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Government of Madras.

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 5th February 1867.

No. 49. Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government in the Public Works Department:—

Passing orders on papers relating to the bad workmanship of certain works for the Police, said to be carried out under arrangements made by the Revenue Officials in the Tinnevelly District. } (Here enter 25th January 1867, No. 252.)

No. 50. ORDER THEREON, 5th February 1867, No. 308.

Miscellaneous. Communicated to the Board of Revenue.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue, with Proceedings Public Works Department, No. 252.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 513. Read the following :—

List of Bills received from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, for works executed in the Tinnevelly District, submitted to Government agreeably to Chapter IV., paragraph 13 of the New Code.

Audit No.	Date of Bill.	Description of Work.	Amount of Bill.	To what year expenditure appertaining.	Date when received last.
			RS.		
3	26th November 1866.	Construction of twelve Constables' Huts at Ottapedarum.	825	1863-64	21st December 1866.
4	25th do.	Do. of a Station-house at Mailathattapari.	50	Do.	

REMARKS.—These buildings have been very defectively constructed, and are reported by the Superintendent of Police as unserviceable. The Tahsildar of Ottapedarum and the Nattamgar of Mailathattapari, appear to be the Government officials properly answerable for this. The bills are therefore submitted, with the correspondence connected therewith, for the orders of Government.

(Signed) J. F. FISCHER, Captain, R. E.,
Controller of Public Works Accounts.

MADRAS,
9th January 1867.

Memorandum from the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated 5th June 1866.

2 Bills.

Before disposing finally of the Bills Audit Nos. 3 and 4 of Tinnevelly District, for works executed to Police buildings by Contractors during the official year 1863-64, amounting to Rupees 875, the undersigned has the honor to request the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, will be good enough to intimate to the Office the names of the parties answerable for the bad workmanship noted on the certificates annexed to them.

From the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madura, 27th August 1866, No. 782.

Enclosures 2.

In returning the two bills, amounting to Rupees 875, sent me with your Memorandum No. 537 of the 5th June, I have the honor to state that the Tahsildar of Ottapedarum Talook gave the construction of the twelve Constables' huts to Gnanathasingum Pillay, now Inspector of Tenkarai Talook, and he appointed one Soomoo Pillay of Ottapedarum as a contractor to execute the work. As to the Sub-Station at Mailathattapari, the Nattamgar of the village undertook the construction of the building. It would, therefore, appear that this man and Soomoo Pillay are the parties who failed to provide good workmanship.

From the Controller of Public Works Accounts, to the Inspector General of Police, dated 12th September 1866, No. 2,829.

2 Bills.
1 Copy of the Superintending Engineer's letter, No. 782 of 27th August 1866.

I have the honor to forward herewith two Bills, Audit Nos. 3 and 4, for the expenditure incurred in 1863-64, on the construction of Police buildings in the Tinnevelly District by contract. From the certificates annexed to them it will be observed that the buildings in question were badly constructed. The Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, points out in his letter No. 782 of 27th ultimo, copy of which is herein enclosed, the names of the parties answerable for the same. I request you will be good enough to inform me if the buildings are serviceable, or whether the parties should be prosecuted for giving bad work.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 25th January 1867.

From the Inspector General of Police, to the Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Madras, 21st December 1866, No. 2,110.

1. In reply to your letter of the 12th September last, No. 1,748, I have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly, No. 427, dated 29th September 1866, regarding the Ottapedarum huts.

2. Bills Nos. 371 and 372 of 1863-64 are returned.

From the Superintendent of Police, Tinnevelly District, to the Inspector General of Madras Police, dated Tinnevelly, 29th September 1866, No. 427.

1. With reference to the accompanying bills and letters endorsed to me for report, I have the honor to inform you, that the amount allowed for the Ottapedarum huts was ample to build *good, strong, serviceable* houses, and we ought to have had much better and stronger work (than the wretched buildings built) for our money. They looked well enough *at first* to a *non-professional* eye; but after a SHORT TIME they became much dilapidated. They are now inhabited, but can scarcely be said to be serviceable. If I cannot manage to repair them before the coming monsoon, they will not be fit for habitation.

2. The huts were finished in July 1864; bills for building of them must have been submitted by Tahsildar, through Range Officer, to Superintending Engineer direct, as they did not come through my Office.

3. How work completed in 1864 comes to be reported in 1866, the Department of Public Works must reply to.

4. I do not recommend prosecution, as I doubt our gaining our cause, the work was entrusted by Tahsildar to a non-professional man, who would plead this, as well as the dearness and difficulty of procuring materials and laborers for building in Ottapedarum.

5. I think, with the assistance of the Collector, we should make the man put the houses in thorough repair now, as he used bad materials at first.

No 514. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1867, No. 252.

ACCOUNT, No. 46.

Constables' Huts.
* Tahsildar of Ottapedarum.

Sub-Station House.
* Nattamgar of Mailathattapari.

1. As the works for which the bills alluded to in this list appear to have been carried out under arrangements made by the Revenue* officials in the Tinnevelly District, the papers will be referred to the Collector for his opinion.

2. Captain Prendergast will explain how it was that the buildings which are stated to have been completed in July 1864, were not inspected by the Public Works Department until the end of November 1865.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Collector of Tinnevelly, with two Bills, to be returned.
" Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Revenue Department.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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