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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

3rd December 1877, No. 1,913 W.

General.
Establishment.

Read the following paper :—

No. 13. Memorandum from the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 29th October 1877, No. 20 E. W.

No. 14. ORDER THEREON, 3rd December 1877, No. 1,913 W.

THE Chief Engineer in the above memorandum brings to the notice of Government the very great delay that has occurred in carrying out the construction of a training wall to guide the waters of the Chintagoonta tank to a new railway bridge. This work was sanctioned in G.O. of the 3rd February 1877, No. 370, and was then pronounced to be a necessary work to be planned and carried out by the District Engineer, Cuddapah. The District Engineer was afterwards informed in reply to a reference made by him on the 7th July that the work was still considered necessary, and he was again ordered to carry out the instructions already conveyed to him, and on the 17th of the same month he was ordered to commence the work in anticipation of sanction. Colonel Moberly appears to have contented himself with sending instructions to the Range Officer without seeing that either he or his successor did anything towards carrying out the work; and the present Range Officer, who has however been but a short time in the department, in like manner delegated the work to the Overseer who was unable to get it done. His Grace the Governor in Council concurs with the Chief Engineer for Irrigation that the District Engineer is primarily responsible, that he has neglected his duty in this case, and directs Colonel Moberly to take immediate steps for getting this very necessary work completed without further delay, and that he will give his personal attention to it, reporting progress once a fortnight.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.
„ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
„ Consulting Engineer for Railways.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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Instructions are
requested whether
Investigation Bureau:
No: 20 E.W. d/29 Oct.
is to be printed
with the Pro: of
Gov. with reference
to the recent orders
about printing
papers reflecting
on the conduct
of officers.

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No. 20 EW
Irrigation. Memorandum

The undersigned considers it necessary to bring to the notice of the Chief Engineer P. W. D the very unsatisfactory manner in which the orders regarding work was G. O. No. 370 of the 3rd February 1877 have been neglected.

2 In a letter No. 175 of the 21st April last the District Engineer expressed an opinion that the training wall was unnecessary, and his letter was sent to the Consulting

No. 28 M-24th
April.

Engineer for Railways, who on the 4th May forwarded correspondence showing that the work was necessary. On the 10th this correspondence was communicated to the District Engineer, who was directed to carry out the instructions conveyed in G. O. No. 370.

No. 835

3 On the 7th July the District Engineer

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Engineer forwarded an estimate of Rupees 1630 for an embankment, and on the 17th Idem this estimate was returned for revision with reference to the remarks made on the proposed arrangements, and the District Engineer was instructed to carry out the work in anticipation of sanction. N^o 63 C.D.

4 On the 11th September the Consulting Engineer, at the instance of the Railway Officers, whose attention had been again drawn to the necessity for this work by heavy rain on the 4th and 5th Idem, asked that Colonel Moberly might be communicated with on the subject, and he was accordingly asked what steps had been taken towards the construction of the training wall or bank referred to, and his reply showed that nothing had been done though instructions were issued to the late Kuddapah Range Officer so far back as 22nd July last. It

N^o 79 C.D.
13th Sept.

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Sept 71

word

was added the reasons given by the present Supervisor in charge of the Range are not satisfactory and I have directed him to make speedy arrangements to proceed with the work pending the submission of the revised estimates.

N^o 86 C.D. 5 The District Engineer was then informed that the omission to carry out the work necessary for the safety of the Railway could not be allowed to pass without notice and information was called for as to the

(1) instructions sent to the late Range Officer and when

(2) why no notice was taken of the absence from the Progress report of any indication that the work was being proceeded with,

(3) the information given about the work to the present Range Officer on receiving charge of the Range, and as to the steps taken by him in connection with it; and it was intimated that unless the explanations

reasons

explanations were fully satisfactory the conduct of the late and present Range Officers would be brought to the notice of the Chief Engineer.

The reply which is signed by the present Officiating District Engineer shows that this Office Memo No. 63 C.D. of the 17th July was communicated by Colonel A. S. Moberly to Mr. Seton the then Range officer. Mr. Seton did nothing and apparently nothing whatever was done by any one. The present Range Officer Supervisor Ragavachari ordered an Overseer Chinnaiah Pillay to do the work, but the Overseer was unable to get it done on contract, and the Supervisor suggested that it should be done by relief coolies.

6. The undersigned considers that Colonel A. S. Moberly is responsible for the non-completion of this work months ago. He should have taken care that it was laid out measured and

and estimated for at once, that the requisite labour was put upon it at once, and that it was properly completed without delay.

Mr. Seton and Ragava-chari have likewise been most inefficient, but the District Engineer must be, it is thought, held responsible for the inattention and neglect of Range Officers, unless it can be shown that he has exercised a proper control over them, and in this case Colonel Moberly would seem personally to have done nothing.

Wm. Lumsden Colonel R.E.

Camp at
Palcode
29 Oct. 1877

Ch. Engr. for Chief
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department

1877
From
The Chief Engineer for Irrigation

Dated 29 Oct. 1877.
Recd 7 Nov. 1877.

N. 20 E.W.

Training State Bank for the
Water from Chintagoota Dauli-
- Cuddalore District. - Memo.
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- satisfactory manner in which
the order regarding the construction
of the — have been neglected.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 28 Nov 77 3 Dec 77

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No 20 E.W. dated 29th October 1877.

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I have seen a copy
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case of this ~~embankment~~.
He directs that Colonel
Moherly ~~take no more time~~
in getting this necessary
work completed and that
he will give his personal
attention to it ^{reporting}
progress once a fortnight.
21/11/77

It is proposed to
change the work to
Investigation June 22.
27/11/77

To the H.C. and Laforce
C.E. for Irrigation
C.E. for Railway
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Despatch 6-12-77

No 11348

Dept. of 1877
PUBLIC WORKS.

To
The N. C. Cuddapah

Dated

Issued

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3 Dec 1913
G. O., 28 Nov 1877, No. 5398

Nos. 13-14

Training wall to guide the
waters of the Chintagoota
Lack to a new Railway
Bridge, Cuddapah Br.

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without further delay the
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