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Rajahmundry Jail — Orders on the bad work done by the PWD in the [illegible]

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Suptg Engineer I Circle No. 2047 G.D. d/ 3rd Decr 1895.

A.G.H.
20.7.96

The delay as well as the bad work complained of by the Inspector General of Prisons, and for which the Executive Engineer and Subdivisional officer are responsible reflect discredit on the Public Works Department.

2. Para 3 of the Superintending Engineer's letter will be considered in the Judicial Department.

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UNDER SECRETARY
25 JAN 96
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To

The Suptg Engineer I Circle.
" Judicial Department. with three enclos. in original — to be retd.

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Correspce relative to bad work by the P.W.D. in the Rajahmundry Jail

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Mr [illegible] for [illegible] of counterinitials

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DEPARTMENT,

Fort St. George, 18th January 1896.

OFFICE NOTE No. 134.

From

THE CHIEF SECRETARY,

To

THE SECRETARY,

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

I regret that I cannot counterinitial this draft.

In the first place Mr. Cardew is the head of a Department and any censure of him should be made and issue in the Department to which he is subordinate, i.e. the Judicial. But granting that a censure of the Inspector General of Prisons should be drafted in, and issued from, the Public Works Department, I must object to counterinitialling a draft which assumes, without any adequate proof, that that officer obtained official documents from a public works subordinate, and which characterizes a complaint on the part of the Inspector General of Prisons, as to the quality of work done for his department by the Public Works Department and as to the ~~and~~ delays in complying with requisitions, as being "outside his legitimate sphere".

Chief Secretary.

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No. 427 C

Government of Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Madras, 24th January 1896

OFFICE NOTE.

UNDER SECRETARY
25 JAN 96
PUBLIC ETC. DEPT.

From

The Joint Secretary to Govt.
P.W.Department.

To

The Chief Secretary.

With reference to your office note No.134 dated 18th January 1896 a fresh draft G.O. is forwarded for counterinitials.

2. With reference to your concluding sentence it is pointed out that it is not the complaint of the ~~Insx~~ Inspector-General as to the quality of work or as to delays, that is characterised as being "outside his legitimate sphere", but his action in having obtained official documents from a P.W. Subordinate and commented on the Executive Engineer's performance of his duties.

Lt. Colonel, R.E.,
Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

READ the following

Letter from the Superintending Engineer I Circle No. 2047 dated 3rd Dec

Revised draft prepared.

The Government observes that while the Inspector General of Prisons had a right to complain of the delay and bad work in connection with the drain in question, he went, as remarked by the Suptg Engineer, outside his legitimate sphere when he obtained official documents from a Public Works subordinate, and commented on the Executive Engineer's performance of his duties. This matter will be further noticed in the Judicial Department.

2. The delay as well as the bad work for which the Executive Engineer and the Sub-Divisional officer are responsible, reflect discredit on the P.W. Department.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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Revised draft prepared

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P. W. CURRENT No. 9837

S. E. I. / 6 300—4-4-95

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For orders.

I thought the Inspector Genl. of Prisons had a right to complain of the delay and apparently the bad work he went, as the Supdg. Engineer remarks, outside of his legitimate sphere when he obtained official documents from a P.W.D. Subordinate. This matter might perhaps be noticed in the Judicial Dept.

The delay as well as the bad work, for which the Executive Engineer and S.D.O are responsible reflect, it is submitted, discredit on the P.W.D.

C.H.M.

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Yes — order

as above

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as ordered

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P. W. CURRENT No. 9837

S. E. I. / 6 300—4-4-95

FROM A. H. Garrett Esq/
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
FIRST CIRCLE,

Enclos: 3

Recd: 11-12-95

TO
THE CHIEF ENGINEER
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

DATED 3rd
DESPATCHED 7th } December 1895.
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No. 2047 G.D.

ENCLOSURES 3.

SUBJECT.

Rajahmundry Jail Works—Forwards copies of correspondence in connection with the— for necessary action

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Dr
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C.E.
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No. C. 1343.

Camp Rajahmundry
Office of the Inspector General of Prisons
Dated 21st Oct. 1895

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EASTERN DIVISION
Genl. No.........
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CHIEF SECRETARY
10 SEP. 1896
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

From

A. G. Cardew Esq. M.A. I.C.S.
Inspector Gl. of Prisons

To

The Supg. Engineer 1st Circle

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
1017 G.D.
4 OCT 97
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FIRST CIRCLE

Sir,

I have the honour to invite attention to the delay which has occurred in connection with works in charge of the P.W. Department at the Rajahmundry Central Jail

2. In my letter No. $\frac{1096}{16.2.95}$ I returned an Estimate for Rs 410/- for constructing a few yards of stone drain in the Jail and requested that it might be carried out "at a very early date". The small work was commenced by the P.W.D. seven months ago, but is still incomplete. I find also that the work which has been done is extremely bad. The drain is square-bottomed, of stone in chunam. The plastering is so imperfectly done that already the chinks between the stones are bare. The use of a square section was of course, a mistake. An oval or rounded section should have been adopted.

3 On the 5th April last the Supdt. of the Jail asked the Exec. Engr. Eastern Dn. to inspect the Jail Buildings and state what the requisite repairs to them would cost. On the 24th April

the Overseer in Charge submitted a report to the Executive Engineer who in his No. 46K dated 27th April wrote:—

> "Estimates should be prepared and submitted for the repairs of the buildings specified and on receipt of the Estimates the buildings will be inspected by the undersigned".

Six months have since elapsed without any estimates being prepared. It is not apparent whether any reminders have been sent to the Sub Dl. Overseer by the Exec Engineer nor is it clear why the latter officer proposed to inspect the buildings after the Estimates were prepared instead of before they were prepared.

4. On previous occasions I have brought to notice instances of excessive delay on the part of the P.W.D. in connection with works required in the Rajahmundry Central Jail. The two large works lately carried out in the Jail viz: the building of a Kitchen and Civil Debtors Yard, were done with reasonable expedition, the delay in the execution of these small works, usually repairs is constantly occurring and I shall be glad if you can apply a remedy. It seems to be due to the dilatoriness of Subordinates and to the failure of the Executive Engineer to enforce punctual submission of Estimates, Completion Reports &c.

I have etc.
(Sd) A. G. Cardew.
Inspr. Genl of Prisons.

True Copy.

Supdg Engineer 1st Circle

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No. 1696 G.D./26.10.95

Copy forwarded to the Exec Engr. Eastern Dn. Gody who is requested to furnish at an early date full information on the points referred to in the foregoing letter.

2. The Estimate referred to in para 2 of the above letter was returned for execution as soon as possible with this office No: 2262 G.D./27.2.95. It should be reported why this small work is still incomplete and why the work which has been done is so unsatisfactory.

(Sd) A H Garrett.
Supdg Engr. I Circle

Copy of letter

No: 329/8.11.95 from the Rajahmundry Sub Division office to the Executive Engineer Godavari Eastern Division

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EASTERN DIVI
Genl. No.
31 DEC. 95

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
No. 1017
4 OCT 97
FIRST CIRCLE

With reference to your memo No. 318K/4.11.95, I beg to report as follows:—

2. First as regards delay in the Completing of the Drain work in the Central Jail. The sanction to the estimate was received in April 1895. Nothing had been done towards Commencing the work until I had taken Charge of the Sub Dn. in June 1895 except that stones had been collected and Chunam had been ground with bad sand, which I rejected, and had the pieceworker fined Rs 10. I started the work at once and rains began to pour in. I remember that on three occasions the work that had been done was flooded over with rain water and work had to be suspended on three occasions. It will be remembered this Drain lies in such a way that it is impossible to divert the rainwater over a large area of the Jail Compound away

from it. It was a mistake to have commenced this work in such a season, but I could not help it, as Chunam had been ground.

3. Besides the rains which stood in the way and which were only a partial cause of the delay, the pieceworker himself was greatly to blame. I had on two occasions to find fault with his work and to rectify it. He is notorious for doing bad work. He would purposely suspend work while I was at Head quarters. He has been doing all the works in the Jail and elsewhere in Rajahmundry for several years past. I wanted to take time before dismissing him altogether from the field, and actually suspended the work for some time so as to resume it after the rains were over and to get it completed by another better man. I shall have to report this man in some other connection in a few days and recommend an order of general prohibition against him. I have not paid him a pie for this work yet pending your inspection and approval —

3 In this state, I got your memo No. 343R/14.10.95 directing me to take steps for the immediate completion of the work. Accordingly I have since employed another man who is now doing the work and strange to say that after I got the work restarted by this new man and while I had gone to Veddapuram Taluq on the 22nd of last month, the drain was again flooded during the rains on subsequent day and the work had to wait for a few days more and I request very much that under the circumstances above brought to notice I may not be reported to the Supg Engineer for delay in this matter. Your forbearance in this case will be an incentive to my being more careful in future.

As regards the bad plastering work which the Inspector General of Jails has alleged to have been permitted I beg to report that no plastering has at all been done. Either he has mistaken an entire absence of plastering or pointing for bad plastering or else good pointing work to be bad plastering work. For, as a matter of fact, no plastering or pointing had at all been done till the 22nd on which date I and Mr. Booth had both inspected the Jail and it was on this date I ordered the new Contractor to do pointing to the already Completed portion of the Drain.

On receipt of your memo under reference I proceeded at once to Rajahmundry for a day to make certain that no plastering had since been done, and after my personal inspection on the 8th instant, I am much relieved to be able to say that no plastering has been done at all and that the Inspector General of Jails has made a sad mistake in representing me thus unfavourably in your estimation, though evidently unintentionally. Pointing is just being done and I have arranged to have straw put on the work and the work kept wet for some days after the pointing is done.

As for the delay in the submission of the estimate for repairs to Central Jail Buildings called for in April 1895, I shall submit my explanation by to-morrow's tappal and pending its receipt I request that you will be so kind as not to report me to the Supdg Engineer

(True Copy)

Supdg Engineer I Circle

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Copy letter No. $\frac{6028}{24.11.95}$ from the Executive Engineer, Godavari Eastern Dn to the Supg Engineer 1st Circle

EASTERN DIVISION
Genl. No.
31 DEC. 95
GODAVARI

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
No. 1017 G.
4 OCT. 97
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FIRST CIRCLE

Referring to your No. 1696 G.D dated 26.10.95 on letter No. $\frac{C\ 1343}{21.10.95}$ from Inspector Gl of Prisons I have the honour to report as follows:—

2 On the 6th March 1895, the Estimate for the drain was sent to the Sub Dn. officer with instructions to have the work completed during the month of April: Reminders were sent on 20.4.95 and on 14.10.95. I enclose his explanation for the great delay that has occurred in completing this small work.

3 The Inspector Gl of Prisons is quite justified in objecting to the delay that has occurred, but I submit that he is not justified in adversely criticising a work which his Department has not been asked to take over and for which no payments have been made. The Overseer in charge of the Sub Dn. informs me that the drain was frequently flooded during construction and that as the Superintendent of the Jail

objected to the exit being made in the Jail wall until the drain was finished upto that point This flooding could not be avoided. The Concrete has not set properly, probably owing to these floodings. It has been partly renewed and the Jail Department will not be asked to take over the work until it is in a satisfactory state.

4 The section of the drain is similar to that of other drains in the Jail, and a rounded section is quite unnecessary with a drain having the fall that this one has. A rounded section for the bottom of a drain is only required when the fall is slight, as with that section, there is rather less tendency for the drain to silt.

5 With reference to the delay which has occurred in preparing repair Estimates I enclose the Sub Dl officer's explanation as well as the letter dated 5th April 1875 referred to by the Inspector General of Prisons. On the

24th

24th April the then Sub Dl. officer reported regarding description of repairs required, and on the 27th April his letter was returned with a rescript giving certain instructions. On the 1st May I proceeded on Privilege leave, and after my return nothing occurred to recall the matter to my recollection and it unfortunately escaped my attention until the receipt of the letter under reference. Estimates are now under preparation and will be submitted very shortly. The Estimates will provide for renewals and repairs to the roofs of some sheds, and numerous petty repairs to several buildings and will probably amount to about Rs 2000. There is I think no work which might not be done by the Jail Department itself and I doubt whether this Department should have been asked to prepare Estimates. On this point, I have to request orders for future guidance, i.e whether the Jail Department can call for General Estimates for petty repairs to numerous buildings which in the aggregate amount to a sum above that fixed by Government for Departmental repairs, but in which the estimate for no single building exceeds that limit.

In Conclusion, I have to bring to your notice that the Inspector Gl. of Prisons has, without any reference to me apparently obtained certain papers from one of my subordinates and has taken upon himself to criticise the orders given by me. The Inspector Gl of Prisons should have confined himself to objecting to the delay. His conduct in obtaining papers from my subordinate, I consider, most objectionable as also his remarks in paras 3 & 4 of his letter. If you agree with me I have to request that you will be so good as to inform the Inspector General of Prisons accordingly

'True Copy'

A H Garrett.

Supdg Engineer 1st Circle

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No. 2047 G.D.

FROM

A H Garrett Esqr

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE,

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Enclosures. 3

~~DOWLAISHWERAM,~~ Camp. Jammalli 3. Novr 1895.

SIR,

No. C 1343 / 21.10.95 from Inspector General of Prisons to the Supdg Engr I Circle –

No. 6028 / 24.11.95 from the Executive Engr Godavery Eastern Dn to the Supdg Engr I Circle –

No. 329 / 8.11.95 from Rajahmundry Sub Dn Officer to the Executive Engr Godavery Eastern Dn. –

I have the honour to forward copies of the marginally noted correspondence for such action as you may think necessary.

2. I have seen the drain in question and the explanation of the Sub Dl. Officer hardly accounts for the extraordinary delay which has been allowed to occur, or for the very bad work done. Although no payments had been made and the drain had not been handed over to the Jail Department, I am not surprised at the Inspector General of Prison's drawing attention to the very indifferent character of the work, and he had every right

to complain of the delay.

3 I consider however that when the Inspector General obtained official documents from a P.W.D. Subordinate and made disparaging comments on the Exec Engineer's performance of his duties, he went outside his legitimate sphere and that Mr. Ussher's objections are only reasonable and proper.

4 I have also to observe that the Inspector General refers to "previous occasions" on which he has brought to notice instances of excessive delay which he says are "constantly occurring" in connection with works at the Rajahmundry Jail. I believe the only other instance in which delay has been complained of was in the case of some trifling repairs required for the Jail Superintendent's quarters.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt.
A. Tennant
Supg Engineer I Circle

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