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29th February 1876.*

Read the following:—

No. 170.

No. 552.

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

In submitting for the orders of Government a bill, amounting to Rupees 288, for the survey of certain tanks in the Madura District, and the correspondence therewith connected, the following explanation of the circumstances is given showing why this bill cannot be passed by this Office.

2. The application for the sanction of an establishment was made by the District Engineer in April last, and sanction was

No. 283, 25th April 1875.

given* under Circular No. 62, paragraph

* No. 455, 3rd May "

5 of which requires that all bills shall be

accompanied by a report of work done, and an intimation that they will be passed "only in the event of this work being shown to be adequate, or of satisfactory explanation of short work being given." The number of tanks to be surveyed was

thirty-eight, and on the 1st November 1875

Letter No. 3,113.

a bill for the full amount of the sanction,

Rupees 288, was transmitted for approval, and it was stated that the work had been given on contract and had been completed in two months.

3. The work done not having been fully shown, the District Engineer was requested to report the mileage of the

No. 1,320, 8th November 1875.

cross sections taken, and, should this be

less than sixty, to explain on what data the contract had been given. The District Engineer reported in reply that the num-

No. 3,398, 22nd November.

ber of cross sections was 120, that the

tanks were generally small and shallow and situated widely apart, and that, as the work had been done well and quickly, he considered the Surveyor entitled to the pay which had been sanctioned for the purpose. The mileage of the work done not

No. 1,403, 29th November 1875.

having been given another reference had

* No. 3,848, 15th January 1876.

to be made, and a statement containing the information required was sent* in.

4. From this statement, dated 8th January 1876, it appeared that the longitudinal sections of the tank bunds measured altogether about 14 miles, and the cross sections, 165 in number, 2½ miles. Exclusive therefore of time spent in marching the work should have occupied for—

the longitudinal sections about	5 days.
" cross sections, say	3 "
" plotting, at most	2 "
Total	10 "

and the value of the work would be about Rupees 36. Allowing even a very wide margin for time occupied in moving to the several tanks, it would seem that a month should have been ample, and the cost would then have been something under Rupees 100.

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5. It was open to the District Engineer to show that the amount of the estimate had been fairly earned, and he has had abundant opportunity for affording explanation, but he has omitted to justify the charge, and his reply to this office memorandum, pointing out that such explanation had been asked for in November last, and showing clearly enough that such was necessary, is simply a request that the bill may be passed as soon as possible, no better reason being given in support of the claim than the circumstance that the bill is of the same amount as the sanctioned estimate.

CAMP, VULLUR, (Signed) JOHN MULLINS, Lieut.-Col., R.E.,
9th February 1876. Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

To the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department.

No. 553. ORDER THEREON, 29th February 1876, No. 561.

IRRIGATION, No. 55.
Account.

From the foregoing Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, and from the correspondence referred to therein, it appears that the arrangements made by

the District Engineer, Madura, for certain survey work connected with tanks in that district were entered into without proper consideration of the amount of work to be done, and that consequently the contract was given for a lump sum much in excess of the value of the work. Lieutenant-Colonel Fischer has had ample opportunity afforded to him of explaining the data on which the contract was made with the Surveyor, and he has failed to afford any reason whatever for his proceedings, which indicate much carelessness. He will accordingly be informed that he has incurred the displeasure of Government, and he will be warned against any repetition of such misconduct which will entail very serious consequences.

2. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is authorized to pass the bill for the full amount, in order that faith may be kept with the Surveyor.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the
Read the following:-

The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation } C.E. No 170 dt 9th Feb 1876

I do not approve of the
system of fines - much
very petty fines to menial
officers. It is I think
very inappropriate to
superior officers. If they
have neglected the public
interests & expended
money carelessly - it should
be pointed out to them
that they have neglected
an important part of their
duty and incurred the
displeasure of Govt & if
this misconduct is
repeated very serious

Lieut. Colonel Fischer
having been afforded full
opportunity of explaining
the ground on which
he deemed that a pay-
ment of Rupees 288 to a
Surveyor should be paid
and, and such opportu-
nity having been given
both before and after
it had been elicited by
the correspondence, which
had that officer paid
any attention to the rules,
would have been entirely
unreasonable.

unnecessary, that the amount of work done was of far less value than the amount claimed, His Grace the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the amount to be admitted shall be that, viz. Rupees 100, which is shown in the foregoing note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to be an outside estimate of the proper cost of the survey, and the latter officer will be authorized to pass the bill for this amount. Lieut. Colonel Fischer will be required himself to pay the difference between this sum and the amount of the bill submitted by him.

becomes necessary
I would deal with
this case in the
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To the District Engineer
Madurai
Chief Engineer
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Enclosure 9

No 170

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2 The application for the sanction of an establishment was made by the District Engineer in April last, and sanction was given under Circular No 62, para 5 of which requires that all bills shall be accompanied by a report of work done and an intimation that they will be passed only in the event of this work being shown to be adequate, or of satisfactory expla-

No 283-25th
April 1875-
No 455-3 May
1875.

explanation of short work being given.

The number of tanks to be surveyed was 38, and on the 1st November 1875 a letter No. 3113 bill for the full amount of the sanction, Rupees 288, was transmitted for approval, and it was stated that the work had been given on contract and had been completed in 2 months.

3 The work done not having been fully shown, the District Engineer was requested to report the mileage of the cross sections taken, and, should this be less than 60, to explain on what data the contract had been given. The

District Engineer reported in reply, that the number of cross sections was 120, that the tanks were generally small and shallow and situated widely apart, and that, as the work had been done well and quickly, he considered the surveyor entitled to the pay which had been sanctioned for the purpose. The mileage of the work done

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No. 1403-29th
November 1875

No. 3898-15 Jan^y
1876 sent in.

not having been given another reference had to be made, and a statement containing the information required was

4 From this statement, dated 31 January 1876, it appeared that the longitudinal sections of the tank bands measured altogether about 14 miles, and the cross sections, 165 in number, 2 1/2 miles. Exclusive therefore of time spent in marching the work should have occupied for the longitudinal sections about 5 days
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" plotting — at most — 2 — do.
Total — 10 — do.

and the value of the work would be about Rupees 36. Allowing even a very wide margin for time occupied in moving to the several tanks, it would seem that a month should have been ample, and the cost would then have been something under Rupees 100.

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to show that the amount of the estimate
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claim than the circumstance that
the bill is of the same amount as the
sanctioned estimate.

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Camp at
Vallar
9th Feb 1876

Isidoro Linares Lieut Col R.E.

Chief Engineer for Irrigation

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The Secretary to Government O.W.D.

Per 29 Feb 71 B.R. 552

FORMER CASES.

Current No. of 187

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M. WORKS FORM No. 3.

Current No. 1098

From
The Chief Engg.
for Irrig.

No. 170
Dated 9 Feb. 1876
Recd. 11

Subject:— Note on a Bill of Rs 288
for the survey of certain tanks
in the Madura District.

ENCLOSURES. 9.

From to
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Orders and Proceedings in file.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 29th Feb. 1876.
Read the following:—

From
The Chief Engineer
for Irrigation } (M.R. No 170 dt 9th Feb. 1876)

From the foregoing note
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of work to be done, and
that consequently the con-

contract was given for a lump sum, much in excess of the value of the work.

Lieut. Colonel Fischer has had ample opportunity afforded to him of explaining the data on which the contract was made with the Surgeon, and to have failed to afford any reason whatever for his proceedings, which indicate much carelessness. He will accordingly be informed that he has incurred the displeasure of Government, and he will be warned against any repetition of such misconduct, which will entail very serious consequences.

The Chief Engineer for Irrigation is authorized to sign the bill for the

full amount, in order that faith may be kept with the Surgeon.

Wm. J. P.
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The District Engineer - Modoc
Chief Engineer for Irrigation
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Controller of P. W. Accounts

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The Chief Engineer
Madras

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29 Feb 61

No. 552-553

Survey of certain lands
in the Madras Dist.

Order on the note
by the Chief Engineer for
irrigation on the bill of
Rs 200 for the —