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Public works DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

25th February 1878, No. 917 W.

General.

Account.

Read the following papers:—

No. 269.	From Colonel F. J. Moberly, R.E.,	dated 15th Nov. 1877.	No. 2,982.
No. 269-A.	" General Supt., P. W. Workshops,	" 15th Dec. "	" 316.
No. 269-B.	" " " " "	" 11th Jan. 1878, "	" 5,911.
No. 269-C.	" District Engineer, Presidency,	" 22nd " "	" 3,330.
No. 269-D.	" General Supt., P. W. Workshops,	" 31st " "	" "

No. 269-E. From Colonel F. J. MOBERLY, R.E., District Engineer, Bangalore, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Bangalore, 13th February 1878.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum No. 601, dated 2nd instant, and in reply beg your attention, first, to the statement of bills which accompanied letter from Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, No. 3,330, dated 31st January. These bills were all paid when presented, the dates of their preparation do not show date of delivery.

The first bill is for work done on a call of August,
" second " " " of December,
" third " " " of September and October,
" fourth " " " of 18th November,
" fifth " " " of 17th,

and for the same articles. I had only one pump and one ice-machine. I submit that this paper shows that considerable confusion exists in the accounts of the Public Works Workshops.

The pump cost originally Rupees 25, made at the Workshop; it is of very simple form, nearly all metal; the repairs were nearly always on the covering of the piston which required new leather to be neatly fitted. As explained in my letter of 15th November 1877, this repair was on two or three occasions due to the carelessness of the Workshop artizan, who removed the stop on the piston rod. Any tradesman would have made this good at his servant's cost. Mr. Grainger has made me pay, and I paid under protest.

I enclose copies of letters* regarding former bills, as illustrative of the manner in which work to my pump has been done by the Workshop, and would particularly

* And letters from Superintendent, Public Works Workshops, in original, to be returned when done with. point out that on one occasion a brass valve was lost or stolen which must have been in the pump, as it was working a few hours before. If it was gone when the pump was opened the artizan who opened it must have missed such a thing immediately, but nothing was said till I protested against the amount of the bill.

I turn to the letters more immediately in question. I note that like myself you were not satisfied in December 1877 of the correctness of the claims. I submit that my letters now forwarded only show that I made requisitions; no proof has ever been offered that any attention was paid to the requests.

In my letter dated 19th February I asked to have my ice-machine put in order and supplied with a protective wooden cage. No reply was received to this letter,

and I wrote again on some day after the 11th March asking to be informed when it would be ready that I might send for it instead of paying cooly hire at the rate of $7\frac{1}{2}$ Annas per man for five miles. On 22nd March I find an entry in my diary to the effect that Mr. Grainger wrote privately that the ice-machine was not worth repairing. It appears to me perfectly clear from this that really nothing was done to the machine, certainly no wooden cage was sent.

The machine reached me shortly after and was sent on 28th March 1876 to Messrs. Deschamps. It was in constant use till October 1877, and was sold in November 1877 for nearly the same sum that I paid for it in 1875.

In my letter of 27th February 1876 I asked that a "competent person might be sent to my house to see the pump when I was at home." It would appear easy to say who was sent, and to show what he did that cost Rupees 10-12-0. I have a very distinct remembrance that being much inconvenienced by the delay in repairing the pump I sent to the Mount and procured a man who did all that was wanted in a few minutes under my eye. From that time till I left Sydapett, a period of a year and a half or thereabouts, the pump repairs have not cost Rupees 5 as against some Rupees 50 during 1875.

On the whole I trust I have shown that no supervision has been at any time exercised; that the charges which I have paid were exorbitant, and that those which I have declined to pay were really never incurred, and that no voucher in support of the claim has been submitted.

No. 269-F.

NOTE.

THE Chief Engineer considers that the claims amounting to Rupees 22-7-0 and Rupees 10-12-0 for repairs alleged to have been executed in the Workshops to Colonel Moberly's ice-machine and pump should be written off to Profit and Loss.

Colonel Moberly denies his liability; and the General Superintendent has not, in the opinion of the undersigned, satisfactorily established the correctness of charges.

2. The matter has been treated, to say the least of it, in an unbusiness-like way by the Workshops. Proper vouchers have not been submitted, and in reply to Colonel Moberly's repeated calls for them simple reminders appear to have been sent from the shops at intervals.

19th February 1878.

(Signed) E. A. FOORD, Colonel, R.E.,
Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 270.

ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1878, No. 917 W.

THE Government concur in the Chief Engineer's remarks, and direct that the two bills aggregating Rupees 33-3-0 be written off to Profit and Loss.

2. The General Superintendent will be careful in future to attest the correctness of each bill by proper vouchers.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
To Colonel Moberly.

Exd. S.T. Austin.
Spare Copies

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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of (1878) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
PRESIDENCY.
No. 260.

Dated February 25th.

Received

By

For

G. O. 2554 F. dated 1878, No. 217 W.

FEBRUARY.

Nos. 260-270.

Ordered by J. J. Moberly Esq. District Engineer - The bills for repairs to the ice machine and pump were referred to the Public Works Works Department - I am authorized to instruct the

Bangalore
9/17/15 November 1878

From

Colonel F. J. Moberly, Esq.
Superintending Engineer.

To

The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Deptt.

Sir,

In reply to G. O. 2421289 dated 27th October received on the day I left Madras, I have the honor to observe that when I paid previous bill for repairing my pump and ice machine I protested against the charges which were unsupported by any vouchers.

The work was so badly done that I was obliged to send the ice machine to Messrs. Decheny and the pump was repaired under my own eye by an artisan from the Mount - no work was done by the Public Works Workshops that I know of at the time for which payment is now claimed. I have repeatedly

repeatedly informed Mr. Grainger
of this, but he simply returned
the bills at intervals without
attempting in any way to
support their correctness by vouchers.

I should certainly not have
paid any workman the 3 bills
which I have already paid to the
P. M. Workshop on account of the
pump. It was sent to have a
leather ring put on the piston;
within a few days it was again
cut to ribbons, again repaired
and again cut, and it was only
on the 3^d occasion that the
workman discovered that they
had not put back a small stop
in the piston rod which was
intended to control its lift. In
consequence of this omission the
piston passed across the mouth
of the delivery pipe and the leather
was cut. I submit that any trades-
man would have acknowledged his own
responsibility and charged only once.

The Superintendent, P. M. Workshops
charged 3 times.
These ^{repairs} were done before

the time for which claim is now
paid. I trust the Government
will support me in insisting on
proof of the indebtedness which
I demand.

I have honor to be

Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt

Wm. H. Hardy. Colonel R. B.

Superintending Engineer.

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recd 29/12/2004

6 Qho 1289W 8/27 Aug 77
C.E. 2273 8/14 Aug 77
6 Q. 136W " 25 May 77
" " 1479 " 5 June 77

Ac 3987
Referred to the
Superintendent of
Public Works Work-
shops for explanation.

Edward Col. R. E.
Chief Engineer
P.W. Sept.

17 Nov 77

Supt. P.W. Workshops, in
original to be returned.

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Genl. Supt. P.W. Workshops.
Sir

I regret to be obliged again to send
my ice machine to you. It lay in the
Shop so long the last time I returned
it that I must presume a very great
deal of ammonia must have escaped
it has never worked properly.

I shall be obliged by your having
it put in order and fitting it with
some of saw wood work to enable
it to travel with less risk of accident
from blows on weak parts.

I have &c
Yours J. J. Moberly Dist. P.W.
19 Feb 76.

Genl. Supt. P.W. Workshops.
Sir

I beg to bring to your notice that
my pump is working very badly
I have been very much away
from

from home, and I have not spent till
lately, but I find that a great deal of
water is wasted by leakage and that the
pump will not lift till it has been
opened and filled each day.

I shall feel obliged if you
can arrange to send a competent person
to see it before I go to office any
morning before 11 A.M.

Yours faithfully

Signed J. H. Moberly, Col. R.E.

Sydney
27th Feb. }

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(True copies)

J. H. Moberly
Genl. Supt. Norfolk & Western

(Details of the cost of repairing) the Pump charged to

Office Bill No. 424 d/24/10/76. amounting to Rs 10,240.

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Name or Description	Occupation	Quantity or days	Rate	Amount
Soobramanian	Spott. Files	1/2	1 5 6	
Poonoo Sawmy	Painting	1	" 12 6	
K. Moonoo Sawmy	Files	5	" 9 6	
Myadawmy Cooly.	- Cooly	1 1/2	" 4 6	
Trussants her 1/2	etc.	2	" " 4	
Leather Europe	th	1	1 2 "	
To carriage hire to & from St. Peter Ministry from Chapant to Chapant and back to Chapant E.				
				4
			Centage	2
				7

4 percent for Superintendence.

	Material	Contingent	Total
6	128	14	
7	94	1	
3	112	15	

Deposition of workmen who were
employed on the work.

I Soobramanian (Asstt. Siler Maistry)
went to dydapt to examine the
Pump, as it was found in a repair-
able condition, I brought it down
to the P.W. Workshop for a th-
rough repair and had the pis-
ton turned and valves fitted
with new hide by one Poono-
samy (Turner) and So Poono-
samy (Filer).
Poono-samy (Turner) left the

Samuel Tiler
 Thomas Tiler (Turner) left the
 shop some 2 years back and
 therefore his deposition could not
 be taken. The Asst. Tiler
 Ministry attests that the said
 Turner did some turning work
 to the piston of the Pump.

I Minor & myself (Filer) re-
member having gone to Sydney
on or about 18th July 67 to repair
and fit the pump belonging
to Col. Incebery under the
order of the Capt. Filer Major
try. I had the valve fitted
with a new hide and executed
certain other repairs which
I do not at present recollect.

Signed, Moorecawmy

Details of the cost of repairing the Ice Machine
to No 22-7-

Name or Description	Occupation	No. of days	Rate	Rs. a p.	Rs. a
Lin. block	the	1/2	" 6 7		
Hydrolic Acid	Bottle	1/8	" 8 ..		
Carbonic	the	1/8	" 5 10		
Ammonia twinnall	the	1	" 10 ..		
Charcoal	five	1	" 4 6		
Pepper, nails 2"	the	2	" 2 9		
Drum	by Sat	11 6/6	" 1 6		
Monroesawmy	File	3	" 9 6	1 12	
Ruthumund.	Yellow Boy	4	" 2 6	" 10	
Periashumb.	"	3	" 2 6	" 7	
Parasawmy	Carpenter	1	" 9 ..	" 9	
C. Parthasarthy	Cooley	1/2	" 4 6		3 13
Grillage				1 11	
4 per cent for Superintendence				5 12	
To Cooley hire					

charged in this office Bill No. 371. d/12/10/76/ amounting

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No.	Material	Rs. a p.	Rs. a
3	" 3 4		
6	" 3 ..		
6	" 9		
10	" ..		
4	" 4 6		
5	" 5 6		
1	" 1 9		
6			
6			
9			
11	12 2 10		
8	3 4 7		
	15 7 5		
	21 4 1		
	" 13 11		
	22 2 ..		
	" 5 ..		
	22 7 ..		

Deposition of the File who
was employed on the work

I, Monroesawmy (File) repair
to the Ice Machine belonging
to Col. Incherly 1 1/2 years
ago, I was occupied on the
work for 3 or 4 days with
2 bellows boys each day to as-
sist me in bringing
water &c. before despatch
I tested the Ice machine in
the presence of the chest.
File Incherly it was in a
good working order before
it left the R.M. Workshop

by A. Monroesawmy

J. H. Pranger
Supt. R.M. Workshop

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PRESIDENCY WORKSHOPS, D. P. W.,
Chepauk, Madras, 15th Decr 1877.

No. 2982

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
PUBLIC WORKS WORKSHOPS AND STORES,

To

THE

Chief Engineer.

Madras.

Sir,

Enclosures.

In returning, herewith, Col. Moberly's letter dated 15th November 1877, referred to me for explanation, I have the honor to enclose copies of two letters to my address from Colonel Moberly relative to the repair of his Ice Machine and Pump, also statements from the Workpeople who attended Col. Moberly's house in Hyderabad, and repaired the Pump in question, and the men employed on the Ice Machine, including materials used on this work.

2. I beg to state that I can give no further explanation than that I have already given in my letters to the District Engineer Presidency No. 1189 & 2213 dated 10th August and 8th October 1877 respectively, and which have already been laid before

before you by that officer

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedt Servt

J. H. Manges
Genl Captt 1st Regt Cal
Volts

9/15/57

5 Q No 1293 W 8/27 Astr 77

5 Q No 2273 W 14 Astr

5 Q No 136 W 25 May

5 Q No 1479 W 5 June 74

5 Q No 4572 8/19 Dec 77

No 4572 8/19 Dec 77

Memorandum. 217/12

Colonel Molyerly in the letter which was referred to Mr Grainger per report asserted that to his knowledge no work had been done by the Public Works Workshop at the time for which payment was claimed by them; and that he had again and again called for vouchers of the charges, but vainly. In answer to which Mr Grainger sends copies of two letters from Colonel Molyerly dated the 19th February 1876 and the 27th April (also 1876 it is supposed) - The bills which Colonel Molyerly refuses to pay are dated the 12th and the 24th Astr 1876. Obviously some proof is required to show that the occasions on which Colonel Molyerly wrote the two letters and

From

To

The General Superintendent,
P. W. Workshop,

The Chief Engineer,
P. W. Workshop,

Dated 15th

Despatched 15th

Received

No. 2982

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He has made no further explanation, that the

already given to the

Secretary, can make

no further explanation

of the facts of the case

concerning the

and the occasions on which certain repairs are alleged to have been carried out by the Workshops to Colonel Moberly's ice machine and pumps are the same - the dates would seem to show the contrary.

C&K 454287
19 Aug 77

2 The Chief Engineer must insist on clearer answers being made to such references as these, in which the whole question turns on dates.

Sgt. A. Grood Col. R.E.

Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To the Genl. Supt. P.W. Stores & Workshops.

No. 377	Colonel F. J. Moberly R.E.	Dr.
11 AUG 77 Presidency Public Works Workshop. <i>Sydney</i>		
3822	To Repairing an Ice Machine	
	as per your letter dated	
	19 February 1876.	22 2
	Goodly here	5
		Repairs 227
		Rs. twenty two and
		Assisting
957	/Signed/ J. R. Granger	
13	Genl. Supt. P.W. Workshops	
	/True copy/	
CHENNAI, MADRAS.		
12 th October 1876		
J. R. Granger		
Genl. Supt. P. W. Workshops and Stores.		
N.B.—Interest at 5 per cent. will be charged on Bills over due three months.		

No. 4253 Colonel F. J. Proberty P. E. D.
11 AUG 77 Presidency Public Works Workshop. *Lydsen*

To Repairing a Pump as
per your letter dated
2nd February 1876 10 12 -
Rupees ten and annas twelve
10 12 -
Rupees
/Signed/ J. H. Granger
Genl. Supt. P. W. Workshops
/True copy/

CHEPAUK, MADRAS,
24th October 1876

J. H. Granger
Genl. Supt. P. W. Workshops and Stores.

N.B.—Interest at 5 per cent. will be charged on Bills overdue three months.

No 5911,

From,

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

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To,

The Chief Engineer
S.P.W.

Sir, With reference to your Memorandum
No 294 dated 16th January 1878, I
have the honor to forward the two
bills for repairing an Ice Machine
and Pump for Colonel J. F. Moberly.
I have the honor to be

Encl.
2 Bills.

Sir,
Your most obed^t servant
Wm Thompson Major R.E.
District Engineer
Presidency.

For H. George.
22nd Jan^y 1878

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Ch. No 294 of 16-1-78-

General.

From.

The District Engineer,
Presidency.

No. 5911

Dated 22nd Jan'y. 78.

C. E. No 439 of 24 Jan'y 78.

No. of Incls. 2.

Bills for Ice Machine &
Pump.

Forwards - from
the Genl Supt. of Stores.

P.W.D.

No 439 of 24th Jan'y/78.

Memorandum.

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In the letter from Colonel Moberly which was
some time since referred to the General Supt.
for report, allusion is made to previous bills
paid for repairing pump and ice machine.

2. The date of payment of those bills by
Colonel ~~to~~ Moberly should be stated.

(Signed) W. Farewell Colonel
Deputy Chief Engineer P.W.D.

To
The General Superintendent
Public Works Workshops & Stores.

C. E. No 439 724 Jan 78

Statement of bills paid by col. T. J. Mowery R.O. on account of repairs of a pump & ice machine

No. Date	Particulars	Amount	Spent	Remains
221	July 10th Repairing & putting a pump in for better water 27 Aug 78	24	22	2 Aug 79
912	March 29 Repairing a piston of a pump & a tin boiler in front of 714 May 78	4	8	2 Aug 79
917	22 Repairing a stove machine and refilling of water ammonia for better 77 Sept 79 & 29 Oct 1878	32	10	6 Aug 79
956	13 Repairing an engine and a piston of a pump as per letter dated 10 November 1878	4	2	Aug 79
1001	28 Repairing an ice machine and a piston rod as per letter dated 17 November 1878	2	13	Aug 79

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J. H. Mowery
Genl. Supt. of W. & A. Railroad

28/Jan/79

Presidency Public Works Workshops,
Madras, 31st January 1878

No. 3330

From

THE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT,
P. W. WORKSHOPS AND STORES,

To

The Chief Engineer
D. P. W.
T. P. W.

Despatched 31

Received 31

January 1878

ENCLOSURES 1

Your No. — dated — 187

Sir,

With reference to your
Memo of 24 January 1878,
No. 439, I have the honor
to enclose statement of bills
paid by Col. H. J. Moberly R.E.
on account of repairs for
Pump and Ice Machine.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Yours most obedt servt.

J. H. Crainier
Genl Supt. P. W. Workshops
Stores

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To

The General Superintendent
Public Works Workshops.

Sir,

I have the honor to decline
payment of the bills dated 12th and 24th
October for work said to have been done
to my ice machine and pump in Febru-
ary last.

I paid your former bills in
March and May under protest, but with
the understanding that they closed
our transactions; and I cannot admit
that anything has been done justifying
further demand. No details are given and
I had to send the ice machine in
March to Messrs Deschamps after you
noted that it was worn out and to
employ a Smith from the account on the
pump. Since which I have had no further

trouble with either.

I have the
/ Supt. J. M. Hardy Col. B. A. B.
Engineers.

/ True copy
J. M. Hardy Col. B. A. B.
District Engineer.

11. 11. 11.
12. 12. 12.

May 1876

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To

The Genl. Superintendent
P. W. Workshop and Stores.
Madras.

Sir,

In acknowledging your No. 236
25th Ultimo, I have the honor to observe that
there is no statement of work done by the
large number of turners filers &c. &c. who, so
far as I know, should not have been employed
on any work for my pump.

2. I have made enquiry in my house,
and learn that the packing of the piston was
renewed 3 or 4 four times and that the new
trap valve was supplied.

3. I have no knowledge of a new piston
being supplied and no reason is given for it.
The Workshop Maistry removed the pump
because he was puzzled as to the reason for
the packing giving way as it did. In the shop
it was found that a pin (value 2 as.) was
necessary to prevent the piston passing the
mouth

Mouth of the delivery pipe which cut it.

4. Except for this leather packing the pump worked satisfactorily. I was therefore very much surprised to hear that the brass valve had disappeared and that a new one had been supplied. No explanation has been given as to the necessity for this. I presume that the pump could not have forced water to the top of my house without it, as it was doing till the packing gave.

5. If the bills had been sent shortly after the work was done, there would have been less difficulty in examining them, but the account for work done in August 1875 was sent in February 1876.

6. I claim to know what the out turn was of the enormous charges made for the materials used. I presume your books can tell this.

7. I do know that the repair to the enema was only of a small leak which has cost Rs. 14-6. I may say that I have had a precisely similar repair executed in Coujeveram with in the past few days, and that it has cost me 1 anna. Who or what is Margusagayan I cannot guess;

$\frac{1}{2}$ of something for the leaks cost 11-5-
I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient servant
/s/ J. J. Mohrly, Colonel R.E.
District Engineer

/s/ True copy
J. Mohrly, Colonel R.E.
District Engineer.

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25 March 1876

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To

The Genl. Superintendent
C.M. Workshop and stores.

Sir,

Referring to your No. 5,140, of
22nd Instant I have the honor to observe that
I am still of opinion that the charges in
your bill are enormous.

No reason is given for the fitting of a
new piston, and I am called on to pay
because the leather packing was very badly
put on, and had to be removed 2 or 3 times.

I sent purposely to the workshop where
the pump was made that your Machinery
might see whether there was any deficiency.

He came several times and each time
did little good, on one of the last occasions he is
found, as I heard from you, that a pin had
been removed from the piston rod, so that
there was nothing to stop the packing from
crossing the mouth of the upper pipe.
He came again twice and once is

now carried the pump to the shop with him before he found that the brass valve had disappeared, now I cannot guess, but I am called on to pay. For all his useless journey too I am called on to pay, besides charges for Superintendence and a Cartage at the rate of 50 per Cent.

For repairing the engine a small quantity of solder only could have been used in a leaky joint, for this I have to pay a $\frac{1}{4}$ man employed at the rate of Rs. 2-13-8 per day - and another man 3as. and 100 per cent on it or Rs. 1-14-0 for a very pretty job.

Had I received such bills from any tradesman I should certainly have referred him to a law Court.

No notice is taken of my remarks as to the heavy charge 7-6 for a Cooly to Sydapet. The nuts are nearly all different sizes and that at the end of the piston rod is so bad that it has to be tied on with wire.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
Signed J. J. Moberly
Colonel R.E.

True copy
District Engineer
J. J. Moberly
Col. R.E.

Bangalore
13th February 1878.

From
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To
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effect that Mr. Grainger wrote privately
that the ice machine was not worth
repairing. It appears to me perfectly
clear from this that really nothing was
done to the machine; certainly no
wooden cage was sent.

The machine reached me shortly
after and was sent on 28th March 1876 to
Messrs. Deschamps; it was in constant
use till October 1877, and was sold in
November 1877 for nearly the same sum
that I paid for it in 1875.

In my letter of 27th Febry. 1876, I
asked that a "competent person might
be sent to my house to see the pump -
when I was at home." It would appear
easy to say who was sent, and to show
what he did that cost Rs 10-12-4-
I have a very distinct remembrance,
that being much inconvenienced by
the delay in repairing the pump I sent
to the amount, and procured a man
who did all that was wanted in a
few minutes under my eye. From that
time till I left Sydapet a period of
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ years or thereabouts, the pump repairs
have not cost Rs 5, as against some Rs 30.
during 1875.

On the whole I trust I have
shown that no supervision has been
at any time exercised; that the charges
which I have paid were exorbitant,
and that those which I have declined
to pay were really never incurred; and

that no voucher in support of the
claim has been submitted.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Obedt. Servt.
H. Jacobus. Colonel Q. B.
District Engineer.

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C.L.N. 601 d/2 Feb/78
 C.L.N. 439 d/24 Jan/78.
 C.L.N. 294 d/16 Jan/78.
 C.L.N. 4572 d/19 Dec/77.
 G.O.N. 1289 d/27 Oct/77.
 C.L.N. 2273 d/14 Aug/77.
 G.O.N. 1479 d/5 June/74.

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Note.

The Chief Engineer
 considers that the claims
 amounting to Rs 22-7-0
 and Rs 10-12-0 for
 repairs alleged to have
 been executed in the Work-
 shops to Colonel Moherly's
 ice-Machine and pump
 should be written off
 to profit and loss.

Colonel Moherly
 denies his liability; and
 the General Supt. has
 not, in the opinion of
 the undersigned, satis-
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the correctness of charges.
 2. The matter has been treated, to say the least of it, in an unbusinesslike way by the Workshops. Proper vouchers have not been submitted, and in reply to Colonel Moberly's repeated calls for them, simple reminders appear to have been sent from the shops, at intervals.

Edmond Col. R.E.

Chief Eng^r P.W.D.

19 Feb 1878.

Edmond Col. R.E.

Genl Secy

N^o 917 W Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

UNDER date the 25th Feb 1878

Read the following:—

From
 Colonel Moberly R.E. (H.C. 1/15th Nov 1877)
 The Genl. Supt. P.W. Workshops (N^o 2982 15th Dec —) ✓
 " do do do 316 11th Jan 1878 ✓
 " Dist. Eng^r Presidency (N^o 5911 22nd —) ✓
 " Genl. Supt. P.W. Workshops (N^o 3330 31st —) ✓
 Colonel F.J. Moberly R.E. (N^o — 13th Feb 1878) ✓
 Chief Engineer's Note (N^o — 19th —) ✓

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The Govt. concurs in the Chief Engineer's remarks, and direct that the two bills aggregating Rs 33-3-0 be written off to Profit and Loss.

The General Supt. will be careful in future to attest the correctness

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of each bill by proper
vouchers.

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