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No. 515. Read the following letter from Lieut. D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Executive Engineer in charge Godavery District, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 12th July 1876, No. 1,048 :—

I HAVE the honor to forward herewith, for such orders as the Government may feel disposed to pass on the subject, the accompanying copies of letters from the Master Attendant, Cocanada, and the Executive Engineer in charge Government Workshop, Dowlaishweram, relative to some corrugated iron supplied to Captain Castor for the roofing of the wharf at Cocanada, the Workshop centage on which that officer refuses to pay.

1 Letter No. 602 (A), dated 25th March 1876, from the Master Attendant, Cocanada.
1 Letter No. 1,176 (B), dated June 1876, from the Master Attendant, Cocanada, to the Officer in charge Government Workshop.
1 Letter, No. 90, dated 4th July 1876, from the Executive Engineer in charge Government Workshop.

2. From the correspondence it will be seen that the Master Attendant stated that he would pay all costs of the iron he wanted, even if it were found necessary to procure it from Calcutta; but after it had, under instructions from the officer in charge of the Workshop, been sent direct to him by the Firm at Calcutta, to whom the value of the iron was paid by the Workshop, Captain Castor declined paying the usual centage, because the article was neither made in the shop nor furnished from its stores.

3. Now the rules are that centage is charged on all raw materials issued from the stores, and considering therefore that, had the material been available in those stores, Captain Castor would have had not only to have paid centage, but also the cost of conveyance from Calcutta to Dowlaishweram and back again; it seems scarcely consistent that when the Workshop officials had the trouble of getting the materials especially for him, that he should refuse to pay the centage on the grounds that the materials were sent directly to him; for it must be remembered that the bill having been paid by the Workshop the materials were really the property of the shop.

4. It is very desirable that a ruling should be obtained on this point, as it can hardly be expected that the time of the Workshop officials should be occupied in writing for materials for private parties and other departments if no profit is to be made.

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(A.)

From Captain J. CASTOR, Master Attendant, to Major J. BEATTY, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery Dowlaishweram, dated Cocanada, 25th March 1876, No. 602.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that when the wooden water-ways were removed, the iron plates on which they rest have been found entirely worn away, and the water-way cannot be fitted unless this iron plate is removed. If the renewal of this plate is not included in the original estimate, I beg you will be so good as to order it to be renewed, and I shall pay its cost, as I cannot fit the new decks unless this is first done.

2. I am in want of 2,128 lbs. of corrugated iron sheets and nails; if cannot purchase them from the Workshops, may I beg the favor of your ordering them from Calcutta, and I will pay all costs. I understood from Mr. Joyce that they have been ordered, but steamer after steamer have arrived but without the article.

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No 3,856.

COMMUNICATED to the officer in charge Government Workshop, Dowlaishweram, with a request that he will be good enough to have the iron plates referred to renewed, and send a reminder to Calcutta for the corrugated iron.

DOWLAISHWERAM,
31st May 1876.

(Signed) J. BEATTY, Major, R.E.,
District Engineer, Godavery.

(B)

From Captain J. CASTOR, Master Attendant, to Captain D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E.,
Executive Engineer in charge Government Workshop, Dowlaishweram, dated Cocanada,
30th June 1876, No. 1,176.

With reference to my letter, dated 12th instant, No. 1,049, I have the honor to inform you that a reference has been made to Madras, and I have been directed to decline the payment of the centage to enable you to refer the case to Government.

The original Bill is herewith returned.

2. I beg to enclose a cheque on the local Bank for Rupees 1,211-13-9, and beg you will be so good as to furnish me with an amended Bill.

From Lieutenant D. McNEIL CAMPBELL, R.E., Executive Engineer in charge Government Workshop, Dowlaishweram, to the District Engineer, Godavery, dated Dowlaishweram, 4th July 1876, No. 90.

I HAVE the honor to bring the following facts to your notice, and request that you will be so good as to obtain the opinion of Government on the subject.

2. In February last Captain Castor, the Master Attendant at Cocanada, asked Mr. Joyce, the Deputy Superintendent of the Workshop, to get some corrugated iron for the roofing of the wharf at Cocanada, and not being sure whether this had been ordered, he wrote on 25th March* to the District Engineer, asking him to order 2,128 lbs. corrugated iron from Calcutta if it

*Letter No. 602, herein enclosed (A.)

could not be obtained in the Workshop, and stated that he was willing to pay all costs. Accordingly, Captain Brockman, the officer in charge of Workshops, wrote an order to Messrs. Unonto Ram Dhur & Co, of Calcutta, for the material required, and directed that it was to be sent to the care of the Master Attendant. On the arrival of the iron, Captain Castor took it over at Cocanada, the Bill from the Firm in Calcutta being paid by the Workshop; but when a Bill was submitted to the Master Attendant from the Workshop, that officer refused (*vide* letter B) to pay the usual 10 per cent. Workshop centage, on the grounds that the article was neither made in the Workshop nor furnished from its stores.

3. Now, in my opinion, he is not justified in refusing to pay the centage for the following reasons:—

4. There was no reason why he should not have obtained the corrugated iron for himself; but, of course, by getting it through the Workshop he saved himself trouble (which was thrown on Workshop writers), and no doubt thought that he would get it cheaper and better, as the Workshop dealt with the Firm.

5. In his letter to the District Engineer he says "if the iron cannot be got in the Workshop;" now supposing we had been able to supply the material from the shop, he would have had to pay centage in addition to carriage from and to Cocanada. Consequently, it seems to be

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altogether wrong that when we had the trouble of writing specially for the material, he should not pay centage.

6. Captain Castor must be well aware that if he wrote to any private Firm to supply him with articles they did not keep themselves, they would charge him commission, though perhaps not so much as 10 per cent., but there is no rule by which the Workshop is permitted to charge less.

7. I may mention that in 1874 some asphalt was procured by the Workshop for works in 5th Range, and was taken over directly by the officer in charge of that range, but he never thought of objecting to pay the usual centage.

No. 516.

ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1876, No. 1,936.

ACCOUNT, No. 44.

HIS GRACE the Governor in Council does not consider the Workshops entitled to charge a per-centage on stores which were not issued by the Factory, and which were never in the custody of the Workshop officials. The shops are, however, exempt from all cost which the transaction may have involved, such as postage or other charges. These should be met by the Marine Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

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

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

„ Marine Department.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

Spare Copies

No 602 of 1876.

Master Attendants Office
Cocanada, 25th March 1876.

To,

Major Beatty R.E.

Sup^r Engineer Godavery District.

Dowlaisheram -

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but without the article.

I have ~~seen~~ ^{seen}
[Signed] John Castor
Master Attendant.
No. 3856.

Communicated to the Officer in charge
Government Workshop Dowlaishwaram, with
a request that he will be good enough to
have the iron plates referred to, renewed,
and send a reminder to Calcutta for the
Corrugated iron.

(Signed) J. Beatty Major R.E.
31 May 1876. District Engineer Godavari Dist.

(True Copy)

J. M. Campbell Lieut. R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge Govt.
Workshop.

Enclosure to letter
drawn to Executive
Engineer in charge
Godavari District
to the Chief Engineer
D. P. W. No. 1048 dated
12 July 1876.

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No. 1176 of 1876

Master attendant 4
Office Cochin 7C
30th June 1876

To

Captain Campbell R.E.
Executive Engineer
in charge Govt. Workshop.
Dowlaishwaram

Sir

With reference to my letter dated
12th Instant No. 1049 I have the honor to
inform you that, a reference has been
made to Madras, and I have been
directed to decline the payment of
the Centage to enable you to refer the
Case to Government.

2. I enclose a cheque on
the local bank for Rs 12 11. 13. 9
and beg you will be so good as
to furnish me with an amended bill.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obedt. Servt.
[Signed] John Castor
Master Attendant

[True Copy]

J. M. Campbell Lieut. R.E.
Executive Engineer
in charge Godavari Dist.

The original bill is herewith returned

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Government Workshop Office
Dowlaishteram 4th July 1876.

From
The Executive Engineer in charge
Government Workshop, Dowlaishteram

To
The District Engineer
Godavery District
Dowlaishteram

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* Letter No 602
herein enclosed.
(A)

Enclosure to letter from
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in charge Godavery
District to the Chief
Engineer D. W. L. No.
1048 dated 12 July 76

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I have seen you.

J. M. W. Campbell Lieut R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge Govt Workshop.

(True Copy)

J. M. W. Campbell Lieut R.E.
Executive Engineer in charge Godavery Dist.

Compd.

Public Works Dept.

From the Executive Engineer in
Charge of the Godavery District No. 1048
dated 12th July 1876.

For Orders:

Enclosure to letter from
the Executive Engineer
in charge Godavery
to the Chief Engineer
D. N. W. No 1048 dated
12 July 1876.

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Submitted for
Orders.

Commr the Major Genl. Bt.
 Secretary to Govt. W. M.

for a Gentle move - Then the world defers itself
before it changes its mind
for a Gentle move -
The thing seems to
me quite unnecessary.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28 July 1936.

Read the following:—

From
The Executive Engineer
in Charge of the Quarry
District } (H.E. No. 1048 d/12 July 1936)

His Grace the
Governor in Council
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Report by the Marine
Department.

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District Engineer, Godavari
Hyd. P. W. Accounts
Marine Department.

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To

The N. B. Godavery

Date

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G. O. 25 July 1876 No. 1930

No. 575/10

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Corrugated Iron supplied
to the Master Attendant at
C. Canada for the roofing
of the Wharf by the MW
Workshop at Swains
veram - Passing orders
on correspondence by the A.
Mr. relative to the payment
of the per centage charged
on the