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Bangalore 5th July 1884.

To

Colonel J. M. Shaw Stewart R.E.

Chief Engineer & Secretary to the

Government of Madras, P.W.D.

Madras.

Most Respected Sir,

We the undersigned late Contractors of Barur Project in Salem District, most respectfully beg to submit our grievances in the following lines with a full hope that they shall meet with justice at your honors gracious hands,

2. From the accompanying printed and manuscript copies of the file of correspondence between us & the Executive Engineers in charge of the project & also the Superintending Engineer of the Circle, your honor will observe that in spite of our energetic endeavours to carry out the work to the utmost satisfaction of our superiors in a strange place like Barur where Government are well aware that labor cannot be procured without the risk of heavy advances we were very harshly and impolitely treated by the Engineers and notwithstanding this treatment the progress of our work in a short time as two months was no doubt satisfactory but we cannot conceive what has induced the Executive Engineer to

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cancel our Contract at a very favorable time when all labor was at our command and every chance of our completing the work within the stipulated time.

3. We beg to add that our repeated representations to the Superintending Engineer of the Circle have met with no success and further the other members of the firm are anxious to file a suit against the Government for such damages as we have now sustained but I as head man of the firm determined not to do so unless all the facts in connection with our heavy loss are brought to your honor's notice in a Memorial which we now do and implore that your honor will be so pleased as to inspect the works we have lately carried out in Barur and the Materials therein collected & to render to us justice by the issue of orders for the restoration of the Contract of the project on being satisfied with the statements of the residents of the locality on this point.

4. We shall feel highly thankful for an intimation of the date on which your honor may decide to inspect the work when we will gladly await upon your honor and point out the places where the works are carried out and the Materials collected.

We beg to remain
Sir
Your most Obedient Servants
M. Soobroya Mood & Co.
Contractor's Barur Project
Old tarsuathee Street Door No. 5/27. Ulsore, Bangalore

Address.

To. M. Soobroya Mood & Co.
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From M. Soobroya Mood & Co.
Contractors D.P.W.
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No. —

Dated 5-7-84.

Received 7-7-84.

Subject.

Stating that the contra for execution of certain wo in connection with the Barr Project has been cancell by Engineer Officers without good grounds, & claim compensation for the dam sustained or the work g to them again according to the agreement entered int

Disposal.

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No 1227 D d/8th July /8

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Desp. 9/7/84

1. On the 4th we entered into Contract, as a firm, we cannot actually arrange to proceed with the work till we formally enter into agreement.

2. Was it possible in an out of place to strange men like us to do more than we did.

3. If the Executive Engineer waited to see our capabilities, after patient preliminary preparations we could have more than fulfilled our promise,

4. We leave to any impartial person to judge whether we merited such disgraceful order 8 days after our Contract of such a large work.—

Salem Division Office

No. In / 151. 12th December/83.

Memo.

The Exe. Engineer has to observe that altho' the contractors Wood & Co were directed so far back on the 11th November to arrange for carrying on the works of the Barur Project and even on the 15th orders in writing were given, yet up to date there is nothing to show that satisfactory arrangements have been done. The gang of coolies does not appear to be more than 200 including women & children. No chunam or burnt stone has been brought to site of the masonry works.

The Contractors gave such promises at first, as led the Exe. Engineer to believe that there would be no delay in the work but now it is seen that little is being done & the present progress will not spend this year's allotment.

For the present the Contractors will confine their operations to No. 2 Section viz. from the 5th mile of main channel to end & also the Barur Tank. If there is no better

pro

progress within the (22nd) of the month, the Exe. Engineer will have to make his own arrangements to be finish on with the Project and Government have ordered the three sections to be completed before the 31st March/86.

(Signed) J. D. Ball
Executive Engineer

To
M/s. Soolraya Moodr. & Co.
Contractors
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NO. 12/69 Pld
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1. Vide para of our petition.

2. This is opposed to the schedule of contracts, the officer simply wanted to annoy us.

3. If we left undisturbed and ~~our~~ reputation is not spoiled by the indiscrimination of Mr. Ball; we venture to say we would done far better,

Baroor 5th

No. Ju/169.

Memorandum

Messrs. Soolraya Mood. & Co will submit a statement replying to the subjoined queries.

As No. 1 & 2 sections of the Project are to be undertaken during the official year it is requested to state the amounts that will be spent monthly on the work.

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Main Channel } - - - - -
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materials supplied.

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of January/84.

(Signed) J.D. Bell
Executive Engineer
Salem Division

To
Messrs. Soobraya Mood & Co.
Contractors
Baroor

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FOURTH CIRCLE

we sent several times our coolies before as directed by verbal orders but the marking was postponed, for reasons which can be imagined than described until the day of the cancelment of our contract.

This work has now been marked and given on Petty Contract.

This itself will speak volumes if any one disposed to judge impartially.

Salem Divisional Office
26th January 1884.

No. 1/II / 195.

Memo.

Coolies are required by the Overseer to erect the earth sections to the Channel between the Mooracum putty and Paongum putty tanks and Messrs. Soobraya Mood & Co. will arrange to supply them without any delay.

(Signed) J.D. Bell
Executive Engineer

To
Messrs. Soobraya Mood & Co.
Contractors
Baroor

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1. This is the 2nd Order for the same purpose = first Order dated 25th January 1884,

2. Such Orders were issued but no action taken in marking out work,

3. This work was after all marked out and when they found the soil was soft, we were verbally Ordered to stop the work,

4. This is perhaps due to the greatest leniency and consideration shewn us !!!

Salem Divisional Off

29th January 1884.

No. In/203.

Memorandum

letter No. 0/28 dated 28th Janu/84.

Is informed that if they are unable to supply at once & keep on until done with Earth Wodders 30, 5 men coolies & 10 women coolies, that the Overseer has been ordered to procure them – they are requested for putting up earth sections to the channel.

/Signed/ J. D. Bell
Executive Engineer

To. Messrs. Soobraya Moodr. & Co.
Contractors
Barur

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appears of Cholera has
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These facts are not unknown
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Salem Divisional Office
4th February 1884.

No. 7.

With reference to the acc
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Salem Divisional Office
29th January /84.

No. 204

Memorandum

As previously directed the anicut works are to be put in progress without any delay. In order to go on clearing out the foundations of the lengths of 255 ft in the bed of river, a sufficient gang of coolies are to be put in at once & sufficient bailing apparatus to clear the foundations of water. The Head Sluice to the Barur Channel requires some blasting to remove rock, this can be done now as no water is interfering - until gunpowder arrives the holes may be jumped.

If the Contractors after this notice do not intend to provide the requisite, their [illegible] should be submitted at once.

(Signed) J. A. Bell.
Executive Engineer

been delaying the works, it is resolved to carry out the Head Works i.e. Anicut, Flood banks and Head sluices by other agency.

The date of notice to be from the 29th January 1884.

The Contractors will acknowledge the receipt of this memo. by return post.

(Signed) J. D. Bell
Executive Engineer

To
Messrs. Soobraya Moodr. & Co.
Contractors
Barur.

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4th February 1884.

No. 7.

With reference to the account of Work & Materials supplied by Messrs. Soobraya Moodr. & Co as per statement prepared by himself the Exec. Engineer has to inform that the talls for work could not be all allowed on the work spot, so the Overseer had to make out a fresh bill.

No payment can be made for any Materials that are not at the work spot. In future payments can be made for work actually done.

The attention of the Contractor is directed to their letter No. 10 dated 10/1/84. in which they promise to lay out to the amount of Rs. 5700 on the Project, during the ~~month~~ of February, but from the accounts prepared there is only about $\frac{1}{10}$ of this.

Any explanation they would wish to make for this short coming should be submitted at once.

(Signed) J. D. Bell
Executive Engineer

To
Messrs.

12 $\frac{E.6}{5700}$/84
SUPDT ENGINEER'S OFFICE
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FOURTH CIRCLE
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1. Before the overseer had time to mark out, Captain Boddy returned from Salem and ordered to stop the work apparently having been advised to do so by Mr. Bell,

2. Is it possible in that place to collect 400. Wodders within 5 days notice. We have however instead of wodders collected coolies.

Barur 22nd February

No. 62.

Memorandum

Contractor Srolaraya Moodaly & Co are allowed to employ the wodders whom they state have arrived from Dharma-puri, in number about 90, upon those sections of the Barur Supply Channel which were personally pointed out to the Contractors this morning by the undersigned, upon the distinct understanding that they will have four hundred (400) wodders at work on the East bund of the Barur tank on the morning of the 27th Instant.

(Signed) C.V. Boddy Captn. R.E.
Executive Engineer
Barur Project Division