

Public Works (189⁹³⁸⁷6) Department.

G.O., No. 3271 *W*

DATED 14th November 1896.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Irregular outlay: Letter from S.E. T. in the
reporting on the action taken regarding the — ~~order~~
on certain items outstanding at end of
March 1896, recorded with remarks.

1st Reminder issued 19.3.97

T.C.
14/11-

CURRENT No. 9367

no 3271 v 27 14th November 1896.

Order

1. Yes.
2. This is a bad case, - not only dishonest work, but fraudulent accounts as well.

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Recorded with the following

1. collector's residence at Bhadrapur

From J. C. Larmine Esq.
Supg. Engr. I will,
To The Chief Engineer, P. W. D.
No. 717 G.N.

2. Poddinghi-Koraput road

The completion report is under check.

3. Repairs to the Superintendent's quarters at the Central Jail, Rajahmundry
The completion report is awaited

Dated 13.10.96

Received 19.10.56

Enclosures-

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SUBJECT.

Irregular outlay incurred on
certain items outstanding at
end of March 1896—Referring
on the action taken regarding the

Issue

To.

The S.E.I. Circle ✓
" Exer. P.W. Accept ✓

N.E. 5/11. R 10/11.

BACK PAPERS.

FURTHER PAPERS.

Recd 5/11/98
5:30 P m

R. Dn. 300. I. L. P. P. 17-11-95
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Enclos. *d*

Ganjam *Urgent*
RUSHIKULYA DIVISION OFFICE BERHAMPORE.

No. 3314 Camp *Tanganapallo*
Dated *8* October 1896.
24/9

From *W. C. DeMorgan Esq.*
Executive Engineer,
Gauhati
Bushikulya Division.

To
The Superintending Engineer,
First Circle, Dowlaishwaram.

REFERENCE

Sir,

With reference to your
No. $\frac{478 \text{ GL}}{29-9-96}$, I regret that I am
unable to furnish immediately
the information called for in
your office No. $\frac{170 \text{ GL}}{7-5-96}$ and
 $\frac{385 \text{ GL}}{28-2-96}$, for the following reasons:

2. The question of the collector's
house at Bhatapur is one of
several cases left unsettled
in the old Ganjam Division -
the others being the Tekkali -
Anantagiri and the Battali -
Neeramandalam and the
Hallikote - Bairani Roads.
The first of these has been
duly reported on, and the

the amount of labor ~ involved in getting to the bottom of the matter may be judged from that report.

3. It now appears from an examination of accounts and measurement books ~ that the subject was not ~ properly dealt with when ~ the completion report ~ was submitted by the late accountant of the old ~ Ganjam Division.

My accountant is at ~ present devoting all his spare time to investigating the matter, but the labor involved is ~ not less than that on the ~ Tekkali - Anantagiri Road, and time must be allowed him. He commenced his work on the 1st instant.

The following remarks give the position of the case and indicate the lines on which he

he is proceeding.

4. The Estimate was sanctioned for Rs 24,900 made up of

A Construction items, including petty supervision and contingencies Rs 23,520

B. Value of existing Godowns } Rs 1380

This item was obviously ~ included in the estimate only to supply data for calculating the rent.

Total of A and B - Rs 24,900

5. The Register of work shows an expenditure of Rs 27,473 or an excess of Rs 3,953.

6. In the accounts of the work and its completion report which were returned by Govt. after verification by the Examiners, the sanctioned Estimate which has been exceeded was taken as Rs 24,900

and
now

and the excess over the
estimate shown as Rs 3953
minus 1380, or Rs 2573.

This is wrong and the
mistake was pointed out
to the Superintending Engineer
in this office No. $\frac{1059}{5-7-96}$ ✓

about the rental of
the charge for the house

I now proceed to the questions
raised by the Chief Engineer

7. I As regards the query
whether the Collector wishes
the estimate for Rs 1890
(sanctioned by Government
to rectify the bad work
complained of) to be carried
out. It has been ascertained
that the Collector does not
wish the estimate to be
carried out, and the Sub
Division officer Mr Lacey,
has requested that it may
be cancelled.

I have seen the building &
it will be quite sufficient

sufficient if ordinary
repairs are done from
time to time as found
necessary from the ordi-
nary repair grant.

8. II. As regards the excess
expenditure the reasons
for which given in the
Completion Report do not
commend themselves to
the Chief Engineer.

As pointed out at the
commencement of this letter,
these as in the case of the
Takkali-Anantagiri Road,
appear due to faulty and
careless accounting and
to overpayments, and
the following are some
of the reasons which have
led to this belief.

9. In statement A,
items of work executed
but

but not provided for
in the Estimate are shown
and advanced as expla-
nations for the excess.

pay of Watcher .. Rs 3-0-0
Sorking wood for }
 auction } Rs 1-0-0

Taking one item at random viz Salwood wrought and put, the Accountant ~ Carefully traced it from the Estimate through the measurement books, bills and vouchers, and has ~ brought to light an over-payment of Rs 215 on this item alone.

The following is a detailed statement of this item.

As per final bill.

Salwood } Cufh
brought } 968.97 @ Rs 2-4-0 = 2180-2-11
and put up }

DO - 332.76 @ 20-12-0 = 249-9-1

2429-12-0

Whereas it should be

by measurement book.

Salwood } Capt
brought } 606.69 @ Rs 2-4-0 = 1365-0-10.
& put up }
Do - - 332.76 @ Rs 0-12-0 = 249-9-1

1614-9-11

who made
these totals

The overpayment is due to error in totalling the "contents" in the measurement book. The detailed measurements of the work as recorded in the measurement Book were compared ~~with~~ the detailed Estimate and found to agree - and consequently there is no room for doubt that an overpayment has been made.

10. This is the result of a rigid examination of one item taken at random; and it is reasonable to suspect that if all the accounts are examined, similar irregularities

meals

will be brought to light.

11. The examination is being conducted on the following lines.

Cost of work on completion } Rs 27473

made up as follows:—

(a) Rs per final bill of Contractor pure shallam panigrahi who conducted the work — } Rs 22950

(b) Work done by other agency. } 6820

(c) Recovered from Contractor pure shallam panigrahi on account of work or materials pertaining to other Agency, but included in his final bill — } 2297

Rs 27473

(a) It must be clearly proved whether or not there is

is agreement between the final bill and the final measurements as taken and recorded by Mr. Hayes himself, the then Executive Engineer in the measurement book.

It must be ascertained whether the rate at which each item in the final Bill has been paid agrees with the rate in the Contract Bond, and whether departure in any instance is supported by a recorded specific sanction on the part of the Executive Engineer or Superintending Engineer.

(b) All vouchers will have to be examined to see whether the same work or articles supplied have not

not been paid for more than once. Rs 2297 have already been recovered from the contractor, it has to be seen whether he is not liable to a further refund.

(C) It must be ascertained whether this recovery represents the full value to Govt. in the first instance of the items of work or supply concerned.

12. It is clear that the task before the accountant is a very laborious one, and it is impossible to say ~ how long it will take to conclude the scrutiny, but you may rest assured that ^{so} ^{no} efforts will be spared ^{to} to bring it to a speedy termination. The matter would have been further advanced had it not been

been for the recent visit of the Examiner, with whom the accountant was ~ almost solely engaged for a fortnight.

13. Had I been aware of the special urgency of this question, I would have dealt with it before the Tekkali-Anantagiri Road, but the latter was first brought prominently ~ before me, and consequently had the priority.

14. I may add that the Examiner ordered that the Hallikote - Boirani case should be next ~ taken in hand, and ~ all the accounts reported.

I have however ordered that the question of the ~ Collector's Residence at Chetapi should

should be settled first.

15. I trust it will be borne in mind that all this additional heavy and very ungrateful labor now entailed on my office is due to the neglect and inefficiency of others.

Until all these questions are finally cleared up, and disposed of, it is impossible to keep current work up to date, although every endeavour is being made to do so; the reason of this should therefore be borne in mind.

16. After the question of the Chattrapuri residence is disposed of, the Kallikote Baisani, and Battile - Kiramandalam Roads

an official account has been posted & signed this

will receive attention. These cases will involve a similar loss of time and labor.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt.
W. S. S. S.
9/10 Executive Engineer
Gangam Buis.

BB.

No. 717 G.N.

FROM

J. C. Lammie Esquire M. I. C. E.
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER

FIRST CIRCLE,

TO

THE CHIEF ENGINEER

Enclosures: 1.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Camp Cocanada, Madras.
POWLAISHWERAM, 13th Oct^r, 1896.

SIR,

X With reference to G.O. No. 2667 W dated the 18th September 1896, I have the honor to report as follows:-

2. Item 7. Residence for Collector Chattrapone. On the request made in this office No. 12569 dated the 14th March 1896 to obtain the sanction of Government to the excess incurred further information was asked for in your memorandum No. 2002 C dated the 21st April 96 Copy of which was forwarded to the Executive Engineer Ganjam Division for the submission of the required information. The Executive Engineer now reports in his letter No. 3314 dated the 8th Instant (here with to be returned) that he is unable to furnish immediately the information called for as the subject has left unsettled in the old Ganjam Division and that the excess appears to be due to faulty and careless accounting and to overpayments; he promises a further report which as soon as received

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received will be submitted.

3. Item 8. Road from Pottinghi to Morapat.
Reasons for the excess were already given
in a memorandum which accompanied
my letter No. 48213 dated the 28th September
1896 in which sanction of Government was
applied for, for the excess.

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with Indigul
sanction

4. Repairs to Superintendent's quarters and
outhouses in the Central Jail Rajahmundry.
The Examiner P. W. Accounts has been
requested to send me the completion re-
port which was forwarded to him by the
Executive Engineer and on its receipt sanction
for the excess will be applied for with
reasons for the excess.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

J. C. Lawrence
Superintending Engineer
13/10 Fort Circle

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