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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

Revenue. DEPARTMENT

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No. 262. Read the following letter fr ... District Engineer, North Arcot :—

(Here enter No. 347, da ... nd January 1873.)

ABSTRACT OF CO ... PONDENCE.

I.—Sub-Engineer Smithers complains of a ... r from the Collector to the Superintending Engineer, stating that having written to the Sul ... ector to ascertain what materials had been stored at Kalastri and Pootoor for the construct ... Cutcherries and Subsidiary Jails at those stations, he could only hear of 370,000 bricks, ... at Rupees 1,483, being stored at Kalastri (whereas by an endorsement of the Superinten ... ineer's it appears that an expenditure of Rupees 6,216-5-5 had been incurred on the K ... cherry up to the 31st March 1872). He considers that the Collector's procedure affe ... only his character but that of Colonels Wilkieson and Bean, who passed the materials, ... e should have applied to the Superintending Engineer or Range Officer for the informat ...

II.—He complains of the nature of the not ... by the Collector of the action of the Sub-Magistrate of Tirupetty, in calling upon the R ... cer to report whether he had carried out the work of the Thandalum spring channel acc ... estimate.

III.—He complains of the Head Assista ... ctor having treated him as a subordinate in having sent him a verbal order by a peo ... neet him next morning at 7 o'clock, and subsequently by requesting him in writing to ... p the Pootoor bungalow, a building in his own charge, and where no sweeper was entert ... Also for ordering him, in writing, to remove certain timber from the Pootoor bungalow.

IV.—He brings to notice a letter from t ... d Assistant, requesting his return to head-quarters, Raneepett, his presence there during ... iny weather being considered necessary, for preparation of estimates, and that he might be ... spot to be consulted. He also objects to the Head Assistant having obtained for perusal a ... ent belonging to the Range Office records in the absence of the Range Officer.

V.—Mr. Smithers complains generally of th ... uperintending Engineer's inattention to these complaints, and specially of his having taken the ... rt of an Assistant Engineer and Tahsildar, both natives, against him, on a charge of discourt ... y in his style of addressing them.

VI.—This latter subject, namely, an objec ... onable mode and tone adopted towards the Wallajah Tahsildar, is the theme of a letter, No. ... from the Collector to the District Engineer. The portion of yadasht objected to appears to be ... hat in which Mr. Smithers intimates that the Tahsildar would be better employed in seeing that the villagers did their duty in cutting the bunds of tanks when overfull, than in sending him reports of tanks breaching. But the Head Assistant further complains that the Range Officer has sent him no report concerning any of the breached tanks, or communicated his opinion on the state of the Cauverypauk tank in particular.

VII.—This complaint is enlarged on in the Collector's letter, No. 408, giving cover to a docket from the Head Assistant, calling on the Range Officer "to submit a brief report showing what breached tanks he had visited, and what measures he had taken for their repair in each case." Also to "submit a report as to the subsidence of the Cauverypauk tank bund, with his opinion as to what should be done." The Range Officer's reply names twenty tanks and anicuts as having already been visited and estimated for, besides various roads. Of the Cauverypauk tank he observed that it had slipped in four places, but that Colonel Moberly was of opinion that no danger was to be apprehended, and had approved of the measures adopted by him. He also states that he had already reported himself, two days before the Head Assistant wrote, as being busy inspecting tanks and framing estimates, stating the manner in which he was getting work done. Finally he objects to being addressed by docket.

No. 263. ORDER T

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 34.

nature and propriety of the action t
of the materials said to have been co
These are stated in G. O., No.
Rupees 6,216 and Rupees 4,937, o
Superintending Engineer has not
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to depute his Sub-Collector to ob
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2. The notice taken by the C
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3. His Excellency the Gover
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4. The Range Officer was ev
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superior. And His Excellency the Governor in Council holds that he gave quite
sufficient information as to his proceelings in the letter to the Head Assistant, of
which the Collector complains; the curt tone of which is accounted for by
impatience at unreasonable demands nade upon his time when he felt that he had
not a moment to spare for unnecessary reports, and at what he c
a peremptory form of address on the part of one to whom he was in no wise
subordinate.

5. How far the Range Officer was justified in complaining of the Head
Assistant on the score of the points noted in Section III. of the Abstract of
Correspondence, His Excellency the Governor in Council is not in a position to
judge for want of information on the other side of the case. But he requests that
the Collector will instruct his Head Assistant to treat with becoming courtesy an

March 1873, No. 784.

His Excellency the Governor in
Council has not sufficient information
before him to enable him to judge of the
the Collector to inquire into the details
r the Kalastri and Pootoor Cutcherries.
10th September 1872, to have cost
sanctions of Rupees 10,810 each. The
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ect on the part of the Superintending
information wanted, that induced him
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character or that of former Superin-
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Upper Subordinate of the highest rank
an unblemished character throughout
evidently extreme susceptibility as to
whom he is associated.

6. The Government have for
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subsequently, to complaints of discour
instructions to the officers under his
which the usual official letters should

7. In conclusion, His Excellenc
more considerate and civil in his
generally, and to abstain in his offic
native character.

8. The evidence of dete mined pr
in Mr. Smithers position is in constant
his usefulness as a public servant, and
may prove a serious impediment to his
Public Works.

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Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, North Arcot.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Judicial ,,

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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to be shown by Mr. Smithers
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Revenue Dept

No. 777.

Govt. of 1873 Madras

PUBLIC WORKS.

To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, NORTH

ARCOT.

&c., &c., &c.

Dated Madras, 17th

Read " 17th

Encl.

G. O. 12th March 1870, No. 194.

MARCH.

Nos. 202-263

Escheatries, etc.—Passing orders on the subject of the collection of materials for certain Cutcherries, etc., in the North Arcot District, and the correspondence that has passed between the Revenue and Public Works Officers in regard to the matter.

2-Rev.

No. 154.

Communicated to the Board of Rev. for information — & for the issue of the necessary orders with reference to para 5 of G.O.

Lieut.

24th March/73.

To Rev. Board of Revenue

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No. 154 24th March 1873

To the order