

From,

SURGEON, *Dr Col William O'Hara*

District Medical and Sanitary Officer,

(Latey Supt. Dist Jail Bellary) TRICHINOPOLY.

To,

THE

Inspector General of Prisons
Colacamund.

Enclosure No. 3

SIR,

With reference to your No. ²³⁸⁴ 4.5.95 I have the honor to inform you that Mr Wood's letter No 1918 dated 8th August 1893 was forwarded in original to you on the 10th August 1893 with my No 1371; and that it was retained in your office.

2 The 'precis of correspondence' was prepared for you from available jail records.

3 Under these circumstances I beg that you will be so good as to point out to Government that the inference conveyed in the Chief Engineer's letter (concluding part of para 5) was manifestly based on a misapprehension of facts, and was unjust to me.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant.

William O'Hara

Surgeon M Col

(1) Letter from Dr. W. O'Hara
to Insp. Genl. 23.5.94 No 1240
a enclosure.

(2) Letter of Insp. Genl. to the Chief
Secy to Govt. 23.7.93 No 1694

(3) G.O. 19 June 94 No 1439.
In paras 1 & 2.

Enclosure

No 465.

Office of the Inspector General
of Tails, 29 January 1895

From

A. G. Cardew Esq. M. A.
Inspector General of Tails

To

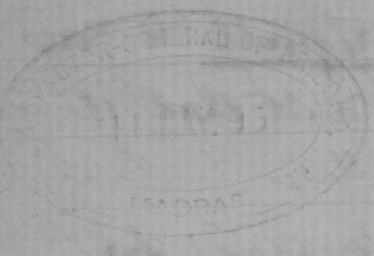
The Executive Engineer,
Bellary Division.

Sir,

I have the honour to address
you with reference to the two works con-
nected with the Bellary District Tail which
were referred to in your Letters to the
Superintendent Nos. 1918 and 1919 dated
8th August last.

2. The first of these works relates to
the conversion of the drinking-water well
of the Bellary District Tail into a draw-
well, and your Letter states that an Es-
timate amounting to Rs 630 has been pre-
pared but that, as the amount of the
Estimate exceeds Rs 500, the sanction of
Government is necessary. I now enclose
an Extract from G.O. 2d August 1892 No. 1393
from which it will be observed that the
instructions for the preparation of the
Estimate were issued in consequence of
the orders of Government. In these

Circumstances



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circumstances, it does not appear that any further sanction is needed, and I request that the Estimate supported by the copy of G.O. of the 22 August 1892 may be forwarded to me through the Superintending Engineer at an early date.

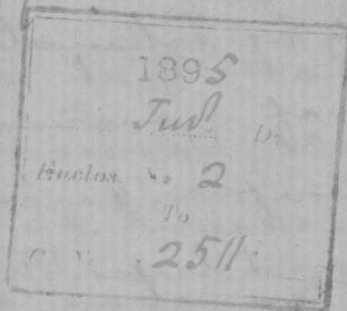
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(True Extract)

A. G. Cardew
Inspector-General of Prisons.

V.S.

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Encl. 1

No. 1918.

From

Executive Engineer's Office
Bellary, 8 August 1893

C. W. Wood Esquire
Executive Engineer
Bellary Division

To

The Superintendent of Tail
Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 1278, I have the honour to inform you that I have prepared an Estimate amounting to Rs 630/- for a Pump and Pipes to convey water into the Tail from the Well outside.

As the amount of the Estimate is over Rs 500 the sanction of Government is necessary. I have, therefore, the honour to request that you will address the Inspector General of Tails with a view to the issue of the necessary orders in the Public Works Department.

I have etc.

(Signed) C. W. Wood.
Executive Engineer
Bellary Division.

(True Copy)

A. G. Cardew.
Inspector-General of Prisons.

V.S.

CURRENT NO 2511

No. 2720

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS, MADRAS,

Dated Ootacamund the 16th May 1895.

From

A. G. CARDEW, Esq., M.A.,

INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,

MADRAS,

To

THE HONOURABLE MR.

J. F. Price C. S. I.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

SIR,

Enclosures.

I have the honour to submit, in original, a Letter No. 1301 dated 9th May 1895 from Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel W. O'Hara, now Medical Officer of the Trichinopoly Central Jail, and lately Superintendent of the District Jail, Bellary, furnishing the explanation called for in Judicial Memorandum No. 688 dated 28 March 1895. The explanation could not be furnished earlier as Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel O'Hara was on privilege leave. It was called for in consequence of the charge, which is apparently suggested in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's Note dated 6th February 1895, that Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel O'Hara designedly omitted to include Mr. Wood's Letter No. 1918, dated 8th August 1893, in the

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pieces of correspondence which accompanied my Letter No. 2873 dated 1st June 1894. This charge is, it appears to me, sufficiently met by Surgeon Lieutenant Colonel O'Hara's reply, but as the Letter in question was in my Office in June 1894, it may now be suggested that I intentionally buried Mr. Wood's Letter, and it is, therefore, necessary to show that the whole of the conclusions in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's Note are erroneous, and that the importance which he attributes to Mr. Wood's Letter No. 1918 is due to a misapprehension.

2. In G.O. 23 August 1892, No. 1393, the Government ordered that the drinking water well at the Bellary District Tail should be converted from a dip-well into a draw-well and this order reached Mr. Peters, the Executive Engineer within the same month. This officer, whose conduct is not defended by the Chief Engineer, passed it on to the Subdivisional officer and forgot all about it. After my inspection of the Bellary Tail in February 1893, the Superintendent, under my orders, commenced to send reminders to the Executive Engineer, viz:- on the 10th March, 9th April, 7th May, 24th June and 29th July 1893. On the 7th May, Mr. Wood, who had now become Executive Engineer visited the Tail and arranged with the Superintendent to include in the Estimate provision for piping the water from the

when his letter
under cover of
G.O. 19 June 94
was written

the well into the Tail. The Chief Engineer says that Mr. Wood rightly objected to submitting the Estimate thus amplified without fresh sanction. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wood, so far as I can find, never said a word about "fresh sanction," and if he considered that the G.O. 23 August 1892 No. 1393 was not a sufficient authority for the preparation of the Estimate it is evident that he would have said so in May 1893 or that he would have limited the Estimate to the sanctioned work or have then asked for fresh sanction.

3. Indeed, there can be little doubt that Mr. Wood's Letter No. 1918 dated 8th August 1893 of which a copy is annexed, does not bear the meaning which the Chief Engineer places upon it. The Chief Engineer suggests that Mr. Wood, in that Letter, requested "fresh sanction" of Government because work beyond what Government had ordered, was provided for in the Estimate. But the only reason which the Letter itself assigns for requiring sanction is the fact that the Estimate exceeded Rs 500. If Mr. Wood's meaning was that attributed to him by the Chief Engineer, it is much to be regretted that he did not express it; the only natural and apparent meaning of his Letter was that the sanction conveyed in G.O. 23 August

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August 1892 No. 1393 had been lost sight of in the confusion caused by Mr. Laker's notorious want of business capacity.

4. This was the meaning placed upon the Letter by me when I received it, and the Superintendent of the Tail was, accordingly, directed to furnish Mr. Wood with another copy of G.O. 2^d August 1892 No. 1393 which was done on the 24th October 1893. Now it is evident that if Mr. Wood when he received this fresh copy of the G.O. 2^d August 1892 No. 1393 considered it to be an insufficient sanction for the forwarding of the Estimate already prepared, he had only to write and say so. If the sense which the Chief Engineer wishes to place on his Letter No. 1918 dated 8th August 1893 were correct, he would, presumably, have so written, and have again requested "fresh sanction". But he took no action whatever in spite of reminders on the 30th October and 19th November 1893, and no further communication was received from the P. W. Department for 3 months. It seems somewhat a stretching of responsibility to say that the Tail Department is responsible for this delay, even if Mr. Wood's Letter of the 8th August bore the meaning which the Chief Engineer attributes to it.

5. In January 1894, after inspecting the Tail again, I addressed the Executive Engineer direct. A copy of 2 paragraphs of that

that Letter is enclosed, and it will be seen that I again furnished the Executive Engineer with a copy of G.O. 2^d August 1892 No. 1393. In reply, Mr. Medlicott, who was now in charge, stated (10th February 1894 No. 4299) that "the Estimates you require will shortly be forwarded through the Superintending Engineer." Mr. Medlicott, then, at least did not share the view, attributed to Mr. Wood by the Chief Engineer, that "fresh sanction" was needed. If he did, he should, at any rate, have said so, as the further delay of 3 months which followed before the decision of the Superintending Engineer was at last received in May 1894, would thus have been avoided. I respectfully dissent again to the Chief Engineer's assertion that for all this delay the Tail Department is "solely and entirely responsible".

6. The foregoing statement will, I trust, be sufficient to show that the conclusions and imputations conveyed in paragraph 5 of the Chief Engineer's Note of the 6th February 1895 are, as I have said, erroneous. Mr. Wood did not say that he wanted "fresh sanction"; his Letter was duly answered; and, it seems to me, that for the whole delay between October 1893 and May 1894 as well as for the admitted delay between August 1892 and August 1893, the

Officers of the Public Works Department
are responsible. I have no desire to lay
stress unduly on Mr. Wood's or Mr. Medlicott's
share in that responsibility, but when I
find the Chief Engineer stating officially
that Officers of this Department withheld
letters, were guilty of an "obstinate refusal
to attend to orders of Government" and
hence were responsible for delays, which
were in my view ascribable solely to the
unbusinesslike habits of his own sub-
ordinates, I have no option but to lay
the facts clearly before His Excellency the
Governor-in-Council. In paragraph 6
of his Note, the Chief Engineer states posi-
tively that the decision communicated
in Mr. Medlicott's No. 627 dated 17th May 1894
had "actually been communicated" nine
months before, that is, in Mr. Wood's Letter
No. 1918 dated 8th August 1893. I beg that
these two letters may be compared and the
accuracy of this statement tested. The
Chief Engineer's whole contention rests
on the meaning he places on Mr. Wood's
Letter No. 1918, and, though I have not
Mr. Medlicott's Letter to refer to, I am
confident that it will be found to be ab-
solutely different from that of Mr. Wood.
I have the honour to be,

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant

R. G. Cardew
Inspector General of Prisons.

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JUDICIAL.

JAIL (1895) DEPARTMENT.

CURRENT NO. 2011

From

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS,
Madras,

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT,

Recd 16.2.29.V.95.

Dated 16th May 1895.
Despatched
Received 18th

No. 2720

ENCLOSURES. 3

Subject.

Submitting, in original, a Letter No 1301-4/9.5.95 from Surg. Lieut. Col. O'Hara, now Medical Officer of the Trichinopoly Jail furnishing the explanation called for in Tnd. Memorandum No 688 d/28.3.95 and also his remarks in connection therewith regarding the cause of delay in the carrying out of the orders of Govt. referred to.

Refer N^o 688: 28.3.95
+ papers

Endorsement N^o 1143

Transferred to the Public Works Department with reference to its order of 13 March 95, No 602 W.

23/4/95
Colonel Warden
H. Under Secretary

Not accompanied by Encls
28 May 1895

22/5/95
To the P.W. Dept
with P.W.C. No 9219 and its 10
encl. returned.

+ Border at Madras.

Passing orders on correspondence in regard to the delay in the preparation of an estimate for converting the dip wells in the Bellary Jail into co. draw wells.

Write for papers 29 May 95

W/ for orders
Sd/-
5 June 95

OS 102.

P.W.D. C.No: 48

No: 1593 W.D. 28 June 1895

Endorsement in the Judicial Dept. N^o 1143 dated 28th May 1895 on letter from the Inspector General of Prisons N^o 2720 dated 16 May 1895.

Note by the Chief Engineer
P.W.D. Sept:—

The only point which appears to require comment from me is Surgeon Lieut. Colonel O'Hara's explanation of the omission from the piece of correspondence of Mr. Woods' letter N^o 1918 of 10 Aug: 1893. This omission naturally attracted attention when reviewing the correspondence and was brought to the notice of Government in para 5 of my note recorded with Encl. N^o 602 W of 13 March 1895.

2. This omission is now explained, and the explanation appears perfectly satisfactory to me and will no doubt be accepted as such by Government.

3. I am obliged to say

to the Inspector General's
 letter doesn't lead me
 to alter my view upon the
 general question, which
 was formed after a
 careful perusal of the
 whole correspondence and
 of Mr. Woods' explanation,
 and I cannot think that
 any useful object would
 be attained by reopening
 it

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 June 1895

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read the following

Endorsement in the judicial
 dept on letter from the Insp.
 Genl of Prisons N^o 2720 dated
 16 May 1895.

H.E. N^o 1143 d/28 May 1895

Note by the Chief Engineer

d/5 June 1895

Recorded.

2. The Government
 accepts as perfectly
 satisfactory the explanation
 given by Surgeon Lieut
 Colonel O'Hara with
 regard to para 4 of G.O.
 N^o 602W of 13 March 1895.

to
 15 June

I think the matter may
 now be allowed to drop.

19/6/95

To The S. & III Secy

Judicial Dept.

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(40-1,000-21-4-94.)

13/6/95

I consider that this
 Draft should
 go to the Honble
 Mr. Blair also as he
 has the original papers.

13/6

an estimate connected with the
water supply of the Bellary Jail

No. 1593 W.D. 28th June 1895

~~T. Ho~~

~~D. Ho~~

To the Honorable the Chief Secy
for favor of counter-initials

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C. S. P. M. D. O.

3rd June 1895

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W. D. Ho