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Read the following letters:—

No. 374. From J. BROUGHTON, Esq., Government Quinologist, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 20th October 1873.

I HAVE the honour to communicate the following facts and request to the Public Works Department of Government.

2. On April 14th I ordered of the Chepauk Public Works Workshops, through yourself, eleven sets of the apparatus of which the enclosed drawing gives the dimensions. As in 1871 a similar pair had been made very defectively, I took some pains to point out their defects to the Superintendent, and specially requested him to test their power of holding liquid to avoid leakage. On receipt all the cones (L C D B) leaked more or less, five of the gauge tubes, B II, which were made separate were sent with the screws of connection broken, so that they were useless, and two of the under vessels, E O F, leaked so much that they had to be repaired before use.

3. I also ordered 22 feet of metal tubing one inch wide to fit in orifice G. That sent was nearly one-eighth of an inch too large, and I returned it.

4. I made on the 17th September last a complaint of these circumstances to the Superintendent of the Workshops. I beg to enclose his reply, from which it appears that he ascribes the leaky state of the whole work to injury in transit. I would remark that no sign of injury was visible on any part of the apparatus, and quite fail to see how even a blow in transit could cause such general leakage. Moreover, a similar set of apparatus ordered in 1871 from Kidderpore Dock-yard in Calcutta arrived on the Neilgherries in perfect order, without any leak whatever being perceptible. Respecting the tube, what the Superintendent states is doubtless quite accurate, the failure in fitting being due to the orifice G being made narrower than one inch as ordered.

5. The defective state of the apparatus has caused much trouble, labour, and delay in work, as it had to be sent from Neddivuttum to Ootacamund for repair. I have the honour to request that I may be permitted to deduct from the bill for the same, which I have the honour to enclose, the cost of putting the apparatus in working order at Neddivuttum, and also to deduct the cost of the tube returned. The trouble and delay cannot of course be corrected in this manner.

6. I have the honour to request you will be so good as to return the enclosed papers.

No. 375. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. GODDARD, R.E., District Engineer, Presidency, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 30th October 1873, No. 3,596.

WITH reference to your memorandum No. 396, dated 21st October 1873, I have the honour to report that the work alluded to therein was carried out entirely by the Workshop agency.

2. The letter No. 1,561, dated 8th October 1873, to the Government Quinologist, quoted in your memorandum under reply, did not emanate from this office, but from that of the General Superintendent of Public Works Stores and Workshops.

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26th November 1873.*

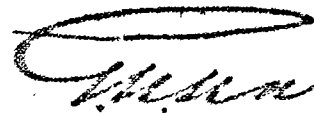
No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 26th November 1873, No. 2,859.

ACCOUNT, No. 30.

His Excellency the Governor in Council has reason to believe that the Government Quinologist has good cause to complain of the defective manner in which the apparatus referred to was made up at the Workshop. It appears that the Chief Engineer was under the impression that Mr. Broughton had arranged with the General Superintendent to have the work done by Mr. Doderet, in conformity with a wish expressed by the Government Quinologist himself, but for which written instructions to that effect would have been given. As it happened, the work was carried out exclusively by Workshop agency, and the result is confirmatory of the statement made by Mr. Doderet, and noticed in G. O., dated the 10th September 1873, No. 2,233, that the General Superintendent does not interest himself in utilizing Mr. Doderet's services to the extent to which they might be advantageously, and ought properly to be, employed. His Excellency the Governor in Council is again compelled to express his disapproval of the General Superintendent's proceedings, and he trusts that Mr. Grainger will endeavour to avoid occasion being again given for such complaints as that under notice which cannot but reflect unfavourably on his management of the Workshop and its dependencies.

2. The Government Quinologist very justly claims compensation for defective work, and His Excellency in Council directs that the cost, which should be reported, of putting the apparatus into working order, and that of the tube, be deducted from the Workshop bill. The Workshop Superintendent will in future consult Mr. Doderet as to the agency by which orders from Public Departments are to be carried out, and will abide by the decision of the Presidency District Engineer in the event of any difference of opinion between them.

(True Extract.)



Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Presidency.
" Government Quinologist.
" Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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To

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER, PRESIDENCY,

&c., &c., &c.

Dated November 26th.

Recd. — 28th Encl.

G. O., 26th November 1873, No. 2,859.

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Nos. 374-376

Apparatus.—Passing orders on letter from the Government Quinologist complaining of the defective manner in which certain apparatus was made up at the Public Works Workshop, and requesting that he may be allowed to deduct the cost incurred in its repair from his bill.

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