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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

MISCELLANEOUS.

G.O., No. 1587·L

DATED 10th August 1899

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Petition. Informing V. V. Subbaraya Aiyar (late Local Fund Sub-overseer, Palni Taluk) that, under Article 70 of the Local Fund code no appeal lies to Govt in his case of dismissal from service

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Local & Munl. (1899) Department.

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Mis. **Order** No. 1587 Luns. d. 10/8/99

The petitioner is informed that under Article 70 of the Local Fund Code no appeal lies to Government in his case.

V.R.
7/7/99

F.S.W.
20-7-99

Telegram.

From
The late Local Fund Sub overseer,
Palni taluk.

No -

Dated 29th June 99

Received 3rd July 99

Registered 4th "

Enclosures - "

Spare copies "

Note Under Article 70 of the Local Fund code an appeal lies to the Governor-in Council against dismissal in the case of all servants whose appointments requires the sanction of Government. The appointment of Sub overseer being one carrying a salary of less than Rs100 it does not require the sanction of Government - Vide Article 36 of the Local Fund Code.

SUBJECT.

Requesting that orders may be passed in his case after a perusal of his memorial.

To
The Petitioner with a copy of Article 70 of the Local Fund Code.

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To (Person) The Secretary Local and Municipal Department Govt. Office Ootacamund

From (Person) Late [illegible] Sub. overseer Palni Taluq

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Local & Munl. (189) Department.

CURRENT No.

From
The late Local Fund Suboverseer,
Palni taluk.

Order

No -

Dated 1-7-99
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SUBJECT.

Appealing against the order of the President, Dist. Board, Madura, dismissing him from Service.

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To

His Excellency Sir Arthur Elibank Havelock

G.C.M.G., G.C.I.E. Governor of

Fort St. George

Madras

May it please your Excellency,

In continuation of my humble telegram of 14th May last with due respects I most humbly beg to represent that the President's order No. $\frac{2231}{24\cdot3\cdot99}$, removing me from the service has discouraged me very much & I beg to be pardoned for once more intruding upon your Excellency's valuable moments as I have been deprived of the means of subsistence of myself & my big family and my prospects ruined by the said order.

C No 1468 A/D 1899 (in the linked file) Ex. I

vide the file

2. It is my extreme misfortune that brought me such undeserved order from the hands of the President and I implore that your Excellency's well-known love of justice & sympathy will be graciously pleased to condescend to reconsider my case under the circumstances given below:-

Ex III

3. Ever since I joined my appointment as an L. F. Sub. Overseer, Palni Taluk on 7th July/98 I was working to the best of my conscience and to the interests of the Dt. Board. During my first inspection I saw the whole Taluk in utter chaos; the maistries were found scraping old pits, submitting false measurements and fudging rolls and thereby swindling Dt. Board money

Ex IV

to an enormous extent. I put a stop to such illicit earnings of the mestries with the sanction of my superior authorities — Sub. Divl. officer & Dt. Board Engineer. This jeopardy to their acquisition aggravated them to complain bitterly against me & prejudice the superior officers. The result of this action of mine was that two mestries whom I ~~suspended~~ reported for fudging rolls &c. and who stood the foremost in their misbehaviour were dismissed. These two mestries had preferred an appeal, with reference to which the acting Dt. Board Engineer came to Palni for enquiry, during the course of enquiry the three other mestries also had to be suspended on my representations for similar charges such as forgery, illicit earnings & for fudging rolls. The Ag. Dt. Board Engineer did not pass final orders immediately, but had promised to send orders after Xmas holidays & went away to Tellicherry, being on his return highly biased by the misrepresentations of the Sub. Divl. officer reserved the issue of final orders to the permanent Dt. Board Engineer who was expected to rejoin his appointment from leave on the 20th January last.

4. As soon as the permanent Dt. Board Engineer rejoined his appointment the Sub. Divisional officer purposely went to Madura from Dindigal prejudiced him bitterly against me, arranged with the Engineer to restore first the suspended & dismissed mestries & then to remove me from the service, got an order issued by the Dt. Board Engineer to the said Sub. Divl. officer to enquire into the petitions of the mestries — suspended & dismissed; — The Sub. Divl. officer thereupon came to Palni, made a short inspection of the taluk took these suspended & dismissed mestries along with him from camp to camp & reinstated them without any sort of enquiry on the day he finally left the taluk. A few days after the Engineer came in to the taluk, nominally enquired into all the petitions of the mestries and informed that he has lodged all the ~~petitions of the mestries~~ papers giving me necessary instructions for the remaining works to be done in the taluk. On the contrary he sent

Ex. II

me the order No. R.C. $\frac{1725}{15\cdot2\text{-}99}$ which was delivered to me by the Sub. Overseer Dindigal, who was ordered to relieve me without even obtaining the permission of the President, Dt. Board as per rules embodied in the code for the issue of such an order. After this I went to the President Dt. Board & met him in Chittambatti camp, on representing to him what had happened to me during the Engineer's inspection in my taluk he promised both verbally & in writing that my grievances would be heard fully after the receipt of the Engineer's report.

5. A few days after I received the Presidents'

Ex III.

order No. R.C. $\frac{250}{27\cdot2\text{-}99}$ to the effect that I was suspended from office & that I should come to Madura within a week, handing over charge to the Sub. Overseer Dindigal Taluk. I accordingly obeyed orders and appeared before the President on the 7th ~~July~~ March last, on which I received a copy of the Proceedings dated 7th

Ex. IV

March last directing me to furnish explanation on the points referred to in the above.

6. In compliance with that order I submitted

Ex. V

my explanation on 13-3-99 giving therein a full description of what had really happened requesting at the same time to enquire into all my grievances personally & peruse all the records in the office concerning me, which were necessarily required for submitting my explanation called for. The President refused to give me all the papers which I desired to peruse. Further I was sadly disappointed to have an interview with the President as per his promise even though I waited on him from 13th to 21st March last as stated in the last para of my explanation aforesaid.

7 The President, without hearing me personally (as prayed for by me) passed proceedings dated 20-3-99 Ex. I. & communicated to me in his order No. 2231/24-3-99, which had the following reasons for my removal.

(1) Willfully disobeying the orders of the S.D. officer & Dt. Board Engineer in not furnishing security & not maintaining pony.

(2) Keeping the whole Taluk in confusion, the works not being properly done.

(3) Attacking the mistries & the S.D. officer without working well with them.

8 Regarding my not furnishing security & not maintaining pony I have written enough in my expla=nation dated 13-3-99, in my review petition dated 14-4-99 & in my appeal petition dated 19-4-99. (Copies herein enclosed). Ex. VI Ex. VII I beg to represent that, as I did not furnish the required security, the imprest allowed to me was withdrawn & that, as I did not maintain a pony my travelling allowance was withheld. If I had any orders to the effect that I should keep a pony & furnish security (contrary to my representations desires as stated in my reports) failing which the result will turn serious, I would have acted otherwise but I did not receive any final order vide Ex. VIII & IX. For the above reasons I beg to submit that I never disobeyed orders, nor in the slightest degree intended to disobey any orders of my superiors. and there is no record to show that I have disobeyed orders.

9 Regarding the finding that I kept the Taluk

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in confusion &c. I beg to explain that I was working true to my heart & completed almost all the budgetted works. As for the then remaining works I made all the necessary arrangements. In the meanwhile I had the misfortune of being thrown away from the Dept. It is out of place here to note that, if I were retained in the service not a single pie would have been lapsed & all the budgetted works would have been completed by the end of the official year.

10. Regarding finding 3 attacking the mistries & the overseer &c I beg to state that, in order to guard the interests of the Board I was over strict with the mistries in the execution of the works, namely, (1) I disallowed the excess measurements over the actuals submitted by the mistries; (2) with the sanction of the Sub Divl. officer & the Dt. Bd. Engineer I reduced the rates char=ged by the mistries for the works which would not reasonably deserve so much; (3) I got recovering works done by contractors with the sanction of the Sub Divl. officer & the Dt. Bd. Engineer without allowing the mistries to carry them out by departmentally by going earlier as usually (4) I issued strict orders Ex. X. to the mistries regarding their working system; (5) I withheld the exhorbitant rate for spreading materials at Rs 7½ per set of cooly against Rs 6 as charged by the mistries; (6) I did not pass the rolls for payment, for which incorrect measure=ments were submitted by the mistries. Further I had often to take them to task for their misconduct & had also occasion to report them to the highest authorities with the result that three of them were suspended & two dismissed. Hence the cul=prits all joined together to conspire against me & compass my ruin. To my greatest surprise they succeeded in prejudicing against me the minds

of my superiors (Sub. Divl. officers late & present),
who were also dissatisfied with me for the following
reasons:— I was urged by the Sub. Divl. officers
(late & present) that I should tacitly pass over the
irregularities of the mestries in para 10 supra.
I thought it would amount to defrauding the Board
if I connive at the mestries' evil practices and
pass unwittingly as advised by my superiors.
This conscientious discharge of duties on my part
perhaps caused a great dissatisfaction in the
minds of my superiors, which was enhanced by
my subsequent ~~refusement~~ refusal to do the following:—
(1) to pass the rolls of Road No. 31 for August, September
& November, & the first bill in favour of the contractor
Ramachandra Row for maintenance collections in
Road No. 64 for payment (2) to recommend the
reinstatement of the mestries aforesaid (3) to give
incorrect measurement of the famine materials
carted to the road side in Road No. 64 to tally with
the ~~amount~~ quantity as per account kept in the
offices as desired by the Sub. Divl. officer. (4) my
having reported officially both to him & the Engineer
that I collected from the mestri Narayanaswami Pillai
the sale amount of avenue trees remitting the amount
to the Dt. Board Engineer (5) my report to the Dt. Board
Engineer against the action of the Sub. Divl. officer
for his having relieved me of the ~~Road~~ charge of
Road No. 31 & kept it under his direct supervision
by obtaining from the mestri in ch. of the road a
report without asking my explanation as to the
contents therein. (6) my having allowed the contractor
only the actual lead for carting the materials from the
quarry to the workspot lessening the excess leads wrongly
provided in the sanctioned estimate & pointing out
the discrepancies in the sanctioned estimate for
correction. By all these I showed a savings to the Dt.
Board more than Rs 1000, which, if not pointed out,

would go into the pockets of the mestries & others
concerned. These are the main reasons which made
me to incur the displeasure of the Sub. Divisional
officers. The above is what the President means by
"attacking the mestries & the Sub. Divl. officers
without working well with them." There are records
in the office of the Dt. Board Engineer to prove the
above allegations. If my behaviour towards superiors
during the time of Ag. Dt. Board Engineer Mr. C. M. de
Rozario be found unsatisfactory he would not
have suspended & dismissed the mestries for
dishonesty & would not have hesitated to remove
me from service during his ~~term~~ tenure of
office.

11. The Ag. Dt. Board Engineer's unfavourable report against
me, two months after his relief, I can very boldly affirm,
is due to the gross misrepresentations of the present Sub.
Divl. officer a few days before the Ag. Dt. Board Engr's relief
that is, at the time when I submitted my humble appeal
to him that I was unjustly relieved from the charge
of Road No. 31 by the present Sub. Divl. officer, who received
from the mestri Arugamma Naidu of Road No. 31
whom I had reported for false measurement a report
stating that the present Sub. Divl. officer (instead of
me) should henceforward check measure his works
& pay the coolies.

12. The permanent Dt. Board Engineer ~~who~~ he was on
leave then. The next day of his rejoining his appointment
he was bitterly prejudiced by the present
Sub. Divl. officer who came specially from Dindigul
to Madura ~~for~~ a distance of 42 miles for the purpose.
The above facts may be very well proved by the records
which I submitted to the President from Palni, a list
of which has been submitted along with my
explanation (Copy herein enclosed)

13. On receipt of the Proceedings dated 20-3-99
communicated to me in his No. 2231 dated 24-3-99

I submitted a revision petition on 16-4-99. The President passed orders thereon in his no. 157/25-4-99 saying that most of the charges against me are struck off except that (1) I was only fighting with my superiors & mistries & (2) doing no useful work. Ex XI

14. With regard to the first I beg to state that I was strict with the mistries in exacting correct works from them to the interests of the Board & that I did not act according to the will & pleasure of the Sub. Divl. officers on the points noted in paras 10 & 11 supra. As regards the charge that I did no useful work I beg to submit that all the works entrusted to me were carried out without least objections by the Sub. Divl. officers and it is one of a trivial nature not based upon records.

15. I submitted an appeal to the honourable members of the Dt. Board on the order of the President in his no. 2231 dated 23-3-99, on which the President rejected my appeal without placing in the meeting stating that I have no appeal by right as I was appointed on probation. Ex XII

16. I beg to represent that my probationary period ceased by the 7th October last. If it was a fact that ~~my probation~~ I did not give satisfaction to my superiors & was quarrelling with the mistries I should have been asked to quit my office on the expiry of my probationary period, but there was no such order either from the Dt. Board Engineer or from the President Dt. Board. In the absence of any such order I was on the understanding that I was confirmed in the appointment & imprudently declined an offer of an L.F. Overseer's place in Coimbatore Dt. just about the close of my probationary period 7th October last. Further I beg to represent that article 67 of Local Fund Code speaks that all servants of a Dt. Board suspended or dismissed, shall have right of appeal to the Board without making any distinction between probationary & permanent servants & will not preclude the former from appealing against the orders of the President Dt. Board, who should have accepted my appeal to the Board

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& dealt with my case as if it were of permanent incumbent; whereas it was to my misfortune he rejected my appeal, for which there was no provision in the code. I beg to bring to your Excellency's merciful consideration whether I — an helpless & innocent subordinate — who has been working to the interests of the Board may be helplessly & uncharitably removed for no fault of mine but on the mere unfounded reports of my departmental officers who have pre-arranged to remove me with vindictive & malicious spirit, for I did not connive with & yield to their illicit way of swindling Dt. Bd. money, & whether there is no voice on such matters in your Excellency's impartial administration & whether I may be made to suffer such heinous treatment in the hands of the President, Dt. Bd. & others.

17. I beg to submit that the Dt. Board Engineer's reports are entirely based upon the misrepresentations of the Sub. Divl. officers not substantiated by any record. The President who is the chief controlling & appellate authority in the Dt. passed his orders No. 157 dated 25-4-99 — a very unjust, illegal & inconsiderate one — without going into the real merits of the case and without personally hearing me as per his promise in Chittoor & as per his order of 7th March last & as per batta camp, as per [illegible] of my progress in the [illegible] paper of my explanation of 12-3-99 & those subsequent to it.

18. If the whole matter were personally enquired into by the President at least with the records I submitted to him directly from Police, the real guilty parties would be brought to the front, to my honest acquittal of all charges brought against me & would certainly have stood in the graces of my superiors & subordinates who had certainly brought me to trouble had I only been less conscientious with regard to their corrupt ways. It is a case of corruption

versus honesty, the former occupying the upper hand & the latter going off unrecognized.

19. In reality I was working to the best of my conscience fearing the Almighty & to the interests of the Board fully believing that the President who has been putting down the long existing roggeries & ~~[illegible]~~ or irregularities of the Local Fund Engineering Dept. would not fail to appreciate my honesty, hard work and uprightness and would back me up against all difficulties as per his fair promise when I had an interview with him as soon as I joined my appointment, whereas it was to my misfortune & hard star that I was thought otherwise by the gross misrepresentations of my departmental officers & rendered an unpardonable injustice. By this I regret very much to say ~~that~~ honesty & hard work are not the real passports for success in this world."

20. It is quite astonishing that, while the mistries who were misappropriating the L.F. Board money to an enormous extent, remaining in an out of the way taluk for upwards of ten years by fudging the names of false coolies in the muster Rolls & thereby deceiving the L.F. Board, for which there are ample records, were let loose unquestioned & unharmed, I – an innocent, helpless subordinate – working honestly to raise up in life & to the interests of the Board should be dangerously ruined on the score of my having exposed their malpractices. Is it justifiable on the part of the President to refuse very obstinately to enquire into the state of things by personal interview while there is a Govt. order to that effect.

21. The Sub-Divl. officers acted everything against me with vindictive spirit & they could not resolve the mistries unless they cast a shadow on my character & do away with my services suppressing all the records & the statements

given by the mistries before the Ag. L.F. Board Engineer in December last, which speak much against them.

22. I worked most conscientiously as per earnest advice of Mr. J. G. D. Partridge who was found punishing overseers & Sub-overseers that were playing unfair practices conniving with the mistries & who promised all hopes & encouragement and success if I worked very hard & do not give room to any illegitimate earnings. Fully believing his words I pointed out the irregularities & ~~[illegible]~~ roggeries played by the mistries, put down the false measurement & illicit swindlings to a greatest degree, lessened the excess leads wrongly sanctioned in the estimates & allowed the contractors only the actual lead for carting materials from the quarry to the workspot and pointed out discrepancies in the sanctioned estimates, by which I showed a savings to the L.F. Board more than Rs 1000 which would go into the pockets of the mistries & others concerned.

23. The President having been highly prejudiced by the misrepresentations of the Engineers at the instance of the Sub-Divl. officers, had to my misfortune, not the grace to consider my case favorably by a personal hearing as per my repeated prayers so that it would have been enabled him to thoroughly justify my conduct throughout, to disprove all the charges indicted against me and to convince himself that the mistries should really be brought to stake as all the mischief done by them was hushed up under the strict patronage of the Sub-Divl. officers; but, to my extreme misfortune, the President obstinately declined to grant my ~~[illegible]~~ repeated solicitations notwithstanding. In this connection I beg to point out that the Sub. Overseer in charge of Dindigul Taluk who is a man of my position and stamp, though committed more serious offence

such as giving false accounts & misappropriating Dt. Board money was let off without any punishment, but with a warning; while in my case, for supposed indefinite charges orders fatal to me had been passed. This is given for the information of your Excellency to form an idea of the punishment awarded according to the gravity of the offence committed.

24. Granting that I am a servant on probation the punishment given to me grossly exceed any reasonable limit imaginable even under the worst presentable circumstances. I do not know whether Govt. has prerogative power to reverse such ruinous orders sacrificing my meals so uncharitably; but your Excellency the Governor who has got supreme power over all & who will not suffer to see his subjects ruined for no fault by wanton mischievous of the Local Authorities cannot fail to see that it would be a blot on his justice to allow it to stand as I did not commit any gross mistake worthy to lose my appointment & suffer this hard fate.

26. If the President had not prejudiced against me he would have allowed me a personal interview, heard my grievances and rendered all justice but would not have refused to allow me to go through the records I sent from Palni in support of my defence. Further he would not have refused to hold a full enquiry in person into all the allegations detailed in the schedule that accompanied my explanation & review petition dated respectively 13-3-99 & 14-4-99.

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27. For the above reasons I beg to stand bold before your Excellency — the high esteemed & impartial Administrator of Justice — to claim what is due to me in calm & patient consideration of this somewhat a lengthy affair with all the records — a list of which is herein enclosed — and solicit reinstatement in my appointment with retrospective effect & thus take the boon of admitting a friendless boy on your Excellency's foundation.

I beg to remain
Your Excellency.
Your Excellency's most obedt. Servt.
V. V. Selvr

Late L. F. Sub. Overseer
Palni Taluk, Madura Dt.

Trichinopoly }
1st July/99 }

P. 5/7/99

Memo

R.C. 1725
15. 2. 99

Subraya Iyer Sub. Overseer Palni is hereby informed that his services are no longer required by this Department and he is ordered to hand over charge at once to Subba Venkatramier, Sub. Overseer South Dindigal.

Forwarded to Subraya Iyer thro. Mr. Woolridge, Sub. Divl. officer Dindigal.

(Signed) W. E. Underwood
13 - 2 - 99
Dt. Board Engineer.

No. R.C. 864
17 - 2 - 99

Forwarded.

(Signed) A. Woolridge
Sub. Divl. officer

Through L.F. Sub. Overseer Dindigal.

No. 610
18 - 2 - 99

Forwarded to L.F. Overseer Palni.

(Signed) Subba Venkatramier
L.F. Sub. Overseer
18 - 2 - 99

Ex. II

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
3 JUL 1899
LOCAL & MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENT

Dt. Board Office, Madura.

From,
J. G. D. Partridge Esqr.
President, Dt. Board, Madura.

To,
V. V. [illegible]
Sub. Overseer
Palni.

Dated 27. Feb./99
R.C. No. 250 of 98.

The President, Dt. Board, has on the receipt of the Dt. Board Engineer's, suspended you from office. You are directed to hand over the papers tools &c. at once to Sub. Overseer Subba Venkatarama. You will be allowed to see the records in this office before final orders are passed on the Engineer's report.

If you wish to see them you must come to Madura within a week from this date.

(Sd) E. Sreenivasachar
For President.

(True copy)

Proceedings of the President, Dt. Board Madura dated 7th March 1899

In his letter no. 1725/15-2-99 the Dt. Board Engineer reports he has dismissed the Sub. Overseer Subbrayer Iyr of Palni Taluk for various reasons. The Sub. Overseer was appointed on probation & joined his duties on the 7th July/98.

1. He has not yet furnished the security of Rs 450 though it was repeatedly demanded. In consequence of this the coolies in the Taluk could not be paid by him, as he could not have an imprest under the rules. He states in his letter of the 15th November that, if the Overseer had come on the 11th November to Palni as requested the Overseer could have paid the coolies & bills then due as the rolls were ready. The ag. Dt. Board Engineer, however, said that on the 25th November these rolls were not ready; so the Sub. Overseer's letter of complaint as regards this payment is untrue and he has himself delayed the payment of bills.

2. The Sub. Overseer says he paid the bills for Road no. 41 amounting Rs 13-4-3 in full & the Engineer reports that, if he did so, he overpaid the contractor about Rs 1-11-9. The contractor says that Rs 2 was deducted from the bill & a pencil correction made. The amount is small; but the Sub. Overseer should not have overpaid the contractor

3. The Diaries of the Sub. Assessor for several months showed that he could not get on with the spreading works, which was then urgent & that he was having dispute with all the Mestries & some contractors. In consequence of ~~which~~ this, the roads have been getting bad & the Assessor's remarks as well as those of the Dt. Board Engineer show that the Sub. Assessor was much to blame.

4. The Dt. Board Engineer's inspection notes of the office show that the current Register, the stamp account & the order book ~~of~~ to the Mestries &c. have not been properly kept & the work register not written at all.

5. He has not sent one of the 31 applications for sale of avenue trees to Engineer for sanction; but has sold always without orders. Three Treasury Receipts were not sent up also & this is irregular as accounts of the Engineer cannot be correctly written in consequence.

6. He ought to have kept a pony or bandy & the Mestries complain they were forced to supply him with carts. He cannot do his work without a pony or cart & has delayed for about seven (7) months to buy one.

7. Instead of employing the Local Fund writer the Sub. Assessor has kept all the records at his house, employing a private clerk. Pending records were discovered by the Engineer in his private box instead of in his office.

8. The above facts have proved that the Sub. Assessor is unfit for his position & the Dt. Board Engineer dismissed him as he was on probation. A notice has been sent to the Sub. Assessor to hand over charge at once & to appear before me within one week of that date to make any explanation he wishes before I pass final orders.

(Signed) J. G. D. Partridge
President
7.3-99

R.C. No. 250 Ptn. of 98
7.3-99

(True Copy)

Communicated to Subraya Iyer Sub. Assessor Palni for information & guidance.

(Sd) E. Sreenivasa Chariar
Vice President
For President.

Ex IV

4/1900

To,
The President,
Dt. Board, Madura.

Most honored Sir,

With reference to your honor's Proceedings R.C. No. 250/7.3.99 I most respectfully beg to submit the following explanation.

Para 1 of the Proceedings.

I beg to submit that I was allowed with my usual imprest of Rs 300 till the end of September last & made payments to the coolies regularly without arrears. It was afterwards withdrawn seemingly on the recommendation of the Sub. Divl. officer Ramasami Iyer.

2. On the receipt of the order from the Dt. Board Engineer to furnish the security of 450 I reported I would deposit Rs 150 (the amount deposited by me in Salem Dt) and requested to withhold from my pay Rs 10 every month to make up the total amount of Rs 450. I made arrangements to get the amount in the Salem Savings banks transferred to this dist which was reported to the Sub. Divl. officer in my No. 608/5-1-99 & the matter was not brought to a final order & disposal by the Engineer even up to 12-2-99.

2. With regard to the ~~del~~ delay of payments I beg to represent that all the

for August & September were made ready to the Sub. Divl. officer's payment by the 10th October. When he was at Palakanooth on the 9th, 10th & 11th October last he paid the coolies of Road No. 44, 32 B & Virupatchi Ghaut Road. On the 12th Idem I requested him to come to Chattrapatti which is the centre place in Palni Taluk to pay off the coolies of other roads for August & September last; but he was not pleased to come there that day & up to 24th November following.

The Sub. Divisional officer's statement in para 4 of his No. $\frac{567}{9-11-98}$ on my report No. $\frac{621}{5-11-98}$ that the rolls of October might be checked in the very same month is quite absurd as the maistries were in the habit of sending them to the Overseers within the 5th of next month — November — the latest as per circular. On the receipt of which the Overseers would take the rolls with them to the different roads for their check-measurement.

As per Sub. Divl. officer's No. $\frac{567}{5-11-98}$ had the rolls of August & September for all the roads except Road No. 31 in full & some the rolls for October ready & submitted to the Sub. Divl. officer in my No. $\frac{628}{9-11-98}$ ordered in his No. $\frac{567}{6-11-98}$ Keeping the measurement sheets with me for entering measurements in the measurement book. Vide Para 1 of my report No. $\frac{674}{25-11-98}$.

Regarding the rolls for Road No. 31 the maistries gave me false measurements for picking and refused to give me correct measurements even after the stringent orders of the Sub. Divl. officer until the 25th November last; on which date I was ordered to disallow the amount for picking & pass the other items, which was at once obeyed & the rolls were paid at Chattrapatti vide Paras 5 & 6 of my report No. $\frac{674}{25-11-98}$.

As regards the blame I was taxed of delay in payments of rolls I beg to convince your honor that it entirely devolves on the Sub. Divl. officer and I am not in the least to blame for the following reasons. As was represented above all the rolls were sent on 9-11-98 to the Sub. Divl. officer for payment. He kept them with him with vain excuse that the measurement sheets were not attached to the rolls even though it was said distinctly in my report that they would be sent later on. Part III of the nominal rolls represents the abstract of the detailed measurement of work recorded with separate sheet referred to by Sub. Divl. officer. If the value of work turned out & shown in Part [illegible] tallies with the wages earned by the coolies vide (Part I of the rolls) the Sub. Divl. officer can make payments on the sole responsibility of the Overseer who has check measured the works & certified to that effect in Part III. Such being the case I fail

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why the Sub. Divl. officer who had the rolls on 10-11-98 should not have come & paid the coolies earlier as programmed by him in his no. $\frac{567}{3-11-98}$ if he had the real intention of clearing off the arrears complained of by him.

While the measurements in question and seven unpaid rolls were also submitted to the Sub. Divl. officer. ~~&~~ in my no. $\frac{675}{25-11-98}$ which has been filed in Bundle No. 6 accompanied Engineer's report. I see no reason why the Sub. Divl. officer reported that the rolls were not ready on the 25th November last vide Para 3 of his R.C. No. $\frac{4\ KPDl}{12-12-98}$ & pronounce me to be a great liar & desperate villain. And how the ag. Dt. Board Engineer seconded his remarks. While all these affairs were finally settled by the end of November last his motive in recording the above bad remark on 12-12-98 should be noted by your honor.

Para 2 of the Proceedings.

I beg to report that the mastries were in the habit of giving false measurements when I check measured the works on Road No. 41 under reference I saw certain discrepancies in the measurements given by the mastries. Such measurements were marked by me in the measurement sheets. As soon as I went to my camp at Thoppambatti I calculated my measurements & found

the amount charged by the mastri to be in excess by about ,,-7-9 & not Rs 1-11-9. On informing the mastri that the excess amount should be deducted from the bill he represented to me that his measurements were correct & proved them by taking me to the workspot. Having been satisfied with his explanation I paid the rolls in full & beg to state that I did not make any overpayments as reported by the Engineer. It is true that I made pencil entries and after satisfying myself the correctness of the mastry's measurements I paid the coolies fully rubbing out the pencil figures. I beg to say that I did this with bona-fide intention.

The mastri complained only on 11-10-98 against me on the matter which occurred on 15-7-98 after I submitted my report noticing therein his false procedure in conniving with the maintenance contractor Ramachandra Row in gravel collections. If it was a fact that I deducted Rs 2 from the bill during payment on 15-7-98 he should have reported the matter at once. His motive for having been silent at such a length of time should also be noted.

Para 3 of the Proceedings

I beg to report that full recoating works were provided in the sanctioned estimate for Roads Nos. 40. 41 44 & 45 I was afraid that the spreading works would not be completed by the end of the monsoon. unless large number of gang coolies were employed by advancing them as the cultivating & spreading season fell simultaneously.

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I thereupon reported in September last both to the Dt. Board Engineer & the Sub-Divisional officer to carry-out the spreading works by contract as was ordered for Road No. 31 in Dindigul Taluk. My proposal was accordingly sanctioned & the works of Roads Nos. 40. 41 & 44 were let on contract. The works were finished excepting the spreading works in three miles & furlongs; for which lead for carting the material from the quarry to the work site was not provided in the sanctioned estimate and necessary steps were taken by me to cart the material. ~~from~~ to the Road side ~~to to~~ from the quarry. I beg to represent that no delay was caused by me in completing the

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must be attended to by my clerk; who was instructed by me then & there on the subject. The fault for not keeping them properly is my clerks & not mine.

With regard to the order-books of the maistri I would write out instructions on the work site if the maistries produce them at the time of my inspection. Some maistries would attend my inspection with the books & some would not I would not fail to write out necessary orders in the books if produced on the work site during inspections.