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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

6th February 1880, No. 278 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following paper:—

No. 12. From Lieutenant-Colonel W. CHRYSTIE, R.E., Superintending Engineer, First Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 8th January 1880, No. 1,581 K.S.

In continuation of the correspondence marginally noted,* I have the honor to forward a comparative statement showing the expenditure to date on the Voleru Nizampatam road to be Rs. 16,058-12-2 against the Rs. 14,050 sanctioned in G.O., No. 452, of the 27th February 1874. The work commenced in 1867 and was completed in December 1877.

2. The nett excess, as shown by the comparative statement, is Rs. 2,009, but of this amount Rs. 50 is an outstanding advance, and the accounts show that there should be materials at site to the value of Rs. 1,257, leaving an excess of Rs. 700 to be accounted for; and, as it is reported that Rs. 880 were spent in closing breaches caused by extraordinary freshes in the Kistna during 1874 and 1875, I shall not go through the several sub-heads of the estimate, merely noting that the excess due to earthwork is shown as Rs. 615.

3. But of the materials shown by the accounts as at site, only Rs. 126-8-7, as per accompanying statement, are to be found, leaving 400 cubic yards of rough stone out of 440, 29,000 brick-bats out of 35,000, and 52 candies of lime out of 70 deficient, the money value of the deficiency being Rs. 1,131-8-9. This deficiency was reported as existing in October 1873 by Sub-Overseer P. Lakshmiah Naidu, who then took charge of the work, but no action appears to have been taken or inquiry made on his report, dated the 22nd December 1873. On the contrary, Mr. Norris reported on numerous objectionable item statements that "The excess of Rs. 2,009 would be adjusted by the sale of materials at site." These materials had been officially reported as non-existent.

4. Mr. Norris was Range Officer from February 1869 to December 1874, and from October 1877 to May 1879, Mr. Carlier holding charge during the interval. Mr. Norris is therefore responsible, and I consider his conduct in not clearing up these accounts to be inexcusable. I presume that seven years ago there would have been but little difficulty in accounting for the deficiency in the materials, or at all events in obtaining the orders of higher authority to write them off; but nothing was done (either in this or other somewhat similar instances) in the division until every one who had been employed either left the district or was afraid to speak, with the result of some useless expense to Government, great waste of time and much annoyance to the officers who have at last to endeavour to unravel the cause of the excesses and deficiencies from the records only.

5. Under the above circumstances I shall not recommend the above sum of Rs. 1,181-8-9 being written off, but shall leave the Government to deal with the case. The revised estimate will be sent for sanction through the Board of Revenue in the usual course.

No. 13. ORDER THEREON, 6th February 1880, No. 278 W.

THE Examiner is authorised to pass the charge.

2. So long a time has elapsed since the occurrence of the transaction which led to the deficiency now reported, that it is not considered practicable to enforce personal responsibility against any officer or subordinate concerned therein; but looking to the inefficiency and carelessness displayed by Mr. Norris, not in this case only, but in many others, His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to allow that officer to rejoin the department at a time when extensive reductions of establishment are being made.

3. The Secretary of State will therefore be requested to call upon Mr. Norris, who is now on furlough, to retire under the provisions of Government of India Resolution No. 2,079, of 31st July 1879.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Govt., P.W.D.

To the Superintending Engineer, First Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Gobt. of (1880) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

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THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
FIRST CIRCLE,
&c., &c., &c.

Dated February 6th.

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G. O., 5th February 1880, No. 278 W.

FEBRUARY.
Nos. 12-13.

Road from Voléry to Nizampatam.—The Examiner authorised to pass the excess expenditure incurred on the —, and the Secretary of State requested to call upon Mr. Norris to retire in consequence under the terms of the Resolution of 31st July 1879. No. 2,079.

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th May 1878, No. 2,149 W.

General.

Establishment.

Read the following paper:—

No. 154. From Major J. O. HASTED, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Kistna, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Masulipatam, 1st May 1878, No. 25.

As the circumstances of the district have much improved and Famine Relief-works are virtually closed, I have the honor to bring to your notice the names of officers and subordinates who, in my opinion, merit commendation—

- 1.—Mr. W. R. Norris, Executive Engineer, was in charge of Relief-work at East Bank Canal for many months, and managed his camps and the work generally excellently.
- 2.—Lieutenant O. V. Boddy, R.E., Assistant Engineer, was in charge of Relief-works, Commamore Canal Extension and Romperu Drainage, for more than a year in addition to his other work. Had a most arduous task in organization when thousands of coolies suddenly invaded the works, and worked energetically under considerable difficulties.
- 3.—Mr. C. Mitford Smith, Assistant Engineer, assisted Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., on the Romperu Drain; worked hard and did not spare himself at a time when sickness was very prevalent.
- 4.—Supervisor Serjeant J. E. Chapman, assisted Lieutenant Boddy, R.E., both on the Commamore Canal Extension and the Romperu Drain; did very good work under very trying circumstances.

No. 155. ORDER THEREON, 13th May 1878, No. 2,149 W.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Kistna.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.
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GENERAL.
ESTABLISHMENT.

Gobt. of [1878] Madras
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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
KISTNA.

Dated May 13th.

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End.

G. O., 13th May 1878, No. 2,149 W.

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Nos. 154-155.

Officers and Subordinates employed on
Famine Relief-works, Kistna District.—
Letter from the District Engineer reporting
on the merits of certain — recorded.

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OF MADRAS.

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EXAMINER, P. W. ACCOUNTS.

Madras,

FEBRUARY 18

1880

OFFICE NOTE No. 1169

To

W.

THE COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

CEIVED WITH G.O. NO. 278, W. DATED 6TH

FEBRUARY 1880 IS HEREBY RETURNED

FOR FILE IN YOUR OFFICE.

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Genl. No.

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No. 1581 H.A.

From

The Sup^r Engineer 278
First Circle.The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department.
Dowlaishwaram 8th January 1880

Encls:

- 1 Comparative Statement
- 1 Statement of Sir,
material at site.

In continuation of the correspondence marginally noted I have No. 2751 dated 15th August 1879 the honor to forward a comparative Sup^r Eng^r reply. No. 489 dated 16th October 1879 to date on the Tolera Nizampatam Road to be Rs 16,058-12-2 against the Rs 14,050 sanctioned in G.O. No. 452 of the 27th February 1874. The work commenced in 1867 and was completed in December 1877.

2. The nett excess as shown by the comparative statement is Rs 2,009, but of this amount Rs 50 is an outstanding advance, and the accounts shew that there should be materials at site to the value of Rs 1257, leaving an excess of Rs 700 to be accounted for, and as it is reported that Rs 880 were spent in closing

closing breaches caused by extraordinary freshes in the Kistna during 1874 and 1875, I shall not go through the several sub heads of the estimates merely noting that the excess due to earthwork is shown as Rs 615.

3. Out of the materials shown by the accounts as at site, only Rs 126-8-7, as per accompanying statement, are to be found, leaving 400 Cys of rough stone out of 440-29000 brickbats out of 35000, and 52 Candies of lime out of 70 deficient, the money value of the deficiency being Rs 1131-8-9. This deficiency was reported as existing in October 1873 by Sub Overseer P. Lakshmiiah Naidu, who then took charge of the work, but no action appears to have been taken or enquiry made on his report dated the 22nd December 1873. On the contrary Mr. Norris reported on numerous objectionable item statements that "The excess of Rs 2009 would be adjusted by the sale of materials at site" These materials had been officially reported as now existent.

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4. Mr. Norris was ²⁷³ Range Officer from February 1869 to December 1874 and from October 1877 to May 1879, Mr. Carlier holding charge during the interval. Mr. Norris is therefore responsible and I consider his conduct in not clearing up these accounts to be ~~inexplicable~~ ^{inexplicable}. I presume that 7 years ago there would have been but little difficulty in accounting for the deficiency in the materials, ~~at~~ at all events, in obtaining the orders of higher authority to write them off; but nothing was done (either in this or other somewhat similar instances) in the Division until every one who had been employed either left the District or was afraid to speak with the result of some useless expense to Government, great waste of time and much annoyance to the Officers who have at last to endeavour to unravel the cause of the excesses and deficiencies from the records only.

5. Under the above circumstances I shall not recommend the above sum

of

of Rs 1181-8-9 being written off but
shall leave the Government to deal
with the case. The revised esti-
mate will be sent for sanction
through the Board of Revenue
in the usual course.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

L. D. Dymally

Lt Col. R. R.

Sup^r Engineer 1st Circle.

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From P.W.D.
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The Sup^g Engineer
1st Circle

The Chief Engineer
Public Works Dept

Proc. of Govt of 6th Dec/80
No 278 W
Dated 8th January 1880
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No 1581 R.S.
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Tolern Nizampatam
- Road at - Materials.
at site on the - Towards
a Comparative statement
and reporting on the
subject of excessive
expenditure on the -

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P. W. DEPARTMENT.

Read the following:-

From the Sup^g Engineer
1st Circle No 1581 R.S. d^y 8th Jan. 1880.

FOR ORDERS.

So long a time
has elapsed since
the occurrence of the
transactions which
led to the deficiency
here reported, and
since the discovery
of the deficiency itself
that it appears im-
possible to impose
personal responsi-
-bility against any
Officer or Subordinate.

except Mr. Harris,
who can hardly
be held responsible
for the whole defi-
ciency, though the
largest share of
the responsibility
undoubtedly rests
with him.

Under the circum-
stances the only
course open is
apparently to autho-
rize the Examiner
to pass the papers
as a charge against
the work.

This is by no
means the first

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27th/₉ Case of neglect of
duty on Mr. Harris'
part which has come
to light since his de-
parture, and it seems
questionable whether
he might not be asked
to retire under the
Resolutions of the
31st July last, the
consent of the Govt.
of India would no
doubt be given.

It is known that
Colonel Mullins has
no high opinion of
Mr. Harris' qualifications
and his presence is
in view of the heavy
responsibilities now falling

Does not think his
retention desirable

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place is not
desirable

FOR ORDERS.

Benjamin Mayo Rto.
for Secy. of Fort. Dept.

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Enclosure in letter
No. 1581 W. dated
8th January 1880 from
the Supd. Engin. to the
Chief Engineer
Waller's Works & Repairs

Considered & pronounced
enforce personal responsibility
against any officer or
subordinate concerned therein,
but looking to the inefficiency
and carelessness displayed

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No 278 W ²⁷⁸ ^W ^{ful} ^{W. D.}
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 6th Feby/80
Read the following:-

From
The Supg. Eng. ^{1st} Circle } (H.C. No. 1581 H.S. d/6th Jan'y/80)

The Examiner is
authorized to pass the charge.
2. So long a time has
elapsed since the occurrence
of the transaction which
led to the deficiency now
reported, that it is not
considered practicable to
enforce personal responsibility
against any officer or
subordinate concerned therein,
but looking to the inefficiency
and carelessness displayed

J. R.

by Mr. Morris, not in this case only, but in many others, His Grace the Governor in Council does not consider it desirable to allow that officer to rejoin the Department at a time when extensive reductions of establishment are being made.

Very Urgent

direct error

3. The Govt of India will therefore be requested to call upon Mr. Morris, who is now on furlough to retire under the provisions of the resolution of the Govt of India N^o 2079 of 31st July 1879.

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*S.S. 1st Division
Statement
of W. G. Morris
with comparative
Statement*

To, The Right Honble the Secy. of State for India

My Lord,

We have the honor to forward copy of our proceedings N^o 278 W dated 6th February 1880 and to request that your Lordship will call on Mr. Morris to retire under the terms of the Govt of India Resolution of the 31st July 1879 N^o 2079, the provisions of which have lately been extended by the Govt of India to the 31st March.

2. A report of Mr. Morris' resignation by

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Telegram is requested.

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Mr. H. H. H. H. H.
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G. O. 67 July 1880, No. 278 W

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Road from Coler to
Weymouth. The Govt
authorized to pass the
excess expenditure incurred
on the — and the Secy of
State requested to call up
Mr Morris to retire in
consequence under the
term of the Resolution of 31
July No 2079. —

Govt Request to call up
Mr Morris to retire under the
Govt Resolution of the 31st July
No 2079 & to defat his resignation
by telegraph.