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21st April 1876.

No. 290. Read the following letter from K. F. NORDMANN, Esq., Officiating District Engineer, Vizagapatam, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Vizianagram, 4th April 1876, No. 37:—

I HAVE the honor, herewith, to submit a copy of a telegram despatched to your address on the 2nd instant.

2. I am asked by the Agent to the Governor to stop work on the new ghaut and send all coolies to carry baggage for the troops marching to Bustar.

3. As I have been ordered in Chief Engineer's Memorandum, No. 533, dated 23rd March 1876, not on any account to suspend work on the ghaut, I thought it necessary to telegraph to you for orders before complying with Mr. Goodrich's demand.

4. Under any circumstances, all I can do is to tell the coolies to leave the ghaut work and go to Pauchipenta to carry baggage up the ghaut under the Agent's orders. Whether the coolies will do as they are told, is another matter. They are free agents and I have no control over them, except in a limited degree so long as they choose to remain on my work. I have no authority or means to enforce any orders regarding their movements, once they leave my employ.

5. Meanwhile, having received no reply to my telegram of the 2nd (until this morning), and considering the emergency of the case, I yesterday instructed the Range Officer, Mr. Cormac, to be ready near the foot of the ghauts, with his Overseer, to render all assistance he can to the troops marching up the hills; and I have informed the Agent accordingly, whom I have seen this morning.

6. I was on the point of telegraphing again to you, when your telegram (dated the 3rd at 1-50 P.M.) reached me only this morning at 9-20; the order contained therein having been acted on by me in anticipation. I have instituted inquiries regarding the delay in the transmission of the telegram.

7. The hill people having left the works some days ago for their annual feast, which lasts upwards of a month, there are only 200 low-country coolies employed on the ghauts at the present moment. These I have placed at the Agent's disposal, leaving him to make such arrangements as he can to secure them and prevent their absconding, which they will be very apt to do when they discover what they are wanted for.

8. The season's work on the ghauts has, by these circumstances, been unfortunately interrupted, if not brought to a premature close.

No. 291. ORDER THEREON, 21st April 1876, No. 1,002.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 23.

RECORDED, with the remark that the Acting District Engineer of Vizagapatam has hardly appreciated the duty incumbent on him as an officer in the Government service of affording every assistance in his power to the passage of troops proceeding on emergent field service.

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2. He would have incurred a heavy responsibility had he acted otherwise than he appears to have done, in anticipation of the orders of the Chief Engineer; which however he should not have felt it necessary to ask.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,
Offg. Under Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam.
" Military Department.

Exd. T. O'Connor.
Spare Copies

From — Vizianagram To — Madras
— N. F. Nordmann Esq. — Major G. G. W. Walker Esq.
Offg. District Engineer Secretary to Govt. P.W.D.

Requesting orders, anent Telegram
from Governor's Agent as follows:—
"All Coolies on New Ghaut to be sent
immediately to Panchipenta to assist in
carriage of troops' baggage to Pottinghi on
8th or 9th; necessity emergent."

2^d April 1875

(True Copy)

Nordmann
Offg. District Engineer
Vizagapatam

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8023rd March 1876

Mr. 28.5/76

Copy of Telegram

N^o 37

District Engineer's Office, Camp,
Virianagram 4th April 1876

From

K. J. Nordmann Esq.
Officiating District Engineer
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To

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Yr

Your most obedient servant

R. M. Ordman
Off. Dist. Engineer, Vizagapatnam

Confidential

April 17/76 No 17 mis. orig
Cto 2102/76 with memo 538827/76

Forwarded copy of Telegram
dated 2nd April and
supplying Coolies for the
troops baggage, with report.

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Dated 14th
Recd 11 April 1876

To
The Secretary to Govt M.B.
Madras.
From
The Dist Engineer
Vizagapatam
No: 2651
1876

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Govt. of 1870 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

To W. S. Vazagapattam

24/4/76

Dated

Signed

Recd

Encl.

21 April 1876, No. 1022

* Hon. 2902-1022
Ent. in 1022
29-4-76

Supply of

Cookies for the carriage
of baggage of Troops
proceeding on Field
Service in the Vazagapattam
- Letter from the D.
Supt. regarding the
supply of
records of the same.