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13th April 1877. No. 1,318.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 411. Telegram from the District Engineer, Nellore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Madras, dated Nellore, 3rd April 1877.

RAWSON reports he would leave Kottapatam on the 5th. He is probably at Bezwada now; he has not given charge properly; he should, I think, be called back.

No. 411-A. From J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Nellore, 13th April 1877, No. 168.

In reference to your memorandum No. 918, dated the 9th instant, I regret that you did not consider the information I had the honor to forward to you by telegram on the 8th instant sufficient to enable you to authorize the recall of Lieutenant Rawson to give over charge of the Kottapatam division in a proper manner.

2. I can now only repeat what I have already reported to you on the subject, and that is that Lieutenant Rawson has not, in my opinion, given over, nor has Mr. deGronsilliers taken charge of the Kottapatam division in a proper manner.

3. By "proper manner" I do not mean strict conformity with the rules or with my positive orders. I mean something even a little more business-like than merely handing a key and a cheque-book from one man to another, with an apparently entire want of interest in the undertaking and an utter disregard of the most ordinary rules of business.

4. I do not understand Lieutenant Rawson's accounts, Mr. deGronsilliers does not pretend to understand them, I believe the Examiner even does not understand them, and I am almost sure he does not quite understand them himself. It is, I think, necessary that he should endeavour to do so, and it is, in my opinion, essential that he should give some statement to show what is paid for, what is not paid for, and how the large sums of money he has expended has been laid out; nobody but Lieutenant Rawson can give this statement; it is his duty to do so, and I again request that he be recalled to Kottapatam for the purpose.

I enclose copies of the correspondence on the subject.

Copies of Service Telegrams.

From District Engineer, Nellore, to Lieutenant RAWSON, R.E., Ongole, dated Kottapatam, Ongole, 4th April 1877.

Give over charge thoroughly to deGronsilliers. No occasion to leave too hurriedly.

From District Engineer Nellore, to E. deGRONSILLIERS, Esq., Ongole, Executive Engineer, dated Kottapatam, 4th April 1877.

TAKE charge, thoroughly examine accounts, stores, measurements, everything, according to rule, in a steady, proper manner. No occasion for Rawson to leave too hurriedly, even if there was it cannot be allowed.

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Copy of letter from Lieutenant C. C. RAWSON, R.E., Assistant Engineer, to the District Engineer, Nellore, dated 5th April 1877, No. 4.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have this day in the forenoon handed over charge of the Kottapatam division to Mr. deGronsilliers, Executive Engineer, and that I start this evening for the Godavery District.

Copy of letter from E. DEGRONSILLIERS, Esq., Executive Engineer in charge of Kottapatam Division, to J. O'SHAUGHNESSY, Esq., District Engineer, Nellore, dated 5th April 1877, No. 6.

I HAVE the honor to inform you that I have this forenoon taken over final charge of the works, tools, &c., (as per returns.) attached to the Kottapatam Division of the East Coast Canal from Lieutenant Rawson, R.E., Assistant Engineer.

This is to some extent contradicted in his letter No. —, dated —.
(Sd) J. O'S.

Extract of a letter No. 7, dated 6th April 1877, from the Officer in charge, Kottapatam Division, East Coast Canal, to the District Engineer Nellore.

Your telegram of the 4th reached me only in the afternoon of the 5th, having been too late for the post on the 4th. I arrived here on the 3rd evening and acted up to your first letter, viz. to relieve Mr. Rawson as quick as possible, and had the cash-chest keys in my pocket when your telegram reached me. I have examined the accounts and find that no abstracts have been made since the commencement, nor do I see how, with the present office establishment, it could have been done. If the Controller requires nothing else but total expenditure as hitherto there will be no difficulty; still it would leave me and everybody else in total darkness of actual cost, and I am afraid when details are called for none can be given.

Stores.—There are only rice safely locked up, and under police guard; to count the bags would not take only a long time but would cause useless expenditure besides; a subordinate could be employed to do it if actually required.

Tools and Plant returns are incomplete, as direct despatches from Nellore to Sub-divisional Officers were not notified here, nor were ever returns sent by the Sub-division Officers. To have them counted by me in person would stop all work for some days, nor is it according to the Code my business to do so. However it will be done as soon as possible by the Sub-divisional Officers.

Measurements cannot be made in the present state of the canal as miles are entirely under water, and if they could be made there would be nothing to compare them with; the accounts not having been abstracted and no progress of any kind being given. If the accounts are to be kept as they ought to be, there should be a good Accountant, and an Assistant be attached to each Sub-division, because all the officers are inexperienced and know nothing about them. I certainly will not hold myself responsible unless a different establishment is sanctioned. I am writing to the Controller on the same point.

One Supervisor with one small establishment south of the Pennair is doing work equal to the work of this Range with its Range and three Sub-division establishments, and there is no question of insufficiency of establishment, and there is no confusion in accounts.

(Signed) J. O'SHAUGHNESSY,
District Engineer.

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No. 412.

ORDER THEREON, 18th April 1877, No. 1,318.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

UNDER the explanation now given Lieutenant Rawson will be recalled in order that he may give over charge of

his range to his successor in a proper manner.

2. Major Beatty will arrange for the performance of Lieutenant Rawson's duties during the time he may be absent.

(True Extract.)

Colonel,

Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Nellore.

„ Superintending Engineer, Godavery.

„ Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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District Engineer's Office,
Nellore
13th April 1877.

From,

The District Engineer,

To

Nellore.

The Chief Engineer,

Public Works Department,

Fort St. George.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most Obedient Servant

Whanguey
District Engineer.

General
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From 3951

The District Engineer
Vellore

To

The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.

Madras

No 168

Dated 13th } April 1877
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Lieutenant Rawson
Assistant Engineer.

Requests to recall -
to Kottapattam to deliver
his charge completely.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 18 April 77

Telegram from the District Engineer
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(H.E. No 168 of 13 April 77)

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D. S. Kellie
S. C. Secretary
H. H. Q. in order 23-4-77
M. S. Copy recd 18 April 77.

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To *Mr. D. E. Helleu*

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*Lt. Ranson R. Asst. Surg.
Kottapattam Range.
Helleu is recalled from
Kodavery in order to give
over charge of his Range
to his successor in a proper
manner, and Major Scott
to arrange for the performance
of his duties during his
absence.*

Left in Regt.