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FROM

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,
4TH CIRCLE

To

*The Chief Engineer,
D. P. W.*

Dated 24th

Received 27th

Answered

April 1882.

No. 152.

Enclosures /

SUBJECT.

*Sothanore Travellers'
Bungalow: -*

*Reporting regard-
ing the —.*

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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8th March 1882, No. 599 W.

Buildings and Roads.
Civil Works.

Read the following papers:—

No. 73. From Major H. R. MEAD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Camp, Krishnagiri, 17th December 1881, No. 550.

REFERRING to G.O., No. 104 W., dated 15th January, regarding Pódanúr bungalow, which is under that Government Order rented to the Railway Company for Rs. 25 a month, I have the honor to request to be informed if this Department has now anything to do with the charge of or the repairs of the building. Judging from the low rent paid by the Railway Company, Rs. 25, I believe it must have been understood that all repairs were to be executed by Company; this however is not clear from the correspondence printed in the Government Order.

2. The repairs to this bungalow, at a cost of Rs. 660, was executed last March, and the building was transferred to the Railway Company on the 1st August.

Last month Mr. Hill, Assistant Traffic Manager, who occupies it, complained of it leaking, and the Executive Engineer who inspected it this month found that he, Mr. Hill, had had men on the roof laying tarpaulins on it; as this is the case it is not surprising to hear that tiles are broken and some of the flat-tiles displaced.

I have no doubt but that there were during the heavy rains leaks owing to defective work, but the action of Mr. Hill will necessitate thorough repairs, which will cost about Rs. 260.

3. No rent has been as yet received by this Department, and it is believed that the Manager of the Railway Company settles this direct with the Examiner; reference regarding this has been made.

Both the Executive Engineer and myself have considered that, since the building was handed over to the Railway Company, this Department had nothing to do with the charge of it or collecting rent for it.

No. 16.

REFERRED to the Consulting Engineer for Railways for any remarks he may wish to offer.

(Signed) R. H. SANKEY, Col., R.E.,
6th January 1882. Secy. to Govt., P.W.D.

No. 73-A. From Colonel J. SHAW-STEWART, R.E., Consulting Engineer for Railways, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 3rd March 1882, No. 136.

WITH reference to G.O., dated 6th January 1882, No. 16, I have the honor to

forward a letter* from the Agent and
Manager, Madras Railway, dated 10th
February 1882, No. 95.

* To be returned when no longer required.

2. During the currency of the ten years' lease ordinary repairs to the bungalow at Pódanúr will be carried out by, and at the cost of, the Railway Company; but the Agent asks that the expenditure now rendered necessary, owing to the repairs made to the roof by the Public Works Department having been improperly executed, shall be made good by that Department.

3. The fact of the work being defective appears to be admitted, and the demand is, in my opinion, reasonable.

From A. M. SAUNDERS, Esq., Agent and Manager, Madras Railway Company, to the Consulting Engineer for Railways, dated Madras, 10th February 1882, No. 95.

IN reply to your letter of the 9th ultimo, No. 14, I have the honor to inform you that it is understood that during the currency of the ten years' lease repairs to the bungalow at Pódanúr are to be carried out by, and at the expense of, the Railway Company.

2. This was however upon the understanding that before the Company took possession of the bungalow it had been put into "thorough repair" at a cost of Rs. 660, *vide* Proceedings of Government, No. 104 W., dated the 15th of January 1881, but it appears from the enclosed copy of a letter addressed to me by the Acting Chief Engineer, No. R. 407/66, of the 25th ultimo, that the work done under the orders of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, was imperfectly executed, and that in consequence it is necessary that the roof should be re-opened and the tiles relaid throughout. This, it is estimated, will cost Rs. 260, which amount we claim should be paid by the Government, and I shall be greatly obliged if you can arrange this.

From H. R. P. CARTER, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company, to the Agent and Manager, dated Madras, 25th January 1882, No. R. 407/66.

REFERRING to Proceedings of Government, dated 15th January 1881, No. 104 W., it will be seen that the Executive Engineer estimated that it would take Rs. 660 to put the travellers' bungalow at Pódanúr into thorough repair, and that sanction was granted for renting the bungalow to us for Rs. 25 per mensem after it was put into repair. The bungalow was taken over by us on 1st August 1881. On 5th December the Resident Engineer reported that heavy rain had fallen on the 15th October and for a month afterwards, and that the house leaked so badly that 20 tarpaulins had to be put on the roof, and on examination it appeared that the leakage was owing to the two top courses of tiles only having been removed, the flat-tiles had not been relaid and the chunam bands overlaid with about quarter of an inch of mortar on the old work, and in fact that the work generally had been disgracefully executed.

Our Resident Engineer requested that the Executive Engineer should meet him and see for himself the state of the work.

On 3rd December the Executive Engineer met our Resident Engineer and acknowledged that the work had been scamped, agreed that the roof should be re-opened and tiles laid throughout, and promised to find out from what funds the cost was to be met.

On 11th January last the Executive Engineer forwarded to our Resident Engineer a copy of the report he had made to the Superintending Engineer. In this report the Executive Engineer introduces much irrelevant matter, suggests that the flat-tiles were displaced by Mr. Hill's men laying the tarpaulins, and states that the chunam over the flat-tiles has perished, but no where gives the real reason of the leakage, which was simply due to bad work. We have already spent Rs. 998 to make this bungalow a suitable dwelling for the Assistant Traffic Manager, and the least we may expect is that it should have been handed to us water-tight.

I have therefore to request that you will arrange that the Government shall put a sufficient sum at our disposal to do this. The Executive Engineer states that it will cost Rs. 260.

No. 74. ORDER THEREON, 8th March 1882, No. 599 W.

UNDER the circumstances stated the Government authorise the refund to the Madras Railway Company, from the Provincial Repair grant of the Coimbatore Division, of the sum of Rs. 260 expended in the repair of the travellers' bungalow at Pódanúr.

2. The Superintending Engineer will report what notice has been taken by him of the defective manner in which the bungalow is said to have been repaired by the Public Works Department, and which appears to have been admitted by the Executive Engineer.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, Fourth Circle.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.
" Examiner of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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BUILDINGS AND ROADS.
CIVIL WORKS.

Gobt. of (1882) Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To

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

Dated March, 8th.

Issued

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Encl.

G.O., 8th March 1882, No. 599 W.

MARCH.

Nos. 73-74.

Travellers' bungalow at Pódanúr on the Madras Railway.—Authorising the refund to the Madras Railway Company the sum of Rs. 260 expended by them in the repair of the —, and the Superintending Engineer directed to report regarding the defective manner in which the bungalow is said to have been repaired by the Public Works Department.

No. 90.

Executive Engineer's Office
Coimbatore, 17th April, 1882.

From,

The Executive Engineer
Coimbatore Division
Coimbatore.

To,

The Superintending Engineer
4th Circle.

Sir,

In reply to your endorsement No. 78 C.S. of 25th March, 1882 on G.O. No. 599 of 8th Idem, I have the honor to forward an explanation received from the Owners regarding the Potamur Bungalow.

2. As regards para 2 of your endorsement;

I met Mr. Wilkinson on the 3rd December, 1881 and found him carrying out some alterations to the back of the Bungalow.

3. On examining the roof with him I found from their appearance that one or two of the Chunam borders had not been removed, but had merely

Enclosure 1.

merely been plastered over with fresh Chumam. I acknowledged to Mr. Wilkinson that these borders had not been removed.

4. The Statement of the Chief Engineer, Madras Railway Company that I admitted the work was badly done is apparently founded on this remark-

5. I also, after examining the flat tiles, where they were exposed to view, owing to the removal of the pantiles, expressed an opinion that these flat tiles would require relaying here and there. It was known however both to myself and the Overseer that the flat tiles had only been removed and relaid in places-

6. As neither Mr. Wilkinson nor I could name the true cause of leakage, I suggested that the best way of making the roof watertight would

would be to remove the pantiles and relay the flat tiles, this having previously been done only in parts and not throughout.

7. The above suggestions are entered in my letter No. 399 dated 13th December, 1881 to your address and form the basis of the estimate to be necessary to put the roof in order.

8. I had no reason for reporting that the work had been really scamped, but there was no doubt that the work in some way was defective, the roof being that it leaked.

9. The appearance of the work was good and as may be gathered from para 2 of the Overseer's letter, such steps as could be taken to ascertain the water tightness of the roof after the completion of the repairs, had been taken.

10. I have examined Mr. Kelly's

Diaries during the time this work was in progress and find that he had then a good many irrigation works in hand, but at the same time he inspected the work a fair number of times, and on one visit he saw the entire half of the roof had been removed, that is the pantiles.

11. The supervision may have been some what defective but this must always be the case where one man has a number of works to look after.

12. The work was done by a Contractor, the Contractor providing his own masonry.

I have Dec 9th
(Sig) J. P. Davidson
Engr. Engineer.

(True Copy)

M. M. Major R.E.
Supg Engineer, 4th Circle.

No. 152

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

4th Circle.

Camp Ooty, 24th April 1882.

From,

THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER,

4th Circle.

To

The Chief Engineer. J. W. D.
Madras.

Sir,

ENCLOSURE 1

copy of letter
No. 90 of 14-4-82
from Engr. Engineer
Coimbatore W^m

With reference to para 2 of G.O. No. 599 W dated 8th March 1882. I have the honor to report that I have taken no notice with regard to the work of repairs to Pottemur Bungalow because there was ~~no~~ ^{no} reason for me to do so.

This building was repaired and completed in March, 1881, it remained unoccupied for about 4 months, during which period there was rain and no signs of leakage.

2. In October, there was very heavy rain indeed and there was leakage and this no doubt owing to defective work.

work; this could have been easily stopped at a small cost but Mr. Hill the occupier had 20 Railway tarpaulins put on the roof and I need hardly point out that doing this necessitated sending Coolies on the roof and that this and the pulling of the tarpaulins over the tiles, of course, ~~like~~^{broke} many of them and also displaced the flat tiles in places.

The result of this action is that the repairs to the roof are estimated to cost Rs 260 in place of a few Rupees.

3. I have no wish to comment on Mr. Carter's letters but I must point out the Rs 998 expended by the Railway Company in new outer verandahs also that it is not true that the Executive Engineer Mr. Davidson acknowledged that the work had been scamped, and that only the two top courses of pan tiles had been removed. I

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Executive Engineer which shews that Mr. Carter has overstated the ~~case~~.

4. In conclusion I would remark that I consider that both the Exec. Engineer Mr. Stannan and the Overseer Mr. Kelly under whom the work was executed did not neglect it.

As constantly is the case in a new tiled building there were leaks during the first heavy rains that (in October were excessive). This was not brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer until after Mr. Hill's action prevented them being rectified at a small cost. And as this was the cause nothing could be done except reporting the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servant.

W. M. M. M. M.
Supt. Engrs., 4 Circle.

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