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10th February 1876.*

Read the following letters :—

No. 159. From Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 7th December 1875, No. 3,599.

REFERRING to G.O., No. 188, under date the 26th August 1875, I have the honor

- 1 Original letter from Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay, to the District Engineer, Tanjore, No. 229, dated 20th September 1875.
- 1 Do. do. from do. do. No. 494, dated 3rd November 1875.
- 1 Do. do. from do. do. " 429, " 20th "
- 1 Original letter from Local Fund Sub-overseer T. Soonder Row, to the Madura Range Officer, No. 9, dated 29th September 1875.
- 1 Copy of a docket from the Collector, to the District Engineer, No. 2,566, dated 17th November 1875, with one enclosure, viz., of a Bill for Rupees 27.
- 1 Copy of an endorsement from the Madura Range Officer, to Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay, No. 103, dated 20th June 1872.

to forward the accompanying explanations from Sub-Engineer N. Mooneappah Pillay and Local Fund Sub-overseer T. Soonder Row in connection

with the estimate of Rupees 2,170 for cutting a channel from the sea to salt pans at Muttaregunadapatam.

2. It appears the work had to be supervised by this department, and was given to Mr. Leggatt, who sent orders in a memorandum to the Sub-division Officer Mooneappah Pillay to attend to the matter (copy enclosed); the work, such as it was, was carried out apparently under Local Fund Overseer Soonder Row, and there is nothing to show that the Sub-divisional Officer attended to it at all; and it is much to be regretted a common boring apparatus was not obtained when the operations could have been carried on with much greater facility. The men employed appear to have been very inexperienced, and unable to judge of the character of the formation in that locality; but as soon as I saw the sand-stone formation at Point Tonitory cropping out into the sea, I suspected the existence of the bed all along the coast, and this has since been discovered in several places; as the great temple at Ramesweram is built entirely of sand-stone, it does appear strange the existence of this material in the vicinity was not thought of, as well as the drift sand in such a work on such a coast.

3. I regret to add I cannot accept the allegations that any proper levels were run before these executed by Mr. Fox, the Surveyor employed on this duty last year. The Sub-Engineer has no proper knowledge of surveying and levelling, and it appears from paragraph 4 of the Acting Superintending Engineer's letter, printed in G.O., of the 1st June 1871, No. 1,490, that this Range Officer was in the habit of performing his duties "in a perfunctory manner, and as I cannot with any confidence nominate him to a range in Madura, so no one in that district seems to care for his transfer there." On this I beg to observe only that Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts, R.E., made this report to Government, and I trust then it will be allowed that I had reason not to place much reliance on this subordinate's allegations when I found the raequet court estimate so incorrect.

No. 159-A. From the same Officer, dated Dindigul, 20th January 1876, No. 3,914.

In acknowledging the receipt of your memorandum, No. 925, under date the 30th December 1875, I have the honor to

- 1 Estimate of Rupees 2,170.
- 1 Do. " 5,940.
- 1 Do. " 5,300.
- 1 Specification.
- 1 Longitudinal Section.
- 1 Copy of Deputy Collector's letter, No. 139, of 21st August 1871, to the Collector of Madura.

forward herewith the sanctioned estimate of Rupees 2,170 for cutting a channel from the sea to the pan to supply water for manufacturing salt at Muttaregunadapatam, together with the estimate for

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Rupees 5,940, and all the original papers connected therewith which Mr. Potter has only just sent to me.

2. An original longitudinal section with levels has been sent to me for the first time by the present Sub-division Officer, and, from a remark on it, these do not appear to have been checked at all, but the estimate of Rupees 5,940 appears to have been prepared from this document and provides for earthwork only, whereas in execution "springs, sand-stone rock and drift sand" were met with and the work had to be stopped.

3. As already remarked, the existence of this rock does not appear to have been suspected before in this district until I traced it in several parts of the coast, but the fact of drift sand prevailing in such a locality should have been observed. If the Government consider this subject should be taken up in connection with the extension of the salt manufacture, I will take an opportunity to visit the locality and endeavour to see if any work can be profitably established, but I would beg to recommend the present design and estimate be cancelled.

No. 160.

ORDER THEREON, 10th February 1876, No. 363.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9-A.

The documents submitted by the District Engineer of Madura disprove entirely Sub-Engineer Mooneappah Pillay's repeated disclaimers of responsibility for the work of sinking trial pits on which the estimate of Rupees 5,940 purports to have been framed.

2. As Mooneappah Pillay appears to be over fifty-five years of age and thirty-four years of service, the District Engineer of Tanjore will arrange for his pension papers being sent in at once.

(True Extract.)

Cannather Major-General R.E.
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.
" " Madura.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Calcutta, 1st Decr 1817

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Your obedient servant,

J. D. B. B. B.

Secretary

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No. 804

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THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
TANJORE.
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Dated February 10th.

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See Memo

N. Mooneappah Pillay, Sub-Engineer.
Passing orders on letters from the District
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