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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Judicial Department,
5th October 1867.*

No. 41. Read the following Proceedings of Government in the Public Works Department, dated 27th September 1867, No. 3017.

Sanctioning the writing off of certain sums, being value of Government property destroyed by the fire which consumed the Sappers' huts at Allipore, in the Bellary District, on the 29th July 1867. (Vide Proceedings, Public Works Department, dated 27th September 1867, Nos. 686 & 687).

No. 42. ORDER THEREON, 5th October 1867, No. 1592.

To be recorded.

(Signed) A. J. ARBUTHNOT,
Chief Secretary.

Exd. J. Tulloch,

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th September 1867.*

No. 686. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Tadacherla, Cumbum, Talook, 16th September 1867, No. 1,672.

1. With reference to Government Orders as per margin,* I have the honor to forward an original letter, with enclosure, from the Superintendent of Police, Bellary District. The Inspector of Police when stating, "I am disposed to think that the fire occurred in the east end," appears to have quite overlooked the circumstance that at the time of the fire the wind was blowing strong from the west, which would cause the continuous roofing of the huts to ignite rapidly.

From the Superintendent of Police, Bellary, to the Officer in charge of Military Buildings Range, dated Bellary, 5th September 1867, No. 425.

In reply to your letter No. 417, of 31st ultimo, I have the honor to forward you a report received from my Inspector regarding the burning of the Sapper huts. Repeated enquiries have been made since the occurrence, but nothing has turned up to show satisfactorily how the fire originated.

From the Inspector of Mofussil Police, Bellary Talook, to the Superintendent of Mofussil Police, dated Bellary, 4th September 1867.

1. With reference to Mr. Porter's letter, No. 417, I beg to inform you that I visited the scene of fire of the Sappers' huts near Alipoor, and investigated into its origin.

2. The fire occurred on the midnight of the 29th July 1867. The huts are about quarter of a mile from village of Alipoor, consisting of twenty-two in number, with grass chuppers, and extending in a line from west to east.

3. On the night in question two watchers, named Manuel and Mulliapa, slept in the east end hut. They state that the fire occurred at the west end, and on proceeding there, saw some men running away, whom they suspect are the incendiaries. They made no efforts to capture these men, or extinguish the fire. Mulliapa adds he frequently cooks his food in the east-end hut. He did so on the evening of 29th July. When only three or four huts were burnt, and the fire was advancing, the watermen employed on the Sappers' huts, named Booden Saib and Hanagadoo, came up from Alipoor, and to them was communicated the circumstance of men having run away immediately after commencement of fire.

4. Booden Saib and Hanagadoo state they came to Sappers' huts on the 29th night, on seeing a fire, and found the whole building in a blaze. The two watchers were seated some distance in front of the fire. On questioning them they said they did not know cause of fire, and that all their clothing to value of about rupees twenty, kept in the sleeping hut, was consumed. The watchers mentioned nothing of having seen men run away.

5. From the above I am led to believe that this is not a case of mischief. Had the watchers really seen men run away after fire, they would certainly have acquainted the watermen, and if the fire originated in the west end, they had ample time to rescue their clothing from east end, and which they would have done, as it must have been of great value to them, being men in indigent circumstances. Hence I am disposed to think, that the fire occurred in the east end, or sleeping hut, from carelessness in not putting out the fire in the cooking place, which accounts for time not being given for the removal of their clothing, and fearing blame would be attached to them they have concocted the story of having seen men run away.

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
27th September 1867.*

No. 637. ORDER THEREON, 27th September 1867, No. 3,017.

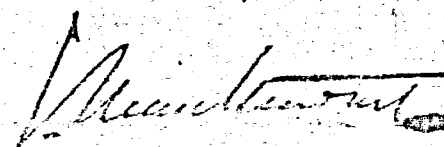
ACCOUNT, No. 74.

1. With this letter the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division submits, with reference to the Orders of Government No. 2,554, dated 21st August 1867, a report from the Superintendent of Police at Bellary of the result of the inquiries which had been made by the Police in connection with the destruction of the Sappers' huts near Allipoor by fire on the night of the 29th July 1867.

2. As it appears that the actual cause of the fire cannot be traced, though there is reason to believe it may have been the act of an incendiary, the Government resolve, in compliance with the Superintending Engineer's recommendation, to sanction the undermentioned sums being written off to "profit and loss":—

Value of Government property destroyed as per statement	rs.
furnished by Assistant Engineer Mr. Porter	1,000
Do. of grass and nar referred to in Superintending Engineer's letter No. 1,399, dated 10th August 1867	240
Total...	1,240

(True Extract.)



Major, R. E.,

Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.
.. Accountant General.
.. Judicial Department.

