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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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28th November 1876. No. 3,174.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 477. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 10th October 1876, No. 2,517.

ADVERTING to G.O., No. 1,459, dated 2nd June 1873, I have the honor to submit, for the sanction of Government, the accompanying plan and estimate, amounting to Rupees 890, for constructing an Overseer's office at Meylore, prepared on the standard design.

- 1 Plan.
- 1 Estimate of Rupees 890.
- 1 Unanswered Reference List.

2. As the building is proposed to be erected on Government land no compensation is therefore provided in the estimate.*

I take this opportunity to bring to the notice of Government the great difficulty and inconvenience I find in getting papers at all from the Madura Division office, of which Mr. Paynter is the Executive Officer.

In this simple matter of submitting a complete estimate for a Taluq Overseer's office at Meylore there has been very unnecessary delay of some fifteen months as detailed below :—

The estimate was received in this office in a very deficient condition on the 25th May 1875, and was returned with a draft estimate prepared on the standard design with this office No. 730, 29th May 1875, in order that it might be scrutinized as to rates, &c., and returned to this office fair copied; but this was done in so highly unsatisfactory a manner I was obliged to retransmit it for revision on the 8th June 1875 with No. 912, and it was at last sent to me on the 12th September 1876 with his No. 1,782, thus allowing a period of a year and a quarter to lapse without a word of explanation as to the cause of such vexatious delay, and on my asking for this, Mr. Paynter tells me, on the 22nd September 1876, that it is due to his draughtsman, and not one word is offered in explanation of his own gross and systematic neglect and delay in this or in any other matters; and I am now compelled to send up his Unanswered Reference List for submission to the Government, as I can obtain from him no explanation or satisfactory disposal of these matters. He took charge in June 1875, and not a paper or estimate has been disposed of except by constant reminders from this office, and all he will explain is that he has referred the matter to his Overseers for explanation, contenting himself with being a mere medium of communication.

I have taken away from him all the funds I possibly could, so as to utilize these in the sub-division under more careful and zealous supervision, and, as I can get no satisfactory replies from him to my repeated remonstrances, I am at length compelled to submit the matter for the orders of the Government before their interests suffer any more in the Madura Range.

No. 477-A. From the same Officer, dated Madura, 17th October 1876, No. 2,602.

At the request of Mr. Paynter I have the honor to forward copy of his letter of the 12th instant, No. 2,095, and beg to observe that Mr. Paynter fails to show either from his Inspection Reports, Progress Reports, or Unanswered Reference Lists, that his works or duties are fully or satisfactorily carried out; and, in consequence of the delays

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created by him alone, I have been obliged to direct the Sub-division Officer to send me his papers and estimates, as these, if sent through the Range Officer, are kept for six or eight months, and the only explanation afforded for the delay in each instance is the standard one "it was an oversight," and work which could be easily executed within the official year is left undone and funds unutilized, and I have already had to take from him upwards of Rupees 20,000* so that the Local Fund Board should not again complain of this department.

*New Works.

From L. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura Division, to Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer of Madura, dated Madura, 12th October 1876, No. 2,095.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the "statement showing the strength and distribution of officers and subordinates in the Madura Range for the quarter ending 30th September 1876."

2. Your remark opposite my name is "working very lazily, will do nothing if he can help it, all his work, office, and field duties far in arrears."

3. I cannot deny that the work is in arrears, but it is due to other causes already reported to you and not to any fault of mine. The arrears are now not near so great as they were on the 1st March 1876 when I resumed charge, and they are being gradually worked off, but it must, with the present establishment, be a long time before they are completely cleared. I have before reported that the establishment is not strong enough for the work it has to do, and, during the past seven months, considerable overtime has been worked.

4. I do not intend, nor wish to be in the least degree disrespectful, but I must say that I think you have brought those charges against me without considering the quantity of work to be got through, and I must deny that I idle my time.

5. As your remark has been sent to the Chief Engineer, I beg you will be so good as to forward this letter to him.

No. 478. ORDER THEREON, 28th November 1876, No. 3,174.

CIVIL WORKS, No. 36-A.

(a) *Heads of Service.*—Provincial.
Fund.—Ordinary.
Class.—Original Works.
Main-head.—Civil Buildings.
Sub-head.—L, Public Works Department.
Section.—I, Offices.
Name of Work.—Taluk Overseer's Office at Meylore.
Amount.—Rupees 890.
To be carried out by the Public Works Department.

THE plan and estimate of Rupees 890 for constructing a Taluk Overseer's office at Meylore are sanctioned; but the execution of the work must be deferred till funds are available.

no consequence, to charge the Madura Range Officer with "gross and systematic neglect and delay;" in proof whereof he sends up his Unanswered Reference List for the quarter ending 31st July.

3. Of the 82 undisposed of papers entered therein, it is observed that 23 bear date before the 14th June 1875, on which Mr. Paynter reported his arrival at Madura to the District Engineer; and that 13 which belong to the last quarter should not have been included in the return. There remain therefore 46 papers, dated between 14th June

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1875 and 30th April 1876, for delay in disposal of which Mr. Paynter is solely responsible. The remark column does not enable an opinion to be formed as to the causes of delay and their sufficiency; though it is observed that many papers were under reference to Overseers. But in his letter forwarded with the District Engineer's No. 2,602 of 17th October, Mr. Paynter has stated that "the arrears are now not near so great as they were on 1st March 1876 when he resumed charge" after return from leave for 1½ months, which he was compelled to take by the dangerous illness of his wife. And, as this statement is not denied by Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer, it must be accepted as a sufficient vindication against the charge of wilful neglect. The state of these arrears will, however, be specially reported on again after the 31st December.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 187 W of 1876-77.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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No 2517. District Engineer's Office
Madurai 10th October 1876

From
Lieut Colonel J. Fischer Esq
District Engineer, Madurai

To
Major General G. W. Walker Esq
Secretary to Government

Sir,
Adverting to G.O. No 1459

dated 2nd June 1873, I have
the honor to submit for the
sanction of Government
the accompanying plan and
estimate amounting to Rs 890
for constructing an Overseers
Office at Meyloret prepared on
the standard design.

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1 Estimate of
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1 Unmeasured
reference list.

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for a Taluk Overseers Office
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as detailed below.

The estimate was
received in this Office in a very
deficient condition on the 25th
May 1875 and was returned
with a draft estimate prepared
on the standard design with
this Office No 736, 29 May 1875
in order that it might be
scrutinized as to rates &c. and
returned to this Office fair copied,
but this was done in so highly
unsatisfactory a manner

I was obliged to retransmit it
for revision on the 8th June 1875
with No 912, and it was at
last sent to me on the 12th Septem-
ber 1876 with his No 1782 thus
allowing a period of a year
and a quarter to lapse without
a word of explanation as to
the cause of such protracted
delay and on my asking for
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the 22nd September 1876 that
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submission to the Government
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From 13 Oct 76

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The District Engineer
Madras

To
The Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D.
Madras

* 1 Sketch. put up with
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Dated 10. Oct 1875

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Plan of Rating Rs 890
for Consty. Lg. and
office at Bangalore -

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a report of delay in the
discharge of duties in
the Madras Range.

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No. 2095.

Madura Division Office

Madura - 12 October 1876.

From,

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The Assistant Engineer,

Madura Division.

To.

The District Engineer,

Madura.

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good as to forward this letter to him.

I have &c
Signed E. W. Poynter
Exec: Engineer
Madras Dn

(True copy)

Wm. H. Coll. R.E.
District Engineer of Madras

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Encl 1 from a letter
from the District
Engineer, Madras
to the Chief Engineer
P.W.D. No 2602
dated 17 October 1876

District Engineer's office
Madras 17 October 1876
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No 2602
From

Wm. H. Coll. J. T. Fischer R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

To

Major General G. W. Walker R.E.
Chief Engineer P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,

At the request of Mr. Poynter
I have the honor to forward copy of his
letter of the 12th instant No 2095 and beg
to observe that Mr. Poynter fails to shew
either from his Inspection Reports, Progress
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his works or duties are fully or satisfactorily
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I have the honor to be

Sir
Your most obedt servt
Wm. Titcomb Lieut. Coll. Vt.
District Engineer of Madison

W. N. 7550
C. 000776
P. W. D.

From 15 V. H. 2602
The Great Engineer
Meldrum

To
The Chief Engineer
D. W.

Dated 17 October 1896
Received 20/10/96

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Enc: Enquiries
Mr Painter-
reporting about
his neglect of
duty/-

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Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28 November 1876

Read the following:—

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The S.E. Madras (West No 2517 of 10th Oct 1876)
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of which was of no con-
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The state of these arrears
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the 31st December.

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This sanction has been
registered as Provincial
No 187 W of 1876-77-

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H. Madura
L. P. H. Accts.
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G.O. of 1876 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
Mr. B. S. Chandra

16/12/76
15-12-76
C. No. 4090 of 76
15-12-76

Dated

Issued

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G. O. 28-11-76, No. 3174

Nos. 477

Taluk Officers' Office at
Meylore, Madurai Str:-

Plan & Estimate of Rs.
890 for constructing
a ——— sanctioned
with remarks as to
the alleged neglect of duty
on the part of Mr. Taylor.