superintending Engineer
17 was not justified in
18 quoting it as his authority
19 for withholding from
20 audit the Travelling
21 allowance Bills for which
22 Inspectors' Lists form
23 the chief vouchers [and
24 His Excellency in Council
25 is unwilling that officers
26 and subordinates should
27 be inconvenienced by
28 the detention of such
29 documents on account
30 of delays for which they
31 may not be in any way
32 responsible.]

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officer improper delay
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bad management, or
contumacy, it will
be his duty to bring
that officer's conduct
generally to the notice of
Government. C. W. N.

To District Engineer
The Hon. Eng. & Ry. Board
Controller
Dated 26/5/75

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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

~~Dep't of Public
Works~~

G. O. 12 Feb 1875. 3/3

No. 100-101-

Accounts

Passing orders on
the correspondence between
the S. Engr. Chingleput
& the Executive Engineer
Mount Ranar regarding
the ~~proposed~~ submission
detention of Travelling
All Bills pending
the submission of
Annual Returns &c.