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Read the following paper:—

No 230 Endorsement of the Chief Secretary to Government, Judicial Department, dated Ootacamund, 12th August 1878, No 1,431

From II Sr A GOODRICH, Esq, Acting Collector and Agent to the Governor of Fort St George at Vizagapatam, to the Chief Secretary to Government, dated Vizagapatam, 2nd August 1878, No. 1,109

REFERRING to G O, Judicial Department, dated 10th July last, No 1,372, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of a letter of explanation submitted by Captain Blaxland regarding the removal of doors and windows from Ramabhadrapuram to Koraput, and of my own letter quoted in paragraph 11 of Major Wood's report

From Captain J S BLAXLAND, Acting Special Assistant Agent, Vizagapatam, to the Acting Agent to the Governor of Fort St George at Vizagapatam, dated Vizianagram, 26th July 1878, No 110

I HAVE the honor to submit the explanation called for in G O, No 1,372, Judicial Department, dated 10th July 1878, with regard to the doors and windows of the new Koraput Sub-jail me on January 23rd; and as then nearly three months of the working season had passed, I had to take steps to start the works immediately, and the most serious item in their construction was iron-barred windows and doors. I was aware that the very articles I required were at Ramabhadrapuram awaiting a decree in the Civil Munsif's Court as to their value, but as I considered time was more precious under the circumstances to Government than money, and that the point in dispute was only one as to the value of the work supplied, one of my first acts was to collect 300 hillmen and send them down under an experienced Overseer to bring up these doors and windows. I did so because I had seen the doors and windows myself and knew them to be quite good enough for the rough buildings I had been ordered to erect, although they might not be sufficiently finished for the very superior style of article the Public Works Department had been proposing to turn out for the last three years, and also because I considered it the best thing to be done for the public interest, whether Government in Public Works Department or Government in the Revenue Department had to pay up the Rupees 1,300 under the altered circumstances of the requirements of the buildings. When my arrangements for commencing work at Koraput were all made I reported all I had done in a demi-official to yourself about the end of January and started for my annual inspection of Malcanguri.

2 Your reply to this was a demi-official letter ordering me on no account to touch the Ramabhadrapuram doors and windows. Owing to the fact that you yourself wrote from camp on tour and to my being in the depth of Malcanguri, this letter did not reach me till about February 25th. I wrote off at once to my Head Clerk at Koraput (despatched February 27th) ordering him to send to Pottinger and stop the work, but was too late, and I found the doors and windows arriving at Koraput on my return from tour on March 3rd.

3 On their arrival these only required the wood-work to be refitted and some replanning, as they had been made of green wood, no specification to the contrary appearing in the contract, and as all the screws and bolts and hinges were present, they were a great acquisition to me, and I easily used them up with the aid of common hill carpenters. The result of my taking these doors and windows up in February was that I was able to place my treasury boxes, taluk records, Sub-Magistrate's Cutcherry and prisoners in the new buildings, which are water-tight and secure, before the rains, instead of having to make shift for yet another monsoon in the old cutcherry which was neither. As to the value of the doors and windows, I was lately entrusted by the District Munsif with a commission to ascertain their value, and after making a very

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 20th August 1878, No 3,327 W

careful list of the materials and work up there I paid them here at Vizianagram rates, and found that without any profit to the contractor for taking a contract they were worth Rupees 1,000, so that had Major Wood paid into Court Rupees 1,300 Government would have been no great losers in cash and great gainers in time.

From H. S. A. GOODRICH, Esq., Acting Collector and Agent to the Governor of Fort St George at Vizagapatam, to the District Engineer, Waltur, dated Vizagapatam, 19th April 1878, No 467

I REGRET to have received your letter, No 132, dated 17th instant

2 You appear to think that Government in the Public Works Department and Government in a branch of the Judicial Department (Vizagapatam Agency) have antagonistic interests. The service of the public is the only interest known to me which concerns either department.

3 The facts of the case as far as known to me are these. From 1874 to 1878 the works at Jaspore were placed under the Department of Public Works. The reason why so much money was wasted and so little work done was obvious to one who visited (as I did) Koraput each working season. The Supervisor employed there began too late in the season and got his works fairly started in April, just at the time when the early rains called off his laborers to agriculture.

4 This year Captain Blizard, following a course which has enabled him to finish a block of most useful buildings, began early and had his works in full progress in February. He knew that the doors and windows which lay so long at Ramabhadrapuram were intended for his buildings, and sent for them that he might build them into the rising walls of the new Taluk Cutcherry at Koraput. He was unwise not to communicate with you or me before removing them, and your predecessor or Range Officer was unwise to employ a knavish or incompetent contractor.

5 The goods having been removed by him, your incurring further exp use in the action relating to their contract price seems to me not advisable. No doubt we might have made a compromise and lost another working season had the matter remained in the hands of your department. If the money were in my hands I should pay it into Court, and I repeat my recommendation to you to do so.

TRANSFERRED to the Public Works Department with reference to Order in that Department, dated 25th June 1878, No 2,626 W

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Chief Secretary.

No 231. ORDER TIVERDON, 20th August 1878, No 3,327 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract)

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt, P.W.D.

To the District Engineer, Vizagapatam
" Judicial Department

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From

Kragapatnam Collector's
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A. S. Goodrich Esquire

As Collector and Agent to
the Governor of Nagapatnam

To

The Honorable D. F. Carmichael

Chief Secretary to Government

Fort Saint George

Referring to G. O. Judicial Depart-
ment dated 10th July last N^o 1372, I have
the honor to forward herewith copy of a
letter of explanation submitted by Captain
Blayland regarding the removal of
doors and windows from Ramabhadra-
puram to Konput, and of my own letter
quoted in para 11 of Major Hood's report

I have the honor to be

Your most obedt servant

A. S. Goodrich

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As Collector & Agent to
the Governor

Transferred to the Public Works Depart-
ment, with reference to order in that de-
partment dated 25 June 1878. N. 2656. H.

Wm. H. T.
Chief Secretary

Received
10th August 1878.

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Camp Tzianagram.
26th July 1878.

From

The Special Assistant Agent.
Tiragapatam.

J.

H. S^t. A. Goodrich Esquire
Acting Agent to the Governor
Fort S^t. George.
Vizagapatam.

Sir,

I have the honor to Submit the explanation called for in G. O No 1372 Judicial Department dated 10th July 1878 with regard to the doors and windows of the new Koraput Subjail. G. O No 4 W. ordering me to finish this block of buildings - before the rains was received by me on January 23^d, and, as then nearly 3 months of the working season had passed I had to take steps to start the works immediately, and the most serious item in their construction was iron barred windows and doors. I was aware that the very articles I required were at Ramabhadrapuram awaiting a decree in the civil Munsiff's Court. as to their value: but as I considered time was more precious under the Circumstances to Government than money: and that the point in dispute was only one as to the value of the work supplied; one of my first acts was to collect 300 hill men and send them down under an experienced overseer to bring up these doors and windows.

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I have &c

(signed) H. Goodrich
Ag Collector

(True copy)

J. T. P.

H. Goodrich
Ag Collector

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My darling
Each & every day

John H. Thompson, late
Collector and Agent,
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Seymour Smith

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