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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

13th September 1881, No. 2,259 W.

General.
Account.

Read the following papers :—

No. 94. G.O., No. 2,067 W., dated 1st September 1880.

No. 94-A. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 2nd Oct. 1880, No. 6,190.

No. 94-B. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 22nd Oct. 1880, No. 6,696.

No. 94-C. Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 26th October 1880, No. 586.

No. 94-D. Letter from Superintending Engineer, 2nd Circle, dated 10th December 1880, No. 426.

No. 94-E. Chief Engineer's memorandum, dated 18th December 1880, No. 2,893.

No. 94-F. Letter from Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 21st January 1881, No. 29.

No. 94-G. Memorandum by Chief Engineer, dated 27th January 1881.

No. 94-H. Memorandum by Under Secretary to the Military Department, dated 3rd February 1881, No. 242.

No. 94-I. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 4th March 1881, No. 1,295.

No. 94-J. Endorsement to Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 8th March 1881, No. 570.

No. 94-K. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 5th March 1881, No. 1,320.

No. 94-L. Endorsement to Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated 9th March 1881, No. 599.

No. 94-M. Memorandum from Superintending Engineer, Second Circle dated 24th June 1881, No. 265.

No. 94-N. Memorandum by Chief Engineer, dated 2nd July 1881, No. 235.

No. 94-O. Endorsement in the Military Department, dated 26th August 1881, No. 4,601.

No. 95. ORDER THEREON, 13th September 1881, No. 2,259 W.

THIS correspondence originated in a report by Major Morant, dated 2nd August 1880, in which, explaining the reasons for an excess over the sanctioned estimate for the Police station-house at Teriote, he mentioned that Rs. 175 were expended on continuous iron roofing bought from Colonel Kennedy. He added that of this iron there was no trace, and he quoted from a letter of Colonel Kennedy's of March 1880, since explained to have been written under a misapprehension, which corroborated his statement.

2. The correspondence was submitted to Government by Major Mead, the Superintending Engineer of the Circle, who, with the statements before him, considered that Colonel Kennedy should explain the transaction, which he was accordingly called on to do in paragraph 3 of G.O., No. 2,067 W., dated 1st September 1880.

3. The Honorable the Governor in Council has carefully reviewed the correspondence, including that which has since taken place, and he cannot see that any statements have been made at which Colonel Kennedy can reasonably take offence. Colonel Kennedy has himself written in terms by no means guarded. There have been mistakes as to fact on both sides; and giving due weight to the circumstances alleged by Colonel Kennedy as affecting the due performance of the duties connected with the transfer of executive charges in the Public Works Department at this period of transition, the Honorable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that the value (Rs. 25) of the 100 feet of iron roofing still unaccounted for be written off, instead of being recovered by Colonel Kennedy as previously ordered.

4. The Superintending Engineer will arrange for the adjustment of the cost accordingly, the 200 feet used on the Inspection bungalow at Cunneanbetta being duly debited in correspondence with the President of the Local Fund Board.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.
" Military Department.

Ed. S. T. Austin.
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GENERAL
ACCOUNT.

Govt. of [illegible] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE,

&c., &c.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

1st September 1880, No. 2,067 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following paper :—

No. 4. Endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Vellore, 16th August 1880, No. 219.

From Major J. L. L. MORANT, R.E., Executive Engineer, West Coast Division, to the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, dated Calicut, 2nd August 1880, No. 185.

In Public Works G.O., No. 1,964 W., dated 4th December 1877 (copy attached), a new Police Station House at Teriote in the Wynaad Taluk of Malabar was sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 1,760.

2. Funds for this work to the full amount of the estimate (viz., Rs. 1,760) were allotted in the Provincial Budget for 1878-79, Appendix E, page 45.

3. The work was begun in May 1878 and Rs. 825-3-10 expended up to the end of the official year 1878-79. I append a statement giving the details of this expenditure marked A.

4. The work was resumed in April 1879, and up to the end of March 1880 Rs. 1,071 in all expended upon it. Rs. 935, the balance of the estimate, were allotted in G.O., No. 2,065 W., dated 8th August 1879.

5. On the 22nd of March 1880 I received a letter from Colonel Kennedy before I had taken charge from him, No. 407, dated 16th idem (copy attached). This letter I forwarded to you with my letter, No. 10, dated 3rd April 1880, and you replied in your memorandum, No. 373, dated 12th April 1880, that "it will be impossible for Major Morant to complete the building before the monsoon, and there is no course left but to defer the work as proposed."

6. I have now arranged to complete the work within the next three months.

7. But in going into the matter I find myself compelled to submit a revised estimate for the work, amounting to Rs. 2,180-8-0, exceeding the sanctioned estimate by Rs. 420-8-0.

8. The reasons for this excess are threefold—

1*st*.—Rs. 175 were expended on continuous iron which was bought for the work from Colonel Kennedy. Of this iron there is now no trace, and in Colonel Kennedy's letter to me, quoted in my paragraph 5, and dated the 16th of March 1880, he writes: "as yet neither the continuous iron for the roof nor * * have been obtained." I therefore knew nothing of this iron until I looked into the details of the past expenditure on the work, when it appears as the very first item of expenditure.

2*nd*.—The sanctioned estimate provides nothing for levelling the site for the building. Rs. 112-8-0 are now needed for this purpose.

3*rd*.—Owing to loss in bricks and lime before I took charge, as explained in the comparative statement, the rate for brick in mortar in the revised estimate is Rs. 40, instead of Rs. 36 in the sanctioned estimate.

9. This work was from its commencement up to March 1880 under the charge of Colonel Kennedy.

10. I now solicit sanction to the revised estimate and an allotment of funds in the current official year to the extent of Rs. 1,060. The work has been continued in the current official year as an incomplete work, and funds were applied for from you on the 19th of May 1880 for the balance of the sanctioned estimate, viz., Rs. 688.

I append the following documents:—

1. Copy of Public Works Government Order sanctioning the work.
2. Copy of letter from Colonel Kennedy.
3. Plan.
4. Sanctioned estimate.
5. Comparative statement.
6. Details of expenditure up to 31st of March 1879.

FORWARDED to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, with a request that the revised estimate for Rs. 2,005 may be sanctioned and an allotment made for Rs. 985 for this current year in place of the Rs. 690 applied for in the Statement of Incomplete Works.

One copy of letter from Colonel Kennedy.
" Plan.
" Original Estimate.
" Revised "
" Comparative Statement.
" Statement of expenditure up to 31st March 1879.

2. With regard to the Rs. 175, the value of the missing continuous iron, it appears that although it was purchased by Colonel Kennedy for Government in May 1878 from himself, yet in March 1880 he reported none had been obtained; and as this is the case, the Superintending Engineer considers that Colonel Kennedy should be called on through the Military Department to explain the transaction; the Rs. 175 should be either paid by Colonel Kennedy or charged to "Profit and Loss." Orders regarding this are solicited.

3. The excess of Rs. 245 over the sanctioned estimate is in the following items:—

	Rs.	
Brickwork	92	The work has been more than two years in hand, and there have been losses in a kiln of bricks.
Superintendence, &c. ...	41	Due to length of time the building has been in hand.
Clearing site	112	Nothing allowed in the original estimate.
Total ..	245	

No further remark is necessary.

4. The Superintending Engineer last April sanctioned the roof being of Mission tiles instead of continuous iron and common tiles.

5. It is to be regretted that four months have elapsed before the purchase and loss of the continuous iron was known and reported, and the necessity for further sanction brought to notice.

(Signed) H. R. MEAD, Major, R.E.,
Suptg. Engineer, Second Circle.

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, 1st September 1880, No. 2,067 W.

UNDER the circumstances explained in the foregoing papers, the revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 2,180, for constructing a Police Station House at Teriote in the Wynaad Taluk of the Malabar District is sanctioned.

2. Rs. 688 have been provided for the work in G.O., No. 1,819 W., of 30th July 1880, and the balance, viz., Rs. 247, is appropriated from the Provincial Reserve.

3. Colonel R. B. Kennedy will be called upon, in the Military Department, to explain the charge of Rs. 175 in the accounts of the work for continuous iron which does not seem to have been delivered.

4. This sanction has been registered as Provincial No. 30 B. of 1880-81.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Second Circle, with four Enclosures.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts, with Estimate.
" Inspector-General of Police.
" Judicial Department.
" Military "

Exd. A. F. Goodall.
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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Govt. of 1880 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

The SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
SECOND CIRCLE.

&c., &c. &c.

Dated September, 1880.

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O., 1st September 1880, No. 2,067 W.

SEPTEMBER.

Nos. 4-5.

Police Station House at Periote, Malabar District.—Revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 2,180, for constructing a —, sanctioned with remarks.

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Ootacamund
24th September 1880.

From
Colonel R. B. Kennedy
Madras Army
To The Officiating Adjutant General of the Army.

Sir

With reference to your Endorsement on G. O. No 2067W of 1st September 1880, herewith returned, I have the honour to state that, without access to records, and necessary information, I am unable at once to give full reply; I shall, however, have an early opportunity of seeing the records I allude to, and having made the requisite enquiries, will then furnish the explanation called for.

2. I must, meanwhile, beg that it be noted, that Major Durant is under error in saying that the work to which the cost of the materials in Question is debited, was under my charge from its commencement; that is to say, so far as the account thereof, & supply of materials are concerned. Major Mead is equally in error, when he writes that the missing material "was purchased by Colonel Kennedy for Government in May 1848 from himself". Major Mead has forgotten that he himself relieved me of the office of District Engineer of Malabar in November 1848, and is of course aware that, in that capacity, while charged with general control & supervision, I was not concerned with the details of accounts; these being entirely within the province of the Divisional officer. The purchase of the

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materials charged up to November 1848 was made by the then Divisional officer, Captain Bailey. As regards the sale of the corrugated roofing iron by me to Government the circumstances are as follows. Some time before I went to England on furlough, in 1845, I had bought a quantity of this material for my own private use, and what I did not use was, during my absence, put for safe custody into the Public Works Store at Cachadie, where it remained until it changed hands, by Captain Bailey offering to purchase it on Public account, allowing me the same price as he was paying in the local Market. I do not remember the exact date of the transaction, nor did I know at the time, for what

2. work Captain Bailey made
the purchase. I am under
the impression that it was
anterior to May 1848, and
I would wish it to be noted
that the date on which
material is charged against
a work does not necessarily
entail that it corresponds
with that of its original
purchase, as it may be
merely that its transfer
from the Store account.
not having been furnished
with a copy of it I am
unable to call to recollection
the character of my letter
to Major Morant of 22nd
March 1880, or the circumstances
under which it was written;
the date, however, tells me
that I was on Wynaad,
absent from Head Quarters,
& consequently at the same

without access to the
Divisional Accounts, the
Statement, therefore, that the
continuous iron had not
been obtained was a mistake
due to imperfect information.
I regret that time did
not permit Major Morant,
when taking over to charge,
to personally satisfy himself
that the materials pertaining
corresponded with the work's
accounts. I also regret that,
on discovering the discrepancy,
he did not communicate
with me, as very probably,
in that case, this reference
might have been rendered
unnecessary. Major
Morant does not appear
to have been up in Wynaad
at all to make personal
search, but I shall myself

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I have an opportunity of
doing so on the spot; &
think it very likely, I
shall discover, either
that the missing material
is forthcoming, or that it
has been used on some
other work, without
corresponding credit being
given to the one against
which it stood debited.
I will lose no time in
communicating the result
of my enquiries -

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant

Robt. W. Kennedy
Colonel

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1880

From
Colonel R. Kennedy
3rd Infantry

Affords explanation
called for in Adj. Gen.'s 2d Ltr
of 1st Sept.r/B.

Rec.d 25th September

Enclosure
No. 1

of a letter No. 420 of
the Executive Engineer D.
dated Lucknow.

A

Statement showing the materials belonging to Terriote Police Station & now lying at Lal Wady Stone

Continuous Iron Rails	12	I was ordered on 10th June 80 by Mr. Dunphy Asstt. Engr. L.T. to hand over these to P.W.D. but on asking the Sub Overseer at Terriote to remove them, I was told that they are not required for the work of Police Station in consequence of Mission tiles having arrived & that he has written to Major Morant R.E. about it.
Pedestal Stones	No. 3.	At Lal Wady Stone.

Lal Wady
30 Septr 80

P. C. D'Rozario
2nd Clerk Myd. Sub Div. Office in
Charge of Lal Wady Stone

No. 612

Adjutant Genl's Office
Ald 2nd Cotrcammund
30th September 1880.

Memorandum

Submitted with reference to para 3 of D. G. marginally quoted.

The further explanation alluded to by Colonel Kennedy, will be submitted as soon as received.

(By Order.)

W Rice Jnr Colonal
for Offg Adjutant General

To,
The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

1880

Military Department

No 612

From
The Offg Adjt General
To
The Secty to Govt.

Dated 30th September
Recd 1 Octr 1880

No 612

Submits Colonel Kennedy's explanation called for in ~~G.O. 260 of 1880~~ ~~of 1st September 1880~~ No 5854
D. 15-9-80.

TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY.

Transferred to the Public Works Department
Provisionally
Colonel
Secy to Govt

Astracanund
2nd Octr 1880

D. 6190.

Offg Asst Secy 1/10/80

No 247

B

To
Dwn Rozario,
Sub Overseer.

With reference to No 20 of 18th Instant Captain Baily the Local Fund Engineer at Calicut has this day been requested to cause the 2 rolls of Continuous iron said to be in the stores at Luckady to be furnished, if they can be spared, to Dwn Rozario.

(Signed) J. L. L. Morant Brig
Executive Engr

Camp Ootacamund
27th May 1880

/True Copy/

Endorsement
Executive Engineer
to C. G.

Colombo 4th October 1880.

Territoto 8th June 188

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No 24

To

Major J. L. L. Morant RE.
Exer: Engr: W. C. Dn

Sir, With reference to your do: Not
No 247 of 27th May I beg to State
that the 2 Rolls of Continuous Iron
applied for by me are not required
as the Mission tube have arrived here

I beg to remain &c
pp/ L. D. Pozzi
Sub Divr Engr

(Enclosed)

Colonel & Asstes

Enough
Ex: Engr: Div: C. D:

Calicut
6th October 1880.

From

Colonel R. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry.

To,

The Offg. Adjutant General of the
Army.

Ootacammund.

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement on
G.O 1st Septr 1880 No. 2067 W and in continu-
ation of my letter of 24th ultimo, I have the
honor to forward certified copies of documents
as per margin marked respectively A. B & C.

"Statement showing the materials belonging
to Police Station at Teriote now lying
in Luckady Store" - Marked A —

Memorandum No. 247 of 27th May 1880
from Major Morant to Sub Overseer
Rozario - Marked B.

Letter No. 24, 8th June 1880 from Sub Overseer
Rozario to Major Morant - Marked C.

2. A is a statement from the Local Fund storekeeper at Lackady who was also acting in the same capacity in the P. W. Deptt when I gave over charge of the Wynaad division

3. B. is a certified copy of a Memorandum

from Major Morant to the Sub Overseer charged with the work of constructing the Police Station at Seriste; it is dated 29th May 1880 while Major Morant's letter to the Supg Engr is dated 2d Augt 1880, and not only betrays great obliviousness but shows also that want of time cannot be pleaded for the omission to make any enquiry from me.

4. C is the reply of the Sub Overseer giving the purpose for which the iron roofing was intended.

5. The quantity of iron purchased as entered in the account of the work is 700 square feet; the 2 rolls now in Lac Radie store contain 400 s.ft, and I find that 200 s.ft were used some time in 1879 for roofing one of the outhouses of the Inspection Bungalow at Cunnanhetta; but owing to the death of the former storekeeper, and the many changes that have taken place in the executive, I have been unable to trace the remaining 100 sq: ft., value Rs 25. The value of what was used for the Inspection Bungalow ought to have been debited to that work,

and corresponding credit given to the Seriste Police Station; the omission is due, I believe, to a mistake of the former storekeeper who returned the material as surplus from some other work which had been completed, and the accounts of which had long previously been closed.

6. I think I have now given as full explanation as His Excellency the Governor in Council can desire to prove that although the material was purchased from me, I was not at the same time the purchaser on behalf of Govt, and also that no failure of delivery on my part took place. I should mention here that an entry in the account of the late Calicut Division shows that payment was made by the Divisional Officer Captain Bailey, on 15th May 1878 by cheque in my favor.

7. Major Morant's absence makes it impossible to find out the cause of his obliviousness of facts which, it would appear, could scarcely have been unknown to him; or why, if there was anything else that

required explanation, he omitted to make reference to me; but neither he nor Major Mead could have been ignorant, that at the time when the material in question was purchased I was not Divisional Officer, but District Engineer, and consequently not expected to be so intimately acquainted with every detailed item of account connected with each work in my district. What I said in my letter to Major Mount of 2nd March 1880, written as it was while absent from head quarters and without access to accounts, was so manifestly a mistake, that I should have thought it would itself have suggested to both officers the necessity of enquiring from myself before committing themselves to it, it really amounts to an imputation of fraud on my part: under these circumstances I consider that an apology is due to me, and I respectfully request also that a withdrawal of the concluding portion of para: of the G.O. under reply may be made, and copy furnished to me.

I have &c
(Sgd) R.B. Kennedy.

Copy

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Calicut.
6th October 1880.

From Lt.-Col. R. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry

To The Offg. Adjutant General
of the Army
Ootacamund.

Sir

With reference to your endorsement No 60 1st September 1880 No 2067 W and in continuation of my letter of 24th ultimo, I have the honor to forward certified copies of documents as per margin marked respectively A. B. & C.

A Statement showing the materials belonging to Police Station at Feroke now lying in Lucknaly Store" Marked A.

Memorandum No 247 dated 27th May 1880 from Major Mount to Sub Dossor Rzario — marked B

Letter No 24 dated 2nd June 1880 from Sub Dossor Rzario to Major Mount — marked C

2- A is a statement from the Local Fund Storekeeper at Lucknaly who was also acting in the same capacity in the Public Works Department when I took over charge of the Wynaad Division

3- B. is a certified copy of a memorandum from Major Mount to the Sub Dossor charged with the work of constructing the Police Station at Feroke: it is dated 27th May 1880 while Major Mount's letter to the Superintending Engineer is dated 2nd August 1880, and

not only betrays great Slovenliness here, but shows also that want of time cannot be pleaded for the omission to make any enquiry from me.

4 C is the value of the Iron Doorcase forming the purpose for which the Iron roofing was intended.

5 The quantity of Iron purchased as entered in the account of the work is 700 Square feet; the 2 Rolls are in Rachadin & the entries 400, and I find that 300 were used some time in 1879 for roofing one of the outhouses of the Inspection Bungalow at Cunnamulla; but owing to the death of the former Storekeeper, & the many changes that have taken place in the executive, I have been unable to trace the remaining 100 Square feet, Value N 25. The value of that was used for the Inspection Bungalow ought to have been debited to that work & corresponding credit given to the Public Works Station; the omission is due, I believe, to a mistake of the former Storekeeper who returned the material as surplus from some other work which had been completed, & the accounts of which had long previously been closed.

6. I think I have now given all the explanations as His Excellency the Governor in Council can desire, that although the material was purchased from me, I was not at the same time the purchaser on behalf of Government, and also that no failure of delivery on my part took place. I should mention here that an entry in the account of the late Police Barracks shows that payment was made by the Divisional Office, Charleville, on 15th May 1875 by cheque in my favor.

7 Major Marsh's absence renders it impossible to find out the cause of his Misstatements of facts which, it would appear, could scarcely have been unknown to him; or that if there was anything else that required explanation, the omission to make any reference to me, but neither he, nor Major Lead could have been ignorant that at the time when the material in question was purchased, I was not Divisional Officer, but District Engineer, and consequently not expected to be so intimately acquainted with every detailed item of

account connected with each work in my District. What I said in my letter to Major Mount of 22nd March 1880, written as it was while absent from Headquarters, & without access to accounts, was so manifestly a mistake, that I should have thought it would itself have suggested to both those Officers the necessity of enquiring from me myself before committing themselves to what really amounts to an imputation of fraud on my part: under these circumstances I consider that an apology is due to me; and I respectfully request also that a withdrawal of the concluding portion of para 3 of the G.O under reply may be made, and a copy furnished to me.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obdt Servant.

Rt. Wm. Kennedy
Colonel
Medical Inspector

Adjt. Genl's Office
Hd Qrs, Belfast
20th October 1880.

No 687

Memorandum

Submitted in continuation of Adjt Genl's Memorandum No 612 dated 30th September 1880.

(By Order.)

Godfrey Clerk Colonel.
Offg Adjutant General

To
The Secy to Govt
Military Department

Ostacamund
22 Oct. 1880

1880

Military Department

No. 6696

Transferred to the Public Works department in continuation of Ltr No 6190 dated 2nd October 1880

(By Order)

Inniskeen Capt.
Secy to Govt.

No.

From
Adjutant General

To
The Secy to Govt

Dated 20 October
Recd. 22 " 42

No. 687.

Submits letter from Col. Kennedy forwarding certified Copies of documents in the materials belonging to Tirriole Police Station and requesting a withdrawal of the concluding portion of para 3 of G.O. 2067 IV dated 1st Sept. 1880

Granted

of Shut Boots

Enclosure
No. 2.

In a letter No. 426
of 10th December 1810
from the Supdg. Engr:
2d circle.

Endorsement of Govt.
Military Department
No. 6696 of 22d Octr. 1810
with 11 enclosures.

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From the Military Dept.
No. 6190 and 6696 d/ 2d and
22d Octr. 1880, forwarding
letters from Col: R. B. Kennedy
d/ 24th Sept. & 6th Octr. 1880,
explaining the charge of Rs
175 in the accounts of the
Police ~~station~~ stating house at Seriote, Malabar
~~Rs~~ for ~~Rs~~ corrugated iron
which was said to be
missing.

Referred to the
Supt. Engineer, Second
Circle, for any remarks
he may wish to offer.

(Sgd.) R. H. S.
Ch: Engr.

Seriote 18th May 1880

No. 20.

To,

Major J. L. L. Morand.
Exe: Engineer West Coast Dn.

Sir,

I respectfully beg to inform you that Sub Overseer Jacob told me that there are at Tuckady Stores 2 Rolls of corrugated Iron belonging to D. P. W. which I beg you will be so good as to obtain them for the Roofing of Police Station.

I beg &c.
(Sgd.) L. D'Rozario.
Sub Overseer D. P. W.

(True Copy)

Calicut
24th Nov. 1880

Executive Engineer
West Coast Dn.

No. 241. Cotacamund
27th May 1880.

To,

The Executive Engineer
Local Fund Board.
Calicut.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for your information that the enclosed copy of report received from the Sub Overseer Mr. Rozario. I request that you will be good enough to cause the 2 rolls of continuous iron said to be in the stores at Cuckady to be furnished to the above Subordinate, if you can possibly do so. I will of course be happy to pay for these rolls, if necessary. But perhaps they are on Govt. Wk.

I have &c.
(Sgd) J. L. L. Morant Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

Calicut
29 Nov 1880

Executive Engineer

Malabar Dt. Engrs Office
No. 34. Local Fund Calicut 31st March 80.

From,

The District Engineer Malabar
Local Fund Department

To,

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 241 of the 27th Instant, I have the honor to inform you that I have requested the Assistant Engineer Ahmad, to let Mr. Rozario have the Iron referred to.

My impression is that it was paid for from Local Funds, in which case it will have to be paid for, but I requested the Assistant Engineer to enquire into the matter, and will write to you again on receiving his reply.

I have &c.

(Sgd) A. Bailey Captain
D.t Engrs L.F. Deptt.

(True Copy)

No. 247.

24/227

To,

Mr. Rozario
Sub Overseer.

With reference to No. 20 of 18th Instant, Captain Bailey the Local Asst Engineer at Cochin has this day been requested to cause the 2 rolls of Cotton now paid to be in the stores at Cuckady to be furnished if they can be spared, to Mr. Rozario

Sd/ J. L. L. Morant Major R.E.
Executive Engineer

27th May 1850.

(True Copy)

Executive Engineer
West Coast Divn

Cochin
29th Nov. 1850

West Coast Div.n Office
No. 432. Calicut Nov.r 1880.

From,

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division
Calicut.

To,

The Supg: Engineer
II Circle
Coimbatore

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No. 1030/W.C of 29th October, I have the honor to state that it is quite impossible to trace the missing 300 feet of continuous iron originally charged to Tennicode Police Station. The 200 feet used for inspection bungalows cannot be traced to any particular building in the absence of any store issue book. A lengthy search has been made in the office, but without effect.

2 Enclosed are copies of papers handed over to Lt Kennedy, and these contain all the information

formation that can be found

3 I regret that in my hurried departure to Cochin the matter escaped my memory or I should have reported the fact of the finding of 200 feet in the Stores and the correspondence showing that another 200 feet were used for Local Fund Works without credit given

I have the honor to be
Sir
your most Obt Servant.

Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

Enclosures

1. Letter from Sub Overseer Rozario No 20 dt 18th May 80.
2. do to L.S. Engineer No 241 dt 21st May 80.
3. L.S. Engrs reply No 34 dt 31st May 1880
4. Memo to Sub Overseer Rozario No 247 dt 21st May 80
5. Sub Overseer Rozarios Letter 24 dt 8th June 80

P.W. 7905

Enclosure
No: 3.

In a letter No: 426
of 10th December 80 from
the supg Engineer 2d
Circle.

Superintending Engineers Office 2d Circle
Camp Mangalore, 10th December 80

No: 426
From

The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle

To

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department
Madras.

Sir

With reference to your Memorandum No: 586 dated 26th October 1880. I have the honor to forward an original letter from Mr. Pringle. I regret it does not say the quantity of continuous iron that has been found in the Local Fund store at Lukady and I cannot report whether it is 400 feet run or 2 rolls of 100 feet each and nothing can be traced of the remaining 300 or 500 feet run. I have no doubt but that Colonel Kennedy is right in stating that 200 feet were used in the repair of an inspection shed but as for this there is no record, sanction or allotment, he Colonel Kennedy must I suppose be held responsible and also for that which cannot be in any way accounted for. I have directed the Executive Engineer to find out at once how many feet of continuous iron

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Enclosure
Endorsement of
Govt: Secy: Public
No: 6690 of 22d
Octr: 80 with
its enclosure.

Endorsement of
Govt: Secy: Public
No: 6696 of 22d
Octr: 80 with
4 enclosures.

Letter No: 432
of 29th Nov: 80
from E.E. N.C. Dr:
with 4 enclosures

Letter No: 432 of 29th
Nov: 1880 from the
Exengineer West
Coast Dr: with four
enclosures.

there is in the store and will as soon as I hear report

2. With regard to Colonel Kennedy's letter and enclosures I have to point out that although he was District Engineer of Malabar in May 1878 he was Executive Engineer of Wynaad in November 1878 and it was his duty when taking over charge from the late Captain Bailey to see that the stores of the Division were correct

It is true that Major Morant was mistaken in saying that the work was in Colonel Kennedy's charge from the commencement, as he was not in Executive charge until November 1878 and I was in error in saying that he had purchased the iron from himself in May 1878 the fact being that he had when District Engineer sold it to the Executive Engineer, Captain Bailey

I do not see that this alters the case in any way and I consider that Colonel Kennedy has been rightly called on to explain the transaction and I must add that his explanation is not satisfactory.

3. I must point out that there is nothing in the papers to shew that the 2 rolls of iron in the Local Fund store belonged to the Tarriote Police station work. I have no doubt after reading Colonel Kennedy's letter that they are a portion of the iron purchased from him, but there was nothing to show Major Morant that this was the case and therefore the tone of para 7 of Colonel Kennedy's letter dated 6th October 1880 is to be regretted and certainly no apology is due to him

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedt Servant

Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle

C.E. 2067 & - 1st Sept 80.

P.W. C.E. No. 7908

From

The Supg Engineer,

Second Circle.

C.E. No. 2893 & 18th Dec/80.

Dated 10th
Recd 14th } Dec 1880.

No. 426.

Lucan.

Continuous Iron for
Police Station at Lucan

Remarking with
reference to the —— and
stating that he cannot
report whether it is
400 ft. pmm or 2 Rolls of
100 ft. each, also that
nothing can be traced
of the remaining 300 or
500 ft. pmm.

No. 2893 & 18th Dec/80.

Memorandum.

Letter from the Supg Engineer, 2d Circle, No 426
dated 10th December 1880.

Adverting to the above
letter, the Supg Engineer
is requested to state what,
to the best of his judgment, is
the actual quantity of iron
that may be accepted as fairly
accounted for, and on what
works that not actually in
store has been used. The
works concerned being debited
with this amount, Colonel
Kennedy should, it is con-
sidered, be held accountable
for the balance.

sd/ R.H. Lawley Col. R.E.
Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

Supt Engr. Second Circle.

Posted
20-12-80

E. Eng 2893 of 18th Dec 80

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
West Coast Division.

Colombo 19 January 1881.

No. 479

FROM

THE

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
WEST COAST DIVISION

TO

THE Superintending Engineer
N Circle
Combatoor

Sir,

In reply to your Memo No 1139 dated 10 December 1880 I have the honor to state that there are 2 Rolls of continuous rope in Kuchadi Store, each roll contains 100 running ft or 200 feet as the width is 2 feet

2. The original quantity purchased from Col: Kennedy was 700 R 2 ft wide or 1400 sq ft

in the 2 rolls each 100	200
and the 2 rolls	300
remaining in the store	700
	1400 sq ft
	R 175

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant

Executive Engineer
W C Div

3/225

Enclosure 1

In letter No. 297
21st January 1881 from
the Supt Engr 2d circle

BUILDINGS AND ROADS.

Jan 24/81

FROM

THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
WEST COAST DIVISION.

The Supt Engineer
II Circle

No. 479

Dated 19
Despatched
Received
January 1881

EN:

SUBJECT.

Continuous Iron in Lockin
&c— Stating that there
are 2 Rolls of

Supt Engineer's Office Second Circle
Coimbatore 21st January 1881.

No. 29

From,

The Superintending Engineer
Second Circle

To,

The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department.

Sir,

With reference to your Memo: No. 2893 dated 18th December 1880 I have the honor to report that it is only to-day that I have received the enclosed letter from Mr. Pringle, the Executive Engineer and until its receipt I could not answer.

Enclosure 1

I have the honor to report that of the 7 Rolls of continuous iron each 100 in length and 2 feet wide purchased for the Teriote Police Station house for Rs. 175. there are 2 rolls in store this may be valued at the cost price namely Rs 50 leaving having 5 Rolls to the value of ~~Rs~~ 125 missing-

2. Colonel Kennedy states that 2 rolls on 200 feet run were used in the repair of an Inspection shed but he has not stated what shed and there is no record whatever of the transaction. I am unable as suggested by you to have the work debited with the value of this iron Rs 50.

3. With regard to the 3 remaining rolls value Rs 75 there is no record whatever and as Colonel Kennedy has given no explanation whatever concerning it I have no course but

but to recommend that he should be held
accountable for the amount namely £5 and
I would ask permission to write off the £5 50
the value of the 2 Rolls said by Colonel Kennedy
2 to have been used on works. This officer is of
course responsible for this amount as he must,
I supposed, have used the iron without any
sanction or allotment.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obd.t Servant
W. Mc Millan
Chief Engineer 11.th Circle

P.W.-C.W.-407.

P.O.-No-2067 W. 1-9-80
C.E.- 2893 18-12-80

From

The Superintendent,
Second Circle.

C.No 342 dt 3rd July 80

Dated 21st January 1881
Despt: 22nd "
Rec'd 24 "

No. 29
Encl

Police Station House at
Jeniore :—

Reports that, of
the 9 Rolls of corrugated
iron each 100 in length &
2 feet wide purchased
for the — for Rs 175, there
are two in store which
may be valued at Rs 50
leaving 5 rolls to the
value of Rs 125 missing.

C R W

Case should be
taken to Lund
on complete
file — P.O. No
No 2067 W dt
1st Sept. 1880 and
previous correspon-
dence in this case
is now missing

All I can and
say is that before
sanctioning any to the
value of Rs 5/- the
same should be called
for as noted in
the marked portion
of the P.O. W dt
of 16/12 17/12 Attd

No 2067 w d
1 Sep. 80 has duly
been replaced
in the file. It was
duly put up &
quoted the G.O.
in my draft and
by D also read
and quoted the
paper in his
addition to the
draft. It probably dropped
out accidentally.

C.S.

17/12/80

C.A.V.

Very good, but take
action on indents &
in marked passage

17.12.80

No 409

3/208

Note.

Missing iron roofing
Periotis Police Station.

The present letter from
the Supte. Engr 2nd Circle
upsets the statement in
Colonel Kennedy's explanation
of the 6th Oct. last (and
embodied in the draft
C.S.'s memorandum in the
file) that only 100 feet
of roofing remain un-
accounted for.

Col. Kennedy there
states that the quantity
purchased from him
was 700 square feet; that
the two rolls found in
store contain 400 square
feet, & that 200 feet
more were used for
an inspection bungalow
total 600 feet.

It now appears that the quantity really purchased was 7 rolls, containing 700 running feet (2 ft wide). The two rolls in store contain 200 running ft. — two rolls are alleged to have been used for an inspection bungalow which cannot be identified, leaving 3 rolls, or 300 running ft. totally unaccounted for.

The Supdg. Engr. recommends that Col. Kennedy be held accountable for the value (Rs 75) of the three missing rolls, and asks permission to write off to profit & loss, the value (Rs 50) of the two rolls said to have been used.

In the light of the present correspondence

the concluding portion of Mr Pringle's letter of the 29th Nov., stating that "another 200 feet were used for Local Fund works without credit being given" can hardly be understood.

CM.
25/1

39/2983

of the two rolls

GOVT. OF MADRAS. } 188 . { P. W. DEPT.

SECRETARY.

Chepauk, 26th June 1881.

OFFICE NOTE.

To

W

From Junkard from
Lt-Col. Kennedy in
Wynaad—

From S.E.E. dtd
29 & 21st inst.

It appears from the
letter that the actual
number of rolls in the
is only two, and that
the remaining five (
seven originally sent)
are missing.

No trace can be found
of the two rolls re

[illegible] Col Kennedy & Mr Lane
seem used on works, and
even if they were so used,
it must have been as
Major Reid points out
without authority, and
Col. Kennedy's responsibility
in no way lessened -
Under the circumstances
it seems that Col Kennedy
would should be held re-
sponsible for the value
(Rs 125) of the five
missing rolls, subject to
refund hereafter if he
could be able to show
to satisfaction that
them or them has been
lost by legitimate purposes -

[signature]

I have rewritten my
letter

in accordance with the
information
~~information~~ now received;
the draft enclosed can
be sent up either as a
"for orders" note or as
a Memo. G C.E. -

In a matter of
this kind I think the
C. E's opinion should
be on record, and the
latter form would then
be the proper one -

[signature]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

seem to have been delivered

Memorandum by Chief Engineer.

In his letter recorded with GO No 2067 W of 1st September 1880, Major Mount reported an Excess over the sanctioned estimate for the Police station at Teriote - one of the items of this Excess being due to a sum of Rs 175 Expended on continuous Iron roofing bought from the work from Col: Kennedy. The continuous iron, however, it appeared, was not forth - coming.

Col: Kennedy was there - upon requested to Explain "the charge of Rs 175 for continuous Iron Roofing, which does not seem to have been delivered"

To 2 18 December

In his letter of the 6th October 1880, Col: Kennedy states that the quantity of iron purchased for the works was 700 sq: feet. Of this amount 400 sq: ft. are alleged to be in the Lucknedy store, and 200 sq: feet to have been used sometime in 1879 on the Inspection Bungalow at Cunneambetta leaving 100 sq: ft. valued at Rs 25, unaccounted for.

The Executive Engineer Mr. Spingle reported in his letter No. 432 of 29th Novr. 1880 that the 200 sq: feet used for the Inspection Bungalow "cannot be traced to any particular building in the absence of any Store Issue Book." Of the 400 sq: ft. paid by Col: Kennedy to be in store, 200 ft were stated to have been used on Local Fund Works, and the balance to have been found in the stores.

† Letter No. 426 of 10th Decr. 1880

There were thus 300 feet to be accounted for, including the 200 feet alleged to have been utilized on the Inspection Bungalow.

Major Mead in submitting the correspondence remarked "I regret that Mr. Spingle's letter does not say the quantity of continuous iron that has been found in the Local Fund Store at Luckady," and he thereupon expresses a doubt as to whether the amount in store is "400

feet runs, or 2 rolls of 100 feet each," and whether the amount still to be traced is "300 or 500 feet runs."

Before sending the papers up to Govt. the Chief Engineer made a further reference to the Superintending Engineer, who was requested to state "what to the best of his judgment is the actual quantity of iron that may be accepted as fairly accounted for, and on what works that not actually in store has been used."

It now appears that the actual quantity purchased was not seven hundred square feet, but seven hundred running feet, two feet wide, ~~that~~ that only

two rolls of one hundred running feet each are to be found in the store, and that no trace or record can be found of any portion of the remaining five hundred feet; it is moreover pointed out by the Supg. Engineer that if any portion of this five hundred feet was actually used on works, it must have been without authority, so that Col. Kennedy's responsibility is in no way lessened.

Under these circumstances the undersigned considers that Col. Kennedy should be held personally responsible for the value (Rs 125) of

the fine inflicting polls,
subject to refund hereafter
if he should be able to
show that any portion
thereof was legitimately used.

Col. Kennedy considers
that an apology is due to
him, as well as a withdrawal
of the last part of para
3 of GO No 2067 dt of 1st
Septr 1880.

The undersigned cannot
admit that Col. Kennedy
has any ground for complaint;
the paragraph referred to
was merely a demand
for information which the
Govt had a right to
expect, and would probably
have been differently worded

had the real nature of the
transactions been known.

It now appears that
Col: Kennedy first of all
used the P. W. Store for
the custody of his own
property, and afterwards
sold a portion of that
property to the Govt
through one of his own
subordinates; such conduct
was to say the least highly
irregular, and Col: Kennedy
has only himself to thank
for any annoyance which
his proceedings may have
brought on him.

A. W. Lanky Col: R.E.
Chief Engr P.W.D.

27th January
1881.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

43/258

Endorsement from the Mily Dept: No 190 dated 2d October 1850.
——— do ——— " 6696 " 22d " " "
From the Supdg Engr 2d Circle " 426 " 10th Decr "
——— do ——— " 29 " 21st Jany 1851.
Memorandum by the Ch. Engr P.W. Dept " 27th January 1851.

FOR ORDERS.

Major R.E.

For Secy to Govt P.W. Dept

Before deciding
Col. K. responsible
Sir, state the
fact as ascertained
I him the title
deeds for the
Station remarks
Enclosed M
Asst Collector
Written on case

FOR ORDERS.

407

P. W. D.

No. 242 d/3rd Feby 79

69/2389

Memo.

† Transferred under Mil. Dept. endorsements Nos 61908 6896 of 2nd 22nd Octr 1880.

With reference to letter† from Colonel R.B. Kennedy to the Adjt General of 24th Sept & 6th Octr 1880, on the subject of certain contractors iron roofing purchased from him for Govt. some time in May 1878, the undersigned is directed to state that further inquiries instituted by the Supt. Engr 2nd Circle have elicited the following facts.

Colonel Kennedy states that the quantity purchased from him was 700 square feet; that the two rolls found in store

store contain 400 square feet, & that 200 feet more were used for an inspection bungalow, leaving only 100 feet (value Rs25) unaccounted for.

It now appears that the actual quantity purchased was 700 running feet, 2 feet wide; that two rolls of 100 running feet each are to be found in Store, and that no trace or record can be found of any of the remaining 500 feet. The 200 feet alleged to have been used on an inspection bungalow at Cummenlotta cannot be traced to any particular building in the absence of any store

issue book, & it is pointed out that if any portion of the iron was actually used on works, it must have been without authority, or that Colonel Kennedy's responsibility is in no way lessened.

Before ~~holding~~ Col. ~~Kennedy accountable for the value (Rs175) of the missing 500 feet of iron~~, ~~that officer is~~ requested, in ~~through~~ the Mily. Depart., to state whether he has any further remarks to submit.

Joint orders are issued on the case Col. Kennedy will be

(By order)

D.W.

To The Mily. Department

Dept.
8-2-07

P. W. Dept.

No. 242

46/278

Memorandum.

With reference to letters from Col. R. B. Kennedy to the Adjutant General of 24th September and 6th October 1880, on the subject of certain conversations from roofing purchased from him for Government, sometime in May 1875, the undersigned is directed to state that further enquiries instituted by the Supg Engineer Second Circle have elicited the following facts:-

× Transferred under M. Sibley Dept. Endt. No. 6190/6696 dd 27th Oct. 1880

2. Col. Kennedy states that the quantity purchased from him was 700 sq. feet, that the two rolls found in store contain 400 sq. feet, and that 200 feet more were used for an inspection bungalow, leaving only 100 feet (value Rs 25) unaccounted for.

3. It now appears that the actual quantity purchased was 700 running feet, 2 feet wide; that two rolls of 100 running feet each are to be found in store, and that no trace or record can be found of any of the remaining 500 feet.

E. A. 242 93 July 1881

The 200 feet alleged to have been used on an inspection bungalow at Cummumbetta cannot be traced to any particular building in the absence of any store issue book, and it is pointed out that if any portion of the iron was actually used on works, it must have been without authority, so that Col. Kennedy's responsibility is in no way lessened.

4. Before final orders are passed on the case Col. Kennedy will be requested in the Military Dept. to state whether he has any further remarks to submit.

(By order)

Major R.E.
Under Secy to Govt. F.W.I

3rd Feby/81

To,

The Military Dept.

Madras 20th February 1881.

From Lt Col R. B. Kennedy
Madras Inspector

To The Asst Adjutant General
Fort St. George.

Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum No 1024 of 10th instant, giving over to me from the Military Secretary to Government No. 242 dated 3rd February 1881 - (herewith returned)

2. I am quite in the dark as to the evidence on which the Superintending Engineer 2nd Circle contradicts my statement as to the quantity of Iron roofing material purchased from me by the late Captain Bailey on public account; so I think the best way for me is, to state, to the best of my recollection, the circumstances connected with the transaction -

Some 7 or 8 years ago I purchased a quantity of cuttings from the Madras Railway, some of which remained on hand when I went on furlough in June 1875, and for security was left by me in the Public Works Store at Lachakie. I entirely forgot all about this material

rutel asked by the late Captain Bailey
then Divisional Officer at Taliant, whether
I wanted it: for if not, he would take it off
my hands for public purposes, at market
rate, added to cost of carriage to Cuddalore.
To which I agreed without any idea of
the quantity, telling Captain Bailey
he might have all there was: and I
presume, before giving a cheque, he had
satisfied himself that what he paid
for was forthcoming - I assumed
in my last communication that the
quantity was 700 square feet, because
to the best of my belief I purchased it
by the square foot, & that the cost was
2 annas per square foot; the Superintending
Engineer says it was 700 running feet
2 feet wide, just double that I name;
so, the terms of the bargain were ac-
cepted, for I do not think that similar
material can be delivered at Cuddalore
at that rate - I presume the Superintending
Engineer writes from documentary
evidence, perhaps the receipt given
me to Captain Bailey; if so, I believe
the receipt to be incorrectly worded;
all to test it, I request that the
Chief Engineer be asked to call
for extracts from the Cash Books of the
Sub Collector, & Kurumbarand Division,
with corresponding vouchers, to show the
rates for similar material, which, to my
knowledge, was used in the years

1875-76 - 1876-77 - 1877-78 in the construction
of the Police stations at Punnaivaram
& Cuddalore, & the residence of the Police
Inspector at Manantoddy: should it
prove that the rate, including carriage,
corresponds with my statement, I presume
it will be admitted that the latter is correct
and the discrepancy simply the result
of a clerical error in the receipt.

3. As for the quantity stated by me
to have been used on the building
of the Inspection Bungalow at Cuddalore,
it will be found (unless removed since
I was last at the place) on the roof of
the Private attached to that Bungalow.
The mistake to adjust the transfer
by a Book transaction, was unquestionably
wrong, but I have no doubt that,
on my certificate, the Local Fund
Board of the Collectorate will,
without further delay, readily accord sanction for the
adjustment - Such transfers,
as the above, between works, are
constantly made in the Public Works
Department, & when properly adjusted
I have never known them to be
objected to by the most particular
of Public Works Accountants, examined
by the authority of the Divisional Officer
being considered quite sufficient.

4: In anticipation of any remarks
as to the want of knowledge on my part

of the quantity of this Ironroofing, and how it was used, I must plead that the change in the administrative and executive system of the Public Works Department in 1878 was so sweeping, and carried out with such precipitancy that strict observance of the rules regarding taking over charge of works, and materials so supplied are absolute impossibilities; it is not, therefore, surprising that great confusion was the inevitable result, in which it would be hard, & scarcely just to place the responsibility on those responsible to avoid it. There is nothing to show that either 700 squares, or 700 running feet of Corrugated Iron were ever handed over to my charge when the Straits Wyn and portion of the former District, was annexed to the new Wyn and Division; the last transferred not being either a Division, or Sub-division, no receipts were required, such as are exchanged between Officers on taking, & giving over charge of Divisions.

I have the honor to be.
Sir
Your Obedt
Robt. Ws. Kennedy
Colonel
Madras Infantry

5/2/2

1881

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No 198 F. 1 P10

From
Colonel R. B. Kennah
Madras Infantry
To Asst. Adjt. General
Fort St. George.

Dated
20th February 1881.

Recd.

Enclosures
Memorandum from Mil. Dept.
& Encl. No. 242 - 31 Feb/81

Reference.
Memorandum from Asst.
Adjt. General. forwarding above.

Replies to Mil. Secretary's
Memo. & requests he
may state whether
he tested by reference
to civil
& certain
account of Dept. Public
Works -

M.D. 1315/81.

Adjutant General's Office
Head Quarters, Bangalore
No. 72-J. 25th February 1881.

Memorandum.

Forwarded to Government with reference to Military Department Memo: No. 720 dated 5th instant herewith returned.

(By Order)

Brigadier-General.
Offg: Adjutant General.

To,
The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

Inv. 2
Nr. 1428/2.
Nr. 2262
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Former papers.

PG 15 Feb/81 to be urgeared

REGISTER TO BE RETURNED WITH REPLY

MILITARY (188/) DEPARTMENT.

No. 741

From The P. W. D.

No 242.

Dated 3rd 3 Feb/81.

Recd. 4th "

Registered.

ENCLOSURES.

P. G., No. dated

No. 198

No. 720. Referred this to the Provincial Commander in Chief for any further remarks Colonel Kennedy may desire to submit.

(Sd) Colonel
Asst Surgeon Genl
Intd George 5th Feb. 1881.

To
The Adjutant General

Stating that only 200 out of the 700 running feet of iron roofing purchased from Col: KB. Kennedy for Govt in May 1878 - can be accounted for, and requesting that that officer may be asked if he has any further remarks to submit before final orders are passed on the case.

No.

47/28

No. 1295 Transferred to the Public Works Departt.

Hankin Colonel
Ag: Secretary to Govt.

Fort St George,
4th March 1881.

I.W.C. No. 1425.

Military 1881 Dept.

No. 1315

From, I.W. 1264

The Adjutant General.

Dated 25th Feby:
Rec'd 1/3/81.
Acknd 7th March/81

No. 72-4.

Forwards letter from Col: R. B. Kennedy Madras Staff requesting that his former statement may be tested by reference to certain Divisional Accounts of P. W. Works.

Transfer.

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C.E. No 5704 of 8 Dec 88

P. W. 188 DEPARTMENT.

No. 1428

From
The Military Dept

No. 1295
Dated 4 March 1881
Recd. 7 " " "

SUBJECT
Forwards letter from Col. R. B. Kennedy Madras Infy. & entry requesting that his former statement may be tested by reference to Accountant Divisional Accounts &c &c

Disposal.
Referred to the Chief Engineer 2nd Circle for further enquiry & report with advertence to the latter part of para 2 & para 3 of Col Kennedy's letter. By Order

Signed C.P.
Dy Chief Engineer
P.W.D.

To The Actg Supt 2d Circle with papers above quoted.
Signed C.P.
C.E. No 2430 of 3. 2. 81

57/229

Enc: 8 to 11

In an Endorsement
No. 265 of 24th June 81
from the Superintendent
2nd Circle.

Endorsement from Military
Department No. 1295 of
4th March 1881 with 3
enclosures.

Royal Hotel Madras
28th February 1881.

From Colonel R. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry.

To. Asst Adjutant General
Fort St. George -

Sir. In continuation of my
letter of 15th inst. I have the honor
to request that the Chief Engineer
may be asked to have reference
made to the Estimate for the
construction of the Police Station
at Leiria - My recollection is
not sufficiently good to give the
precise figures, but from data
found by me in an old Note book
relating the approximate size
of the building I believe that
a reference to the quantities
in the Estimate will show that
200 running feet of continuous
Iron 2 ft. wide would be double
what would be required for the
work - If so I submit that, if, as
I have surmised, the Superintending
Engineer 2nd Circle has corrected

my statement of the quantity
of material purchased from me
~~about~~ in the wording of a receipt,
a clerical error in the latter is
more probable than that the
Divisional Officer purchased a
quantity so far in excess of
requirements. I beg it may
be clearly understood that I
write guardedly for I candidly
admit I had no knowledge of
the quantity of my contents in
the Lachadia Store but depended
altogether on the Divisional Officer
having satisfied himself on the
point. What I am perfectly
clear about is, that it was to be
paid for at market rate, & that
I never, to the best of my recollection,
brought Cottonwood Twine except
by the square foot, nor at so
low a rate as 2 annas, net
including carriage to Wyanad.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your Obedient
Servt
R.H. H. Kenyon
Colonel
Madras Infantry

Assistant General's Office
Head Qrs Bangalore
3rd January 1881.

No 98-y.

Memorandum

Submitted in continuation
of this office Memo. No. 92-y—
dated 25th February 1881.

(By Order)

Confl Clerk
Brigr General
Offg. Asstt General.

To
The Secy to Government
Mily. Deptt.

Military 1851 Deptt.

No 1398

From

The Adjutant General

Fort St George
3rd March 1887

No 1320.

Transmitted to
the Public Works Dept
in continuation of M. Dept
No 1295 dt 4th March 1887

Dated 3rd
Rec'd 5th March

Clarke Colonel
Ag: Secy to Govt.

Public Works Department
Chepauk 9th March 1887.

No 599

Submits letter from Col
R. B. Kennedy Ins. Inspr
re Iron roofing purchased
from him.

Referred to the Supdg
Engineer 2nd Circle, for inquiry
and report, in continuation
of Memo. No 570 dated 8th March 87.

(By order)

Major RE.

Dy Ch. Engr P. W. Dept.

Referred

No 98-7

P.W.D.
9th March/87

No 599

Endorsement from the Mily: Dept. No 1320
dt 5th March 1887. transferring letter from
the Adjutant General No 987, dt 3d
March/87 regarding the Iron roofing
purchased from Col: R. B Kennedy. Ins: Agy.

Referred to the
Supdg Engr 2d Circle, for
inquiry and report, in
continuation of Memo No
570 dated 8th March/87.

(By order)

Sd John Pennycuick
Major RE.
Dy: Ch: Engr.
P.W.D.

Despatched Ch No 1398
10-3-87.

Encl: 12 to 14

An endorsement No. 20
of 24th June 81 from the
Despatching 2d Civil

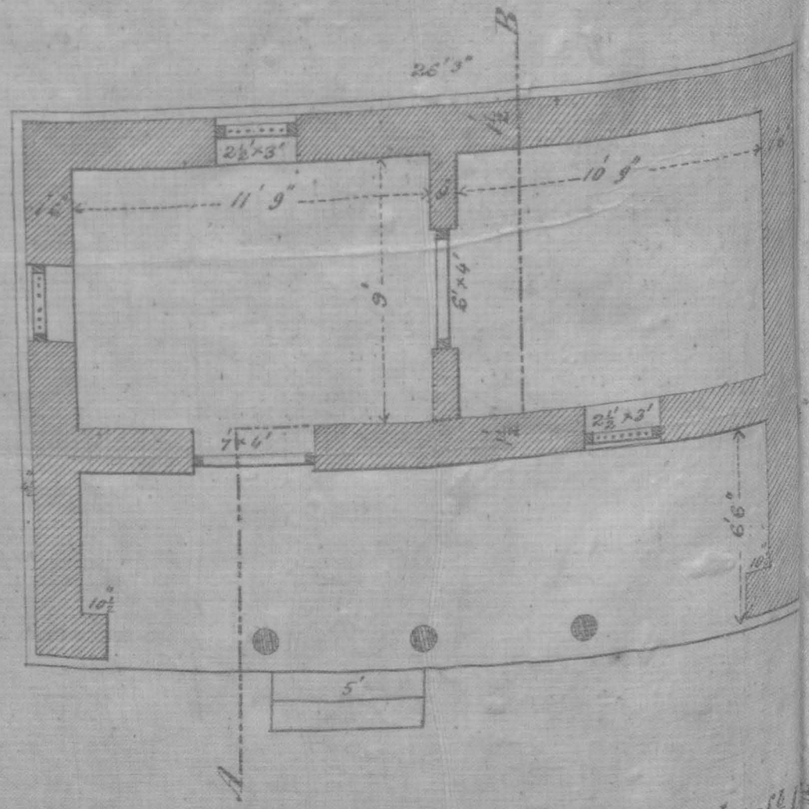
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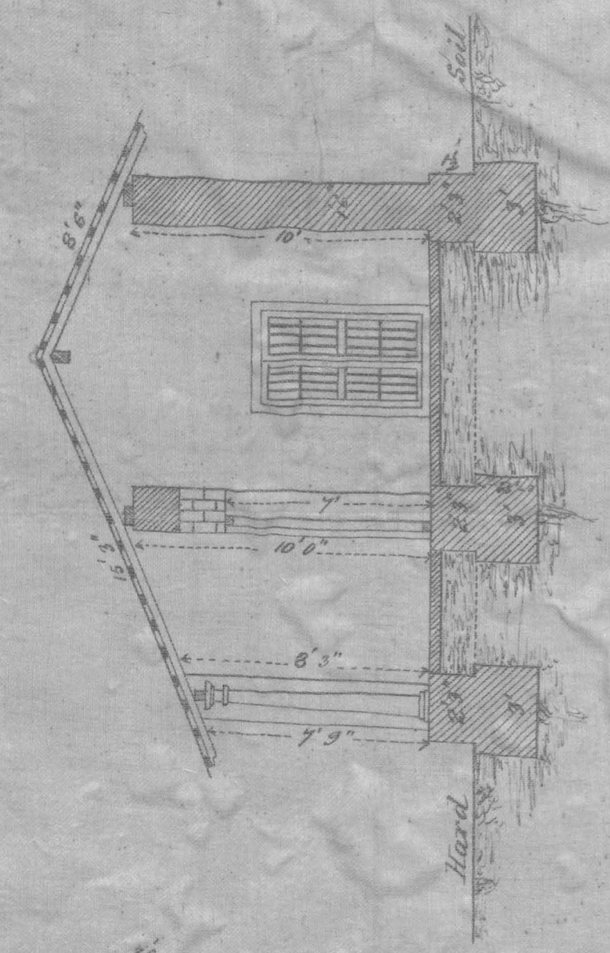
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(No 257)

Plan of Police Station House at Teriott.

Amount of Estimate Rs 1710.





Section thro AB.

Scale of 1/8 inch.



Pitch of Roof a little less than one fourth the Span.

Nature of Foundation brick in Chunam.

Chief Office of Pol... Jnr Asst for Genl C. ... 1877

Malabar Distt: Engineer's Office
Camp Tue Rocks 28th July 1877

Robt W. Keene Lieutt: Coll,
Distt: Engineer, Malabar.

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Estimate of the probable cost of Constructing Police Station Houses at Bulfrathy and Tassista – South Lyttanad.

Taken across	Taken down	Measured	Particulars	Rate per Article work.	Amount.
			Foundation.		
3	27¾	3 2	499½ Longitudinal walls.		
2	11	3 2	132 End walls.		
1	7½	2¼ 2	33¾ Cross walls.		
1	5¾	2 ½	5¾ Steps.		
			Total 671 cft of foundation.		
			Basement.		
3	27	2¼ 1½	273⅜ Long: walls.		
2	12½	2¼ 1½	84⅜ End — Do —		
1	8¼	1½ 1½	18 3/16 Cross wall.		
1	5	2 ¾	7½ Steps.		
			Total 383¾ cft of Basement.		

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1898.

Taking Number & Sheet Number	Measured. d	B	S	Dup. Cent.	Sub. Cent.	Particulars	Rate per	Amount Artists work.

Superstructure.

1 70½ 1½ 10 " 105½ Long:t end walls.
2 6½ 1½ 8⅞ " 173 End walls of Verandah.
2 ⅞ 1½ 8 " 21 Projections.
1 9 ¾ 10 " 67½ Cross wall.
2 6 3 1½ " 54 } Gables over end and cross walls.
1 6 3 ¾ " 13½ }
Total 1386½ cft of superstructure.
Spand Total 2441¼ cft of masonry.

Deductions from masonry.

3 2½ 1½ 3 " 33¾ windows.
3 3½ 1½ 1½ " 23⅝ Archwork over Do
1 6 4 ¾ " 18 Door.
1 5 ¾ 1½ " 5⅝ Archwork over Do
1 7 4 1½ " 42 Door.
1 3 12½ 1½ " 114 Archwork over Do
Total 134¼ cft of deductions.
Net Total 2307 cfeet of Brick in chunam @ 36 " " 15 Rs. 83083
Total 40½ cft of archwork. @ 40 " Do. 1632.

Plastering.

1 41½ " 10 " 415 Wall inside.
1 39½ " 10 " 395 Look up Do
1 73½ " 10 " 735 Main walls outside
46½ " 8⅞ " 230¾ End walls of Verandah.
2 3¼ " 8 " 52 Front & rear of projections.
1 92½ " 1½ " 138¾ Basement all round.
2 2 " ¾ " 3 Ends of steps.
1 16 " ¾ " 12 } Sides and soffits of doors.
1 18 " 1½ " 27 }
3 11 " 1½ " 49½ Sides Soffits & sills of windows.
66 " 3 " 108 Gables over cross and end walls.
Total 2166 Sq ft of plastering.

Deductions from plastering.

2 6 4 " 48 Door.
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Carried over.

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Number	Feet	Inches	8ths	Sup Cont	Cubic Cont	Particulars	Rate	Amount Actual Work
						Brought forward.		846 11 5
2	7	4	56			Door.		
6	3	2½	45			Windows.		
						Total 149 Sq feet of deduction.		
						Net Total 2017 Sq ft or 20 3/10 Sqrs of Plastering with one coat of Chunam.	@ 5 .. Sqr 100 ft ..	
						Flooring.		
1	11	8¼	90¾			Hall.		
1	10	8¼	82½			Back up.		
1	25¼	4¼	98¾			Verandah.		
						Total 272 Sq ft or 2 3/4 Sqrs of flooring with 3" thick gravel Mosaic of Chunam	@ 10 .. Rs 27 8.	
						Roofing.		
1	27½	15¼	415 3/16			Roofing		
1	27½	8½	231 5/8					
						Total 647/16 Sq ft or 6½ Sqrs of roofing with rafters ridge beam, wall plates, reepers, corrugated iron nails.	@ 65 .. Sqr 422 8 ..	63/228
1	26¼	5	9"			Ridge beam		
1	26¼	⅓	½			Braces		
			4 3/8			Total 12 37/64 cft of Wood wrought & put up	@ 2 8 .. cft. 31 7	
						1 Wood post (Large) 10' long & 4" dia	6 10 ..	
						3 do post (small) 6½' do do	@ 4 4 .. each 12 12	
3	2½	3	22½			Sqft of windows iron barred & Batten shutters	@ 2 10 .. Sqft. 59 1 ..	
1	6	4	24			do of door, irongrated	@ 2 8 .. Do 60 ..	
1	7	4	28			do do Batten	@ 1 .. do 28 ..	
						Excavating foundations, filling in basement Plains & pcato	@ 20 ..	
						26 Rft of Cornice outside of end gables	@ 9 .. Rft. 14 10 ..	
						Total	Rs 1629 15 6	
						Superintendence @ 5 percent	80 .. 6	
						Amount of Estimate for Cuttack Station	Rs 1710	
						do Jeriott do	Rs 1710	

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Calcut Range Brec Actt. B. Nunn

Calcut 26th Feb: 1877.

Offg Col:
Dirtt: Engineer Madelabar

H Bailey Captain
Executive Engineer.

No. 12-13

" 1876.77.

m. Range Officer D.P.W. Kurrumbanaad Divn
Ittacherry

Mr. to Stanes & Co

To 5 Kegs Continuous iron roofing containing in each 400 Sup. feet @ 3½ annas per Sup. foot	437	8 "
" Carthire in full to Manantoddy	40	" "
" Postages	"	2 "
Rupees	477	10 "

To Rs 477. 10_0

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Errr Copy
for Stanes & Co
M. Clapp

Berrpore 20th Jany 1877
pp Stanes & Co
sdy L A Bowden

Total Rupees 477 10.

STANES & Co
COIMBATORE, BEYPORE & COONOOR

Beypore 22nd March 1887

STANES & Co
COIMBATORE, BEYPORE & COONOOR

Beyppore 16th June 1887

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To, D21/16 June
The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division.
Calicut.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 13th inst, we beg to enclose copy of our D/Note against the Range Officer, Kooroom-branaad Division amtg to Rs 472.10.0

We beg to observe, that we find by our books that the above a/c had been adjusted by a remittance from the Range Officer, Calicut, which accompanied his letter of 1st march 1887.

We have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Obedient Servants
for Stanes & Co
H. Clopez

No 3136 / 81
STANES & Co
COIMBATORE, BEYPORE & COONOOR
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Beypore 22nd March

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The Executive Engineer.
West Coast Division
Calicut

Sir.

In reply to your letter No 877 of 19th inst, we have to inform you that price of Cuttimuns view per pokel of 100 lbs is Rs 41- at our works. The average weight of a pokel is lb 173. The probable cost of carriage is as follows:

Cooly hire to Vaitheri Rs 1. 8. } per cart
" Kulpatti " 1. 12. } carrying
" Manantoddi " 2. 14 } an average
Cart hire to Vaitheri " 10. 0. } per cart
" Kulpatti " 12. 0 } carrying
" Manantoddi " } an average

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obed't Servant
Stanes & Co

Information obtained about the Continuous Iron
used on the Terriolo Police Station. f.s. f.s.

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Information obtained about the Continuous Iron
used on the Terriole Police Station. for for

Extract from the Calicut Range Cash Book

1878 Constructing Police Station house Terriole. Paid
May 15 Colonel Kennedy on account of value of 700 Rft-
continuous Iron @ 4 as

1 Cheque No 55 dated 15th May 1878	49	5 10
1 Do 56 Do Do	125	10 2
Total Rupees.	175	.. ..

The entries made in the Station book in May
for the above work is as follows.

By Range office
Paid to Coll. R B Kennedy 700 Rft for Continuous
Iron @ 4 as. 175 ..

In account of materials entered in the above
Station Book is as follows.

× × × ×

Continuous Iron R.ft 700 @ 4	175 ..

1877 Paid by the Honourable Range officer
March 1. to Messrs Hanes and Co. for the following Bill

To 5 Kegs continuous Iron roofing con-		
taining in each 100 Supl. feet @ 3½ as per		
Supl. feet	487	8 ..
Cart hire in full to Manoor Toddy	40	.. ..
Postage	..	2 ..
Total Rupees	477	10 ..

Calpathy Police Station

The following entries appear in the Calicut Cash Book

1877

November 27 Paid Railway Charges &c for 4 rolls Continuous Iron ... 9 10

Carriage Iron roofing and nails to Luckadi ... 12 "

In the journal of Book transaction of Calicut Range the following is entred

To amount of value of 4 Rolls of Continuous Iron roofing and 1000 galvanized Nails ... 190 8.

212 10

Present price

Messrs Stones and Co in their letter dated 22nd March 1881 states as follows

Continuous Iron per roll of 100×2' is ... £ 41 " "

& the average weight of a roll is lb. 173 ... 41 "

Coolly hire to Vythery Rs 1 — 8 — "

" to Kalpathy 1 — 12 — "

" to Mowandoody 2 — 12 — "

Carbhire to Vythery 40 — " — "

" Kalpathy 12 — " — "

average load 35 lb.

average load card 3.

Calicut
2 June 1881.

Ex Engr to C. C. Bo

Ex Engr to C. C. Bo

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No. 123. Exc: Engineers Office W.C. Dn
Calicut 21st June 1881.

From,

The Executive Engineer
West Coast Division

To,

The Superintending Engineer
2 Circle - Coimbatore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 141 dated 11th March last, I have the honor to state that every search has been made and the receipt granted by Colonel Kennedy for Continuous Iron for Tirriote Police Station sold by him has not been found I beg to enclose however extracts from late Calicut Division Cash book, as well as from Station Book under head of "payment by Range Officer on account of "materials" those probably are worded similarly to the missing receipt. Although running feet is entered I am inclined to think that it should have been superficial feet for the following reasons. The rate 4 as is just about the Cost of Continuous iron in Wynad

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and of 1400 superficial feet were sold the rate would be less than that on the coast by nearly 60 per cent.

Secondly the roof for which the iron was purchased has an area of 6½ Sqrs. so that 700 superficial feet is just the quantity required for it.

Thirdly 4 rolls or 800 superficial feet only were purchased for the Culpathy Police Station which is on the same plan.

2. The original Plan and Estimate of Outside Police Stations are forwarded as requested.

3. I beg to enclose a Copy of Bill for Continuous iron purchased by the Kurunegala Range Officer from Messrs Staines & Co at Beyppore in February 1877. but the quantity used to the Inspectors House at Kaimanthody and Police station at Puttalam is not known as it is not traceable either in Progress Report or Cash Books.

Area of roofing Police Station & 2 Cells at Puttalam 5 Sqrs. 1108 ft

Do Do Inspectors house Kaimanthody $\frac{825}{1933}$ or 19⅓ Sqrs.

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4. I Also Extract from the Calicut Division Cash book shewing the quantity and Cost for four rolls of Continuous iron purchased for the roofing of Culpathy Police Station is also forwarded, as well as a Statement of the present price of the material as sold by Messrs Staines & Co at Beyppore.

5 The price of Continuous Iron purchased by the Kurunegala Range Officer in February 1877 was at the rate of Rs 113-12-0 per roll.

I have &c.

(Sig) E. A. Bringle.

(True Copy)

Major R.E.
Supt Engineer 2d Circle

Enc: 1 to 7

In actual Endorsement
No. 265 of 24th June 81
from Supt Engr. Secundrabad

1 Copy of Letter No. 123 of 21st June 81 from Ex. Engineer West Coast Dn with 2nd Endorsements.

No. 265

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To.

The Chief Engineer
R.W.D.

I am forwarding copy of letter

Enclosures 14.

1 Copy of Letter No. 123 of 21st June 81 from Ex. Engineer West Coast Dn with 6 enclosures.

No. 123 dated 21st June 1881 from the Executive Engineer West Coast with reference to Chief Engineer's Memo No. 570 dated 8th March and Endorsement No. 599 dated 9th March, the original papers are returned, and the following remarks are made.

1 Endorsement from Military Deptt. No. 1295 of 4-3-81 with 3 enclosures.

1 Endorsement from Military Deptt. No. 1320 of 5th March 1881 with 2 enclosures.

The Supg. Engineer agrees with the Executive Engineer in the opinion that probably the entry of Running feet is incorrect and that it should have been Superficial feet.

3. The original receipt cannot be found, there is however but little doubt but that the wording of it was the same as the Cash and Station Books, this receipt of course was accepted and signed by

by Colonel Kennedy he is therefore as responsible for the error as others. 4. Correcting this error the case becomes as follows.

700 Sft. of iron were purchased for Rs 175 there are 400 Sft. in Store the value of which may be taken as Rs 100 and probably there will be but little less in the Sale of them.

5. This leaves 300 Sft. at a value of Rs 75 as missing Colonel Kennedy states that this iron was used on Local Fund works but was not charged and requests that the amount may be adjusted on his Certificate and paid by the Local Fund Board of Calicut.

Early 700 Sft. the 300 remaining in store C.E.K. to be charged for.
R.E. 30-8-81.

6. The undersigned must request that Colonel Kennedy may be requested to recover this Amount from the Local Fund himself, it must be remembered that this transaction dates nearly 3 years back and it is not known that there was any authority or Sanction for the use of this iron roofing.

7. The Executive Engineer has been directed to dispose of the iron 400 Sft. in Store and the Amount of loss on it if any will be, with the Sanction of Government, written off.

8. Early Orders regarding the 300 Sft. value Rs 75 are requested, it is thought that Colonel Kennedy is responsible for this and Should the Local Fund Board on his application refuse to pay it, it must be either written off to profit and loss or paid for by Colonel Kennedy.

Coimbatore 23 / 24 June 1881.

M. Mead Major R.E.
Supg. Engineer. II Circle.

C.S. No 570 of 8 March 1881
" 599 of 9 " "
C.S. No 2462 of 3rd July 1881

From

The Asst Engineer,
Second circle.

Dated 24th } June 81.
Recd 25th }

No. 265.

Enc: 14.

Continuous Drain for Jowai Police station—

Submitting with remarks copy of his No. 123 of 21st June 81 on the subject of the ——; & requesting that Col. Kennedy be asked to recover the amount missing, viz. 300 Rs. debt. at No. 15, from the Local Fund dept:

O.S.D. 34/6.

P. W. D.

No. 235.

Memo.

No 1295 d/ 30.3.81.
" 1820 d/ 5.3.81.

With reference to the endorsements from the Asst. Engr. Dept. marginally noted, the undersigned has the honour to state that after further inquiry on the subject of the contentions iron troughs purchased from Col. R.B. Kennedy on account of fort. in May 1878, it is now admitted that the entry of running feet in the late Cabinet Drain Cash book must have been a clerical error for superficial feet.

2. The original receipt cannot be found, but there can be little doubt that

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that its working was the same as the cash and station books.

3. Admitting the Error, the case now stands as follows —

700 square feet of iron were purchased for Rs 175, and there are now in store 400 sq. feet valued at Rs 100. This leaves as missing 300 sq. feet valued at Rs 75, which quantity Col. Kennedy states was used on Local Fund works, but not charged & he requests that the value may be adjusted on his certificate & paid by the Calcutt Local Fund Board.

× only 200 ft. not 300 — the remaining 100 ft Col K is mistaken about it. RS 30-8-81.

4. Colonel Kennedy will now be called upon in the Military Department to recover the amount himself from the Local Fund Board, & to effect the necessary adjustment with the Ex. Engr West Coast Division, a further report being made to this dept. by the Supt Engr in due course.

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Dept 2/7/81

for Retrnk. Dept ✓
a S.S. 2d Circle with
ce to his letter No 265 d/24-6-81. ✓

Dept 2/7/81

Adjutant General's Office,
No. 639. Fd. Qrs. Ootacamund,
22nd August 1881.

Memorandum

Forwarded to the
Secretary to Government, Military
Department with reference to
A.G's letter No. 72. Y. dated 25th Feby. 1881. previous Cor-
——"—— 98. Y. ——"—— 3rd March 1881. respondence
and Proceedings of Madras Govern-
ment No. 3605 dated 4th July last.

By Order,

Brigadier General
Adjutant General

To,
The Secretary to Government
Military Department.

Mem. No. 235 of 2 July 88

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P. W. C. No. 5222

Military Department

No. 4926.

From,

The Adjutant General

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Dated 22nd August.

Rec'd. 13 Sep: 81

No. 639

Forwards letter from Colonel R. B. Kennedy Madras Infantry, ac. knowledging receipt of Memorandum from Secy to Govt P.W.D. No. 235 Dated 2nd July 1881 - revision proposing

No. 4601. Transferred to the Pub. Works Dept with ref. to its Memo No. 235 of 2d July 1881.

W. Hankin Colonel, Ag: Secy to Govt.

26 Aug 81.

P. W. C. 29 Sep.

Wynaad
28th July 1881.

From

Colonel R. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry

To

The Adjutant General of the Army

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt, through the Officer Commanding Centre Division of Memorandum No. 325 dated 2nd July 1881, from Secretary to Government Public Works Department, with endorsements thereon.

2. I am glad to find that the obvious clerical error for which I contended is recognized; but adverting to para 2 of the Memorandum, I have to point out a fresh mistake. Being on leave, I have not with me copies of the correspondence that has taken place, & must ask indulgence for inability to quote exact words, and dates; in reference to my letter of 8th Nov last bill, how that I stated 200 superficial feet of roofing iron had been used on a Local Funds Work, not 300 as given in the above Memorandum

having 100 feet of which I was unable to obtain any trace, and for which I submit, there is nothing to fix the liability more, more than on the late Captain Bailey, during whose term of divisional charge the material was purchased; or for that matter, more than on my successor Major Maunt. If it is contended that, when I took over charge I should have satisfied myself that all materials were forthcoming, my reply is that the changes consequent on the re-organization of the Public Works Department were hurried, and the confusion so great, that Officers were not able to carry out duties in the careful manner that they, for their own security, would have desired; and I held that having thus been precluded from protecting himself, no Officer can, in common fairness, be held responsible for deficiencies which cannot clearly be proved to have occurred during his tenure of charge, but, for all that can be shown to the contrary, may have existed prior to his assuming it —

Again, in throwing on me the onus of recovery from the Local Funds Board there is a departure from the usual course; the transaction having taken place in my Official capacity as Executive Engineer in charge both of Provincial and Local Funds Works, there is nothing to interfere with the usual course of adjustment by the Officer now in charge of the West Coast Division; the President of the Local Fund Board might reasonably demur to pay for material supplied by the Public Works Department to an Officer no longer connected with it, whereas, no such difficulty can be raised to a direct adjustment with the Executive Engineer as it being shown that the amount is due.

4. The form of the document in which I am called on to make the above recovery differs altogether from that in ordinary employ. I trust His Excellency the Provincial Commander in Chief will not consider this remark of mine unnecessarily captious, as I think I can justify it by what follows. The matter in question formed the subject of a G.O. by the Governor in Council dated 1st September 1871 No 2057 in para 3 of which I was called on to explain the charge of £175 in the Accounts of a work therein alluded to; and the usual course on disposing of a question so raised is also by a G.O., whereas, the Memorandum under acknowledgement does not notice a point which I am entitled to have settled —

Reference to the reply made by me to above

Order into show that I found in the Lachadie store 4/7ths of the material reported to have been paid for, and not delivered. & from documents I forwarded I proved that Major Mraut from his letter of 2nd August 1880, printed with the above quoted 80, was aware that so much of it was forthcoming; it having been reported to him by one of his Subordinates, to whom he himself having sent down written instructions to Main it from the Store, & use it on the work for which it was purchased; this, added to Major Mraut's knowledge that, when I wrote the letter quoted by him dated 16th March 1880, I was away from Headquarters, and without access to records & accounts, should at once have suggested to him that what I wrote could not have been the result of forgetfulness; for with the purchase of the material entered as the very first item in the accounts of the work there was too room for denial that could be maintained. This action on Major Mraut's part is only explicable in one way. I learn that a quantity of material* intended for quite another building had, by mistake, been delivered at Leiste, & finding it there, Major Mraut, in preference to incurring the cost of transporting these materials

* Macaroni

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to their proper destination, determined to substitute them for the Enormous Item in a revised estimate which he submitted, ~~for deciding~~ to ignore that his Subordinate had reported, & to stand by what I had so erroneously written. I think it cannot, however, be denied that, let the cause of Major Mraut's action be what it may, I may justly complain that Major Mraut should have omitted to communicate with me on the subject before writing as he did to his Superintending Engineer; & that the latter, before laying the matter up to Government, should not have suggested that course. I have however, stronger ground of complaint against Major Mead, the Superintending Engineer, in that, without enquiry, he permitted himself to write of my part in the transaction in a most unwarrantable and offensive manner, conveying an insulting insinuation for which I look to the Governor in Council to call on him for withdrawal & apology. To the careless indifference with which Major Mead acted, I quote his letter, in para 2 of which he writes "With regard to the Rs 175 the value of the missing Enormous Item it appears that although

It was purchased by Colonel Kennedy in May 1878 from himself yet in March 1880 he reported none had been Maimed, and as this is the case the Superintending Engineer considers Colonel Kennedy should be called on through the Military Department to explain the transaction" - With regard to this, Major Mead, knowing himself relieved me of the Office of District Engineer of Malabar in November 1878, could not but have taken the trouble to give the subject a thought, that in May 1878 I was not a disbursing Officer, & consequently could not have made any purchase for Government either from myself or from any other person. It seems to me also difficult to account for it's not at once occurring to him that my letter of March 1880 must have been written under an oversight, except on the supposition of a perverse desire to get me into a difficulty; for he could scarcely assume such stupidity on my part as clerical of a purchase & a proprietor clearly shown by the entry in the Divisional Cash Book, & Requisition for Bird

had been made by the Divisional Officer by cheques corresponding thereto. In my letter of October last to your address, I brought these points to notice, & then requested that Major Mead should be called on to withdraw his letter, and render suitable apology for having permitted himself to make such charge against me, without less attempt at prior enquiry than would have been his duty to make had the lowest Subordinate in his department been concerned. I also requested that para 3 of G.O. of 1st September 1880, which assumes non-delivery of what I had received payment for, should be withdrawn - These are the grounds on which I demur to the disposal of the matter in a Memorandum by the Secretary to Government in the Public Works Department, which ignores my explanation, & complaint, instead of by a G.O. embodying the former, & giving decision regarding latter. If further proof is needed of the careless indifference shown by Major Mead through this business, it may be adduced from his contradiction

If my statement, that 700 square, viz 700 running feet of Cantonments Iron had been purchased, when the exercise of the most ordinary intelligence, had he wished to be careful, would have led him to make the two enquiries I suggested on hearing of the contradiction; - viz - What is the area of the roof intended to be covered? and What the price paid for similar material purchased in the local Market for Atterworks in Wynaad? he would have seen that his contradiction entailed the double culpability of the dismissed Officer having bought double the necessary quantity and paid for it at half the Market rate, if the replies to the above two questions are called for it will be seen how easy the inference was - I trust I have made out a sufficiently good case to satisfy His Excellency that, in requiring a withdrawal, and apology from Major Mead, and a request for withdrawal also of that part of para 3 of G.O. No 2067 W. 1st September 1858 in which assumes an indulgence I am not going beyond what I am justly entitled to - The Government I know, from experience, never refuses such reparation on it's part when an Officer's acts have been impugned in it's behalf through wrong information; and as for Major Mead it will perhaps teach him that reflections on a brother-Officer must not be written with less carefulness than he would exercise in reviewing the rates, & quantities of an estimate.

5. Finally I have the honor to request that this letter may be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor in Council, with a respectful request from me, that the reparation claimed may be awarded, and that the points raised in para 2 may also be considered.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
Rt. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry Lieut

Dy. 3244/81
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Abstract
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From Colonel R. B. Kennedy
Madras Infantry
To The Adjutant General
of the Army

Dated 28th July 1881

Received.

Acknowledges receipt of
Memorandum from
Sec. to Govt. P. W. D. No. 325
dated 2nd July 1881. and
requests influence to
secure sanction in Council regarding
P. W. D. No. 2067 W. 1st Septr. 1880

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Letter from Colonel Kennedy, dy 18th July 1881, to the Ad
Jutant General Madras Army.

Dy
W.

Major Morant reported
-ed in his letter of the 2nd
August 1880, No 185, that Rs 1/-
were expended on continuous
iron which was bought
from Colonel Kennedy
and that of this iron
there is now no trace.
Major Morant also quot-
-ed from a letter dated
4th March 1880 in which
Colonel Kennedy himself
says "as yet neither the
Continuous iron for the
roof, nor x x x has been
obtained".
2. In submitting the
matter to Government
Major Morant remark-
-ed that "although the
missing Continuous iron

Dy. 1251.

was purchased by Colonel Kennedy for Government in May 1878 from himself & at in March 1880 he reported none had been obtained" Major Mead therefore considered that Colonel Kennedy should be called on to explain the transaction

3. Colonel Kennedy was thereupon requested in Para 3 of G.O. 20675 dated 10th September 1880 "to explain the charge of Rs 175 in the account for Corrugation iron roofing which does not appear to have been delivered".

4. Colonel Kennedy explains in his letter of the 24th September 1880 that the material was purchased by Captain Bailey in his capacity of Divisional Officer, and not by himself but promises further information

5. In his letter of the 6th October 1880 Colonel Kennedy submits further information. He there explains that 700 feet of iron were purchased. Of this amount 400 feet are in store at Kuchaly and 300 feet were used in 1879 for the Inspection Bungalow at Cumarabetta. There thus remains 100 feet valued at Rs 25 to be accounted for, which he has now no means of tracing. The Account used on the Inspection Bungalow was not, it appears, debited to that work & proceeded to the Police Station at Devrishola as it should have been.

6. Colonel Kennedy's letter having been referred to Lieut Mead, this officer explains in his No 4066 of 18th December 1880, that although Colonel Kennedy was not in Executive Charge when the iron was purchased, he was subsequently in Nov 1878, and that he should have then verified the store accounts. Further information is promised as to the amount of iron actually in store.

6. The Superintending Engineer was then called on to report what quantity of iron may be ac-

-cepted as finally account-
-ed for, and on what worth
that not actually in store
was owed - Colonel Kennedy
being accountable for
the balance (vide memo
No 2893 dated 18th Decem-
-ber 1880)

7. The Superintending Eng-
-ineer replied on the 31st
January 1881 (No 29) that
of the 7 Rolls each 10 ft
feet in length and 2 wide
purchased from Colonel
Kennedy for Rs 175 there
are 3 rolls in store val-
-ued at Rs 50, leaving 4
rolls valued at Rs 125
to be accounted for.
Major Wade was unable
to verify the issue of
3 rolls or 20 square feet stated
by Colonel Kennedy to
have been used on the
Inspection Bungalow

8. The facts of the case
as then reported were
stated at length in
Memo No 242 dated 3rd
February 1881 to Colonel
Kennedy who was asked
to submit any further
remarks which he might
wish to offer.

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9. Colonel Kennedy in reply
dated 20th February 1881 re-
capitulates from memory
the whole transaction, and
points out that if the
quantity of iron in each
roll was, as now alleged
by the Superintending
Engineer, 100 running feet
2 feet wide, and not square
feet as Colonel Kennedy
himself supposed, then
he has been insufficiently
paid - as there would
thus be double the quan-
-tity taken over from him

10. This latter circumstance
is further dwelt upon in
a subsequent letter dated
25th February 1881.

11. The Superintending En-
-gineer, to whom Colonel
Kennedy's letters were re-
-ferred, reported on the
24th June 1881 (No 265) that
it is now evident that
the quantity of iron sheets
have been stated in
square feet and not run-
-ning feet as before given
by him - that there being
400 ~~square~~ feet in store
Colonel Kennedy has to

account for the balance, viz
300 feet valued at Rs 75.
12 - Memo No 235 of 2nd July
1881 to the Military Depart-
ment recapitulates these
facts, and intimates that
Colonel Kennedy should
be called on, in the Mil-
itary Department, to recov-
er the amount himself
from the Local Fund
Board, and to effect the
necessary adjustment
with the Executive Engin-
eer West Coast Division.
13 - To this memo Colonel
Kennedy replies in his let-
ter of the 28th July 1881. He
points out that 200 feet
only and not 300 as stated
in the memorandum are
alleged by him to have
been used on a Local
Fund work. The remain-
ing 100 feet he is unable
to account for (It may
be here observed that
the quantity (200 feet) is
quoted from the Superin-
tending Engineers last
letter. Major Mead mis-
quoted Colonel Kennedy
in the first instance.)
Colonel

Colonel Kennedy also repu-
diates personal responsib-
ility for the missing iron
and deprecates the onus
of recovery from the Lo-
cal Fund Board being
placed on him in his
present position. He
also objects to the form
(Communication to Engrs.
of the Secretary's) He con-
siders that he should
be addressed by G.O.'s
not by memo: He further
complains of the course
taken by Major Morant
in dealing with this
transaction, and con-
siders that Major Mead
has written in a most
unwarrantable manner
he therefore appeals to
the Governor in Council
to order a withdrawal
and apology. He also
requests a withdrawal
of para 3 of G.O. 2067
dated 24th September
1880 which accuses non-
delivery of the material
by Colonel Kennedy Engr

great stress on the fact of his being addressed by "Memorandum" instead of by G.O. although it is not usual to adopt the memorandum form when orders are communicated (vide para 161 of the Manual) yet this can scarcely be a valid ground of complaint on the part of Colonel Kennedy, seeing that a document signed by a secretary to Government has the force of a Government order whether called a "memorandum" or anything else. The memo in this case was drafted by J.A.D. and approved by Captain Rawlins, Aide de Camp

R.A. 1/19

Approved.

Hanley cannot bring in para 3 G.O.

Lt Col. Vaux can scarcely cancel Government Order. He can. The Govt. of India by driving of the Iron Horse into station on Col. Kennedy's authority. But this a mistake may readily be admitted. In this original letter to Col. K. Lawrence states that the Iron Horse was driven into station on his own responsibility. Of course

Col. Kennedy's Air 5/19.

For orders

This return completes the case of which a precis was forwarded in my Office ~~is~~ memo dated submitted ~~as~~ seems to divide itself into

1st the personal question. Colonel Kennedy considering that he has been discontinuously treated in the whole transaction

2nd the question of account since 100 Rs. of contingencies in long stable unaccounted for - value Rs 25 -

As regards the 1st head the "pros et cons and doms" will be found in the marked passages of Mr. Secretary Letts printed note G.O. No 2067 W

and the other grounds of complaint in the two others marked proceeds one in chief heads later the other in the Prot. order

As reported subsequently by Mr. Pringle who succeeded Major Durrant there was no stores issue book in the division and the transfer of the division having on Corrie by stated by Colonel Kennedy has carried with most humidity time is often usual or desirable Major Durrant appears to have taken Colonel his statement ~~that~~ as it stood no action upon had been obtained & reported the circumstances to Major Head

I think with Colonel Kennedy that Major Durrant might very well have before making this report asked Colonel Kennedy how the matter stood, but as the others had by many any possible ~~temptation~~ that this was as a matter of course in ordinary routine would have been afforded any opportunity for explaining the matter privately

In any case Major Durrant is not here and I fail to see that there was any evil intent in the statement as it stands which was one of fact

Major Head's action is precisely of the same character and para 3 of the G.O. No 2067 W merely asks for such explanation as is invariably demanded from all officers in connection with their accounts

That there was no mala fides in either of the statements made by the above Officers will be seen by the Court

admissions in the
marked passages of
Major Brooks letter
No 426 dated 10th March
1880

The fact is that were
a true balance to be
struck Colonel Kennedy
in the insinuations of
bad faith thrown out
against Major Morant
and charge of culpable
laxity and almost of
deliberate insult- see
marked passages in
his letter to Sydney dated
28th July 1880, becomes in
reality the assailant
and might I venture
to think with much more
propriety be called on
to apologize for.

As to the form of address
by memorandum I can
safely say that neither
in this respect or any
other has there been
on my part the slightest desire
to wound Colonel Kennedy's
Susceptibilities. From

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first to last the
whole has been
treated as a mere
matter of business
Lieut Col Kennedy address
me, and I all Govt
Departments by memorandum
whenever that form
is most convenient

As regards the 2nd
question ref. as to how
the 100 £ of Govt. im-
unaccounted for is to
be settled, although
Colonel Kennedy like
all other Officers in
charge of works should
be held accountable to
all public Departments
passing through their
hands & employed
on works I think that
some allowance should
be made in the case
in transfer of the
Division, and in fact
that the accounts of
the Department must

est. at that time
on the assumed posting
that they are at
present, as caused
by the absence of the
Stores issue books
above noted

I venture to remm
that the cash be 2
written off

Pitt

9/3/81

R.C. No. 2064/81 - dated 1st September 1880
Endorsement Military Depart^t No. 6190 of 2/10/80
do - do - - 6696 - 22/10/80
Chief Engineer's Memo: No. 586 of 26/10/80
From Supg Engr Second Circle No. 426 of 15/12/80
Chief Engineer's Memo No. 2893 of 18/12/80 -
From Supg Engr Second Circle No. 29 of 21/1/81.
Memo: by Chief Engineer of 27th Jany/81.
" by ~~Dy. Chief Engr~~ under Regt to the Military
Depart^t No. 214 of 3rd July/81.
Endorsement Military Depart^t No. 1275 of
4th March/81.
Do - P. W. D. No. 570 of 8th — do —
Do Military Depart^t No. 1320 of 5th — do —
Do P. W. D. No. 599 of — 9th do —
Memo from Supg Engr Second Circle
No. 265 of 24th June/81.
Chief Engr's Memo: No. 235 - 2nd July/81.
Endorsement Military Depart^t No. 4601
dated 26th Aug^t/81.

2259 W

Public Works Department.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT,

Under date the 13th Septr/81

Read the following:—

G. O. No. 2067, dated 1st September 1880.

Endorsement in the Military Depart.

No. 6190, dated 2d October 1880

Do — Do No. 6696, dated 22d Octr/80.

Chief Engineer's Memo: No. 586, dated 26th Oct.

Letter from Supg Engr. 2d Circle, No. 426

dated 10th December 1880

Chief Engineer's Memo: No. 2893, dated 18th Decr/80.

Letter from Supg Engr. 2d Circle, No. 29 dated 21st Jany/81.

Memo by Chief Engineer, dated 27th Jany/81.

" by Under Secy: to the Military Depart.

No. 242, dated 3d Feby/81.

Endorsement Military Depart. No. 1295, dated

4th March/81.

Do to Supg Engr. 2d Circle, No. 570

dated 8th March 1881.

Do Military Depart. No. 1330 of 5th do.

Do to Supg Engr. 2d Circle No. 679 of 2d do.

Memo from Do — Do — No. 2652 of 24th June/81.

Do by Chief Engr. No. 235 of 2d July/81.

Endorsement Military Depart. No. 1601 of 26th July/81.

RJ

Fwd

This correspondence originated in a report by Major Morant dated 2d August 1880 in which, explaining the reasons for an excess over the sanctioned estimate for the Police Station and Lascars at Lariat, he mentioned that Rs 175 were expended on continuous iron roofing bought from — Colonel Kennedy - He added that of this iron there was no trace and he quoted from a letter of Lt Kennedy's of March 1880 - since explained to have

been written under a misapprehension - which corroborated his statement.

2. The correspondence was submitted to Govt by Major Mead, the Supt Engineer of the Circle, who, with the statements before him, considered that Colonel Kennedy should explain the transaction - which he was accordingly called on: to do in para 3 of G.O. 2067/4 dated 1st September 1880

3. The Honorable the Governor in Council has carefully reviewed

the

the correspondence, in-
-cluding that which
has since taken place,
and he cannot see
that any statements
have been made at
which Colt Kennedy
can reasonably take
offence - Colt Kennedy
has himself written
in terms by no means
guarded. There have
been mistakes as to
fact on both sides;
and giving due
weight to the circum-
-stances alleged by
Colt Kennedy in as
affecting the due
performance of the
duties

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duties connected with
the transfer of Execu-
-tive charges in the
P.W. Departt at this
period of transition,
the Honorable the
Governor in Council
is pleased to direct
that the value (Rs 25)
of the 100 feet of iron
roofing still un-
-accounted for be
written off - instead
of being recovered
by Colonel
Kennedy as previously
ordered.

4- The Supt Engineer
will arrange for the
adjustment

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adjustment of the
accordingly. the 2nd fat
used on the Inspection
Bungalow at Cannanore
- both being duly
debited in correspondence
with the President
of the Local Fund
Board.

A.G.J

8/9/87

Supdg Engr 2nd Circle
Coast P.W. Accounts
Military Department
Dated
23/9/87

K. 17-9-87.

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Govt. of [1881] Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

Dated 15/5

Issued

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 13 Septr 1881. No. 2.

Nos. 94 to 95

Estimate Iron roofing
sent from Col Kenn
value (Rs 25) of the 100
Shill unaccounted f
and to be written off.

Ath. to Receipt Regr.