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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 16th June 1857.

Read the following papers.

No. 79. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 11th February 1857, No. 10216.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Vunnarpettah 4th February 1857.

SIR,

With reference to the appointments of the subordinate establishment in the D. P. W., contained in the Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette, of the 28th Ultimo. I have the honor to inform you, that the names of the three Ordnance Artificers at present employed in this District as Probationary Overseers, viz. Messrs. J. Simpercein Barnett and Smith, are not included in any of the lists, and to request that you will be good enough to inform me under what denomination they are to be employed, and from what source they are to draw their pay for the future, and whether rule No. 3 regarding pay refers to Ordnance Artificers or not.

2. With regard to Runganada Moodely and Vyapoory Moodely, who are appointed Sub Overseers of the 1st Class, on a salary of Rupees 50 per mensem, I have the honor to inform you, that the former who is the Maistry of Nelliumbalum Talook, has been ill with dropsy for the last two months, and does not seem to be improving, and, that the latter, the Maistry of Streevigoontum Talook, has been suspended from his Maistry's appointment for six months by the Collector, owing to a strong suspicion against him, of having measured the work performed in the Keelpadagy Channel in the Cusbah of the Streevigoontum Talook, far in excess of the work actually performed, with a fraudulent intent, I am endeavouring to sift the matter still further, but I fear my investigation will only land him still further in the mire, and confirm my worst apprehensions regarding his honesty. As these men are still the Collectors servants, you will doubtless hear from him regarding their appointments, but I thought it prudent while writing on the subject, to point out what little aid I can expect from the two Overseers appointed, for they are both old men and not fit for any appointment where much activity of mind or body is required, and the former is at present totally incapacitated by his unfortunate malady, while the latter it appears is not fit to be placed in a post of responsibility.

3. No reply has yet been sent to the Extract from your Proceedings No. 9405, of the 10th January, owing to the investigation regarding the fraudulent conduct of the Maistry in question not having yet been completed.

4. Mr. Murray is appointed a 1st Class Sub Overseer on 40 Rupees per mensem, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me who Mr. Murray is, and when he is likely to be sent down to Tinnevelly, for he is not employed in this District at present as stated in the Gazette.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter for submission to Government and to point out, that the Sub Overseer Mr. Murray alluded to by Lieutenant Oakes in the last para., has erroneously been entered as employed in the Tinnevelly District, whereas he is at present and it is intended that he should remain at North Arcot.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle,
in charge of the Central Office of P. W.

No. 80. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th February 1857, No. 10253.

Read the following letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, District Engineer Coimbatore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Coimbatore, 5th January 1857, No. 8.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the omission of my name and office from the Supplement to the Gazette under date 25th January, containing the new D. P. W., as the enume-

ration of the first class districts contains only 9, whereas 10 is stated to be the fixed number. I trust that it will be found to be omitted from that list by a mistake.

2. I take the opportunity of bringing to your notice also, that Assistant Overseer Wright, of the Sappers and Miners, who has been in this Division since 1st April 1856, and has been employed in the Bowany executive range, has also been entirely omitted. I take the liberty of recommending him as a deserving young man to be located in the grade of Assistant Overseers at 70 Rupees Staff Pay.

3. I would also bring to notice, that private Harrold and Serjeant Kelly, classed as 1st class Sub Overseers, the former to Malabar, the latter to Coimbatore, cannot be permanently appointed to the D. P. W., they belonging to Her Majesty's 84th Regiment, and were only permitted to remain in the Department after the Regiment left the Presidency, as a special case and temporary measure, they are liable at any moment to be called to rejoin their Regiment. I once before being anxious to retain the services of Serjeant Kelly, referred the question to the Adjutant General of H. M. Forces, as to whether it would be lawful to make an application for his appointment to the department, and was informed by him after reference to the Commander in Chief in India, that it would not be permitted, unless therefore there has been any change of orders on this subject. I would respectfully suggest, whether these men had better not be paid out of estimates as formerly.

4. And in the case of a vacancy being thus made in the Coimbatore numbers of Sub Overseers, I venture to recommend the appointment of Mr. Webb, now employed on the Trunk road No. 5, and paid out of the estimate, a very promising Overseer.

5. Appasawmy Pillay, an old servant of Government standing high up in the list of Sub Overseers of the 1st Class stands appointed to Malabar, a district which he has quite lately resigned, on account of his health suffering from that peculiar climate, he makes earnest appeal to be transferred to this District of Coimbatore, and if the Coimbatore numbers of that grade permit, I would back his application the Chief Engineer is personally acquainted with the capacity of this individual, who was formerly Maramut Superintendent in Tinnevelly.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter to Government, and to request orders regarding private Harrold, and Serjeant Kelly both of H. M. 84th Regt., whom it would appear are at any moment liable to be ordered to rejoin their Regiment.

2. The permanent transfer of 1st Class Sub Overseer Appasawmy Pillay to Coimbatore, will be carried out under the sanction of para. 6 of rules prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer, promulgated with Extract Minutes Consultation P. W. D. No. 989, of the 17th June 1856, but the special sanction of Government is required, and is now solicited, for Mr. Webb to be nominated a Sub Overseer of the 1st Class should it be decided that private Harrold, and Serjeant Kelly, cannot be retained on the permanent strength of the Subordinate establishment for the D. P. W.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle,
in charge of the Central Office of P. W.

No. 81. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 13th February 1857, No. 10255.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Kaukurlah, 4th February 1857, No. 915.

SIR,

With reference to the permanent Establishment sanctioned for the D. P. W. in the Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 28th January, I have the honor to submit the

following remarks with reference to several omissions in the Subordinate grades of the Cuddapah District.

Corporal Taylor 2nd E. L. I. appointed to this District in Extract No. 2205 from Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th November 1856, is not placed in the new Department.

In the list of 32 Sub Overseers 1st Class above five years standing, are included two Maistries belonging to this District namely Ramasawmy Moodelly and Parthasarady. The former, I dismissed from the 1st January last for utter inefficiency I took this step from personal knowledge of the individual, and at the earnest request of the Sub Collector, and of Captain Meyer assistant Engineer in charge of North Cuddapah.

Parthasarady is a young inexperienced Maistry under four years service, and whilst he is made Sub Overseer of the 1st Class, Moonesawmy and Mootoosawmy two good Maistries above 7 years service in the District are omitted altogether: I therefore take the liberty of suggesting that these two individuals should be promoted to Sub Overseers of the 1st Class above 5 years standing, and that Parthasarady should be a second Class Overseer on a salary of 25 Rupees per mensem which is his proper place in the Department.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter for submission to Government, with the recommendation of the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle, that the alterations in the rank in the D. P. W. of the Maistries therein specified may be sanctioned. In his Memo. of yesterday, the Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle explained the error by which it was made to appear, that Corporal Taylor's name had been omitted.

(Signed) C. C. JOHNSTON, Captain,
Acting Superintending Engineer Northern Circle,
in charge of the Central Office of P. W.

No. 82. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 31st March 1857, No. 11421.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Vunnurpettah 19th March 1857, No. 28.

SIR,

In reply to the Extract from your Proceedings No. 10484, dated 26th Ultimo I have the honor to enclose a copy of the Correspondence on the subject of the Excavations in the bed of the Keelpadagay Channel, and also a copy of the decision passed by the Collector on perusing the proceedings of the trial of Vyapoory Moodelly the late Maistry of Streevygoontum Talook on a charge of attempting to defraud Government by incorrectly measuring the amount of work, done in the Keelpadagay Channel in 1856.

2. The trial was conducted by the Naib Sheristadar, and though no postive evidence was brought forward during the trial to prove that a fraud had been committed by the Maistry, the suspicion that he had committed a fraud, was so strong, that the Collector suspended him for six months.

3. As the order for the suspension of the Maistry, was dated 23rd December 1856, and as when his appointment appeared in the supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette, the matter had not been investigated by me. I mentioned in para. 2 of my letter No 9. of the 4th Ultimo, that I was attempting to sift the matter, and as I am of opinion that there are very strong grounds for suspicion against the Maistry, I have not informed him of his appointment, for, to say the least of it his carelessness deserves punisnment, and I see no reason for counteracting the decision passed by the Collector that he should be suspended for six months. As the case is now brought before you I have the honor to request your orders on the subject.

4. I regret to announce the death of Runganada Moodelly late Maramut maistry of the Nelliumbalum Talook, who was appointed a first Class Sub Overseer in the Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 29th January on the 15th Instant of dropsy.

5. As by the decease of Runganada Moodelly, a vacancy occurs among the 32 Sub Overseers, of the first Class, I would beg to recommend Ordnance Artificer Barnett, to fill that vacancy temporarily, until a vacancy may occur among the 116 Assistant Overseers of the Upper Subordinate Establishment, when I trust he may be placed in that grade, with the three Artificers in Madura, who are contemporaries of his, and who are not in any way better qualified for the appointment, than he is, I beg also that you will be good enough to keep Messrs. Simpercein and Smith's qualifications, in your favorable remembrance.

Resolved, to forward copy of the foregoing letter, for the information of Government and to recommend that Ordnance Artificer T. Barnett (whose name together with those of Artificers Smith and Simpercein were unfortunately omitted in the List published with the Notification of the 30th January 1857,) be appointed in G. O. G. Sub Overseer of the second grade, 1st Class, vice Runganada Moodelly whose death it will be seen is reported by the District Engineer to have occurred on the 15th instant.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 83. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 27th April 1857, No. 12137.

Read the following letter from Lieutenant C. SCOTT, District Engineer; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Madura, 6th April 1857, No. 179.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Extract of Proceedings No. 11498 of the 2nd Instant, and in reply to inform you, that truth compels me to state as my reason for not giving a separate executive charge to Supervisor F. Mason the general want of zeal in the performance of his duty displayed by that person since I have been in charge of District and which whether resulting from carelessness, or from a constitutional want of energy, induces me to consider him, far from the fittest man among the subordinates of the District, for an independent charge.

I shall therefore await your answer before submitting the revised distribution list, trusting however that if you determine that Mr. Mason shall have charge of an Executive Sub-division, your indulgent treatment will have the effect of arousing him to a more energetic and zealous line of conduct, than he has hitherto pursued.

Resolved, to forward to Government for information copy of the foregoing letter No. 179, dated 6th April 1857 from the District Engineeer of Madura, reporting on the qualifications of Supervisor Mason, with reference to the distribution of the D. P. W. among the several Executive agencies, into which it is proposed to divide the District, and to recommend that Mr. Mason's name be placed in the grade next below his present rank, viz. that of an Assistant Supervisor by a G. O. G.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 84. Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer; dated 26th May 1857, No. 667.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation.

(Here enter 9th May 1857, No. 892.)

1. Resolved, to recommend to Government, that Mr. J. Simpercein, Sub Overseer 1st class 2nd grade, be promoted to the grade of Assistant Overseer, vice 2nd Corporal W. Brown, whose resignation was accepted in Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 892, dated 9th May 1857.

2. The names of Messrs. J. Simpercein, J. Barnett, and M. Smith, employed in the Tinnivelly District, were omitted from the list of the Public Works Department, published in the supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 27th January last, and though vacancies which subsequently occurred, admitted of their names being entered in the list of Sub Overseers 1st class 2nd grade; they are deserving of being classed among the Assistant Overseer's, and to which grade it is hoped, they will be promoted, as vacancies occur.

3. Resolved also, to recommend, that Major C. E. Walker, 30th Native Infantry, Superintending Assistant Executive Engineer, be brought on the strength of the Department as an Assistant Executive Engineer, vice Lieutenant Dangerfield 1st Madras Fusilier's, removed from the Department in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 863, dated 5th May 1857.

(Signed) C. E. FABER, Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 85. ORDER THEREON, No. 1146; dated 13th June 1857.

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes, that the errors, omissions, and alterations brought to notice in the above papers, have been rectified, supplied or adopted in the revised list of the establishment of the Public Works Department submitted by the Chief Engineer with his letter of 22nd April No. 11981; and His Lordship in Council does not therefore see that any further orders are called for in this matter. He has only to direct that the list thus revised, be published in the Official Gazette; and that the Chief Engineer be informed with reference to the alterations to the rules suggested in his letter of 22nd April, that the subject will be taken into consideration on receipt of a reply from the Government of India to the Telegraphic Message alluded to in Extract Minutes of Consultation of the 10th Instant No. 1117. The Government do not think it necessary to republish the rules with the revised list of the establishment.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 83 Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works Fort St. Geo.

Under date the 27 April 1857

Read the following letter

№ 179.

From

Lieut. C. Scott

1st Engineer

To

Colonel C. E. Faber

Chief Engr. F.S.G.

dated Madras 6 April 1857

No. 179.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Lr. of Proc. No. 11498 of the 2d instant, and in reply to inform you, that truth compels me to state as my reason for not giving a separate Executive Charge to Supervisor T. Mason — the general want of zeal in the performance of his duty displayed by that person since I have been in charge of the district and which whether resulting from Carelessness or from a Constitutional want of energy, induces me to consider him far from the fittest man among the subordinates of the district, for such independant Charge.

I shall therefore await your answer before submitting the revised distribution list, trusting however that if you determine that Mr. Mason shall have charge of an Executive Sub. division, your immediate treatment will have the effect of arousing him to a more energetic and zealous line of conduct than he has hitherto pursued.

Madras 2d Sept.
Chas. E. Trevelyan
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Resolved to forward to Govt. for information Copy of the foregoing letter No 179, dated 6th April '57 from the District Engineer of Madura, reporting on the qualifications of Supervisor Mason, with reference to the distribution of the P.W.D. among the several Executive Agencies, into which it is proposed to divide the district, and to recommend that Mr. Mason's name be placed in the grade next below his present rank, viz that of an Assistant Superintendent of Works.

To Madras
Secy to Govt
Public Works Dept
Chief Engr
Colonel
Chief Engr

Encl: 27th Letter 57. No 144.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
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No 859

Extract from the Board.
Engr of the Chief Engineer

To,

The Secretary to.
Govt Public Works.

Dated 27th April 57.
Received 28th " "

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Forwards for information
Copy of letter from the District
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No. 84 Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works

Under date the 26th May 1857.

No. 667.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation:—

[Here Enter 9th May 1857. No. 892.]

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Public Works Department
Dated 16th June 1857
No. 1144

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer for Public Works Department

To the Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Dated 20th May 1857
Rec'd 27th May 1857
No. 1146. to Fort St. George

Recommending Mr. Simpsericus to be Assistant Overseer 2nd Class 2nd Grade vice Mr. Brown resigned.

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Chief Colonel
Chief Engineer

Sd. Sup. Engr. N.C.

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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No. 1624 J (7) a

To
Lieutenant R. F. Oakes
District Engineer Tinnevelly

Sir,

Having received Complaints that frauds were Committed in the execution of the Work performed to the Rettapadagay Channel in the Cusbah of the Sherrygoontum Talook on a District Ordinary Estimate of Rupees 191-6- of the Current year, I directed the Maramit Superintendent to examine the Work, and report the result to me.

2 The Superintendent in his letter addressed to me in reply, reported that the result of his measurements taken on the bund gave Rupees 50-6-; while the details of the measurements taken by the Talook Maistry, along the bed of the Channel, shew the value of Work executed at Rupees 191-6-; the full amount of the Estimate.

3 The difference, between the two Amounts above set down, having been Considerable, I felt extremely doubtful of the accuracy of the Talook Maistry's measurements, and made an Enquiry into the Case, and the result having left in my mind a strong Suspicion against the Maistry, I have Suspended him for a period of Six months, and appointed Rylasum Pillay, who holds a Certificate from Major Horsley to act for him during the above period.

4 Under these Circumstances, I request you will be

be good enough to direct Lieutt Hasted, who I understand is now in the Shreeryoontum Talook to reexamine the Works in question and to State his Opinion of the actual Amount of Work performed.

5 The lists of measurements made by the Talook Maistry, and the Maramut Superintendent, are herewith forwarded for your information.

I have &c.

Tinnevelly
29th December 1856

(Signed) J. Silver
Collector

No 62

To

The Collector of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your letter No 1624 of the 29th December last and in compliance with the request contained in para 4, I have the honor to inform you that your letter and its enclosures were forwarded to Lieutt Hasted for his Report after inspection of the Reelaytadagay Channel and his reply is herewith forwarded. Lieutt Hasted, you will perceive, has not been able to do more than confirm the Statement made by the Maramut Superintendent regarding the probable inaccuracy of the Talook measurements and Concludes by saying "It is my opinion that the Work has been most imperfectly carried out. In my List of Examinations I shall insert the Amount measured by the Maramut Superintendent as it appears to me to be nearer the truth than that allowed by the Talook Maistry". It was hardly to be expected that Lieutt Hasted would be able after a lapse of 6 months to give more accurate information regarding the quantity of Earth excavated than the Maramut Superintendent gave on

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2 As the Character and position of a man who has served the Government for nearly 20 years is at Stake and his reputation depends, in a measure, on the view I take of his conduct on this occasion, I wished, if possible, to get further information on the Subject before Coming to a final conclusion and in a Petition which I received from Certain Pulahs in the Shreeryoontum Talook which was in favor of the Maistry the Petitioners inform me that the Maistry rejected altogether the accounts kept by the Village Canakken and Maniem Monigar Countersigned by the Tahsildar of the Works performed from the 10th to the 26th May and had only taken into Consideration the number of Workmen employed from the 27th May to the 19th June when the work was supposed to be completed and they requested that one anna each might be given to the workmen who were employed between the latter dates the accounts of which were kept by the Cirkar Ammilar Canakken and Countersigned by the Tahsildar with a state or a Mamps. the number of men said to be employed is 3.482 who at the rate of 4 Cyds a day which would be by no means a hard day's work in removing Silt and Sand from a Channels bed and at the rate allowed in the Estimate of 3 per per Cyd. would bring the Amount due to the Pulahs to Rupees 243-14- or 22 p. above the Amount of the Estimate and of 5.274 the number of men who are said to have been employed from the 10th May to 19th June actually were employed and the full Amount of the Estimate had actually been executed each man would only have excavated 2⅓ Cyds per day or a very bad day's work.

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that the advances were not made till the 6th June and the work was supposed to be examined on the 20th and on that day water was admitted into the Channel also that according to the Jahsildars Ryadash the work was commenced on the 10th May, the Maistry says it was commenced on the 14th while the Maramut Joomastah asserts that no work was done up to the 6th June but he has no means of proving his assertion; also that the number Canakeen appointed by the Jahsildar to keep the Accounts sent in his first account on the 27th May, again the Maistry is said to have measured 3 Tanks on the 20th and to have returned to the Cutcherry in the evening it should therefore be ascertained at what time he is supposed to have measured the Channel, again the Maistry on being asked for his Diary said that he had sent one into the Hoozoor Cutcherry for two months and when written to on the Subject he asserted that he did not keep Copies of his Diaries and on application being made to the Hoozoor Cutcherry an answer was returned that after Searching 2 or 3 times for the Documents in question it was not to be found and probably had never been sent in. It should therefore be ascertained what the Pulahs mean by saying that the Accounts from the 10th to the 26th May were rejected and only those from the 27th of May to the 19th June taken into Consideration by the Maistry, for in making up his Accounts he should have done so from the measurements taken in the Channel only and not from the number of men employed and also whether there is any truth in the Statements made in the Maramuts Superintendents Arzee.

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4 Should all the above Statements prove to be true, this Letter evident that a fraud has been Committed and I fear they will prove to be so for as is usual when a fraud is Committed there is one point in which the delinquents usually over reaches himself in endeavouring to over reach others and this the Maistry appears to have done for in his measurements of the Channel he has put down the work executed in Conformity with the provision made in the Estimate for each tank while it is highly improbable nay almost impossible that a Channel should require excavations in every tank according to the measurements laid down in the Estimates, for the Estimates for Clearing Channels are necessarily of the roughest description in as much as they are made when water is still flowing down the Channel and while the silt and Sand is constantly shifting and the depths to be excavated as laid down in the Estimate never tally with those of the work executed.

5 I Consider this proof a very strong one indeed against the Maistry but I cannot but think that the Jahsildar is also, in a great measure, to blame for the Channel passing through the Cusbah and he should have satisfied himself that the work was properly executed before letting water into the Channel and he should be required to state how it happened that the advance was not made for the work till the 16th for it is not usual for Pulahs to work before receiving an advance. Moreover he should be answerable for the accuracy of the Accounts to which he attached his Countersignature, for he appears to have Countersigned Accounts of workmen employed which the Maistry even is said to have rejected.

6 I have now done all in my power to assist you in coming to a Conclusion regarding the work in question and should you after carefully investigating the Statements referred to in this Letter find that a fraud has been Committed, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me

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of the Circumstance as Vijayavoy Moodelly has been appointed a Sub Conductor in the permanent Establishment Sanctioned for the P. W. D. of this District and ales to enter the Amount of the Measurements taken by the Marine Superintendent in the Bill for Clearing the Kulapadagay Channel.

I have &c.

(Signed) R. F. Oakes Lieut.
Acting District Engineer
Tinnevelly

Vannarpettah
10th February 1857

To

No 4

Lieutenant R. F. Oakes
Actg District Engr of Tinnevelly

Sir,

With reference to your Letter No 14 dated January 16th forwarding Letter from the Collector and Inclosures on the Subject of the Kulapadagay Channel in this Talook I have the honor to report I inspected that work this morning but was unable to determine from actual measurement the Amount of of work executed.

2 This I feel sure you will not be surprised at the work was executed last June and water has ever since been passing down the Channel some times in large quantities as there have been during that time two or three freshes in the river so that the Amount of work executed cannot possibly be determined from any measurement of the Channel bed.

3 Had the earth taken from the Channel been formed into a bund at a distance of some feet from the edge of the Channel as it ought to have been some Estimate of the Amount of work might be made from the measurement of that bund. though that

Estimate would probably be incorrect as during the last 6 months some heavy rain has fallen and the Earth would of course have been trampled down by Passengers, Cattle &c.

4 As the earth that was taken from the Channel was not properly disposed of there was no way by which I could find out the Amount of Excavation - In some places there was actually no trace of a bund while where there was a irregular heap of earth on the brink of the Channel from the growth of grass and weeds it was impossible to say whether it had been there for 6 months or the same number of years.

5 Under these Circumstances it is extremely difficult for me to decide which of the former measurements are correct - Earth may have been taken from the Channel to some Amount, but what has been done with it, in those places where there is no bund cannot be shown and I believe the native workmen are not in the habit of conveying it to any great distances or of concealing any part of it.

6 I regret that I cannot give the accurate information desired by the Collector, but having explained to you the State in which I found the Channel, I can only say, it is my opinion, that the work has been most imperfectly carried out In my best of Examination I shall insert the Amount measured by the Marine Superintendent as it appears to me to be nearer the truth than that allowed by the Talook Maistry.

I have &c.

(Signed) J. O Hazard Lieut.
2nd Asst Civil Engineer
Tinnevelly Dt

Poodoogoody
2nd January 1857
Dep 22nd Dt

No 59

To

Lieutenant P. F. Oakes
Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th Instant, requesting me to furnish the information required by you on the several points therein mentioned relative to the work performed to the Veelapadagay Channel in the Sheroygoontum Talook, and to inform you in reference to the first part of Para 3 of your letter that from the Deposition given by the Talook Maistry at the Roygoor it appears that he measured the work on the morning of the 17th and 20th June last. There is no other Document on the record to shew at what time he measured the Channel.

2 As regards the latter part of Para 3 in which you state that it should be ascertained what the Pullahs mean by saying that the Accounts from 10th to 26th May were rejected and only those from 27th May to 19th June taken into consideration, I beg to observe that it seems to me that the Object of the Pullers in alluding to those Accounts was to shew that the work was commenced from the 10th May and that there was sufficient time to have the whole work Completed before the water was led into the Channel.

3 Referring to that part of your letter in which you enquire whether there is any truth in the Statements contained in the Maramut Superintendents Rozee dated 8th September 1856, I beg to inform you that I see no reason to doubt the truth of the same.

4 With reference to your request that the Tahsildar should be required to state how it happened that the Channel was not made for the work till the 16th June, I beg to forward Copy of an Urzee received from the late Tahsildar of the Sheroygoontum Talook, in reply to an order issued to him on the Subject, from which it will be seen that the advance was made to the Pullers at a late period in consequence of their having declined to receive the same earlier on the ground that they had means to subsist upon as it was the time of harvest.

5 Though the Charge brought against the Maistry was not proved by positive evidence, yet as there was strong Suspicion that a fraud had been Committed he was suspended for 6 months. Copy of the order explanatory of the Circumstances which rendered the measure necessary, is herewith forwarded for your information.

6 The measurements taken by the Maramut Superintendent appearing from your letter under Acknowledgment and from the Enquiry made on the Subject at the Roygoor to be correct, I have ordered the amount thereof Viz. Rupees 50-6-.. to be entered in the Bill for Clearing the Veelapadagay Channel.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. Silver
Collector.

Tinnevelly Collectors Circuit Cutcherry
Trichendoor 21st February 1857

(True Copies)

P. F. Oakes Lieut.
Acting District Engr. Tinnevelly

Read & Approved
No. 1624

(12)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer
in the Department of Public Works,
Under date the 11th February 1857
No. 10 to 16

Read the following
From Lieut-Col. Crommelin R.A. Chief Engr.
To
Colonel G. E. Faber
Chief Engineer D.P.W.
Fort St. George.
dated Tanjore the 4th Feb. 1857

Sir,

With reference to the appointments of the Subordinate Establishment in the D.P.W. contained in the Supplement to the Fort Saint George Gazette of the 28th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you, that the names of the three Ordnance Artificers at present employed in this District as Probationary Overseers, viz. Messrs Simpson, Barnett and Smith, are not included in any of the Lists, and to request that you will be good enough to inform me, under what denomination they are to be employed, and from what source they are to draw their pay for the future, and whether rule No. 3 regarding Pay refers to Ordnance Artificers or not.

With regard to Ryniganadha Mood[illegible] and Vyapoory Mood[illegible] who are appointed Sub Overseers of the 1st Class on a salary of Rupees 30 per

Read the Letter from Lieut-Col. Crommelin R.A. Chief Engr. Dated 4th Instant 1857
To
The Chief Engineer
D.P.W.
Fort St. George

No. 10 to 16
11th Feb. 1857

Copy of Correspondence &c.
regarding the Overseer
Claimed in the accompany
Extract of the Proceedings
Under date the 11th Inst.
with direction that
the Charge be brought
to the Credit of the
Overseers Branch
Engineering Branch

mencem. I have the honor to inform you, that the former who is the Maistry of Vellimbalum Talook, has been ill with dropsy for the last two months, and does not seem to be improving, and that the latter, the Maistry of Sreevigoontum Talook, has been suspended from his Maistry appointment for six month by the Collector, owing to a strong suspicion against him, of having measured the work performed in the Heelpadigy Channel in the Pusbah of the Sreevigoontum Talook, for more excess of the work actualy performed, with a fraudulent intent. I am endeavouring to sift the matter still further, but I fear my investigation will only land him still further in the mire, and confirm my worst apprehensions regarding his honesty. As these men are still the Collectors servants, you will, doubtless, hear from him regarding their appointments, but I thought it prudent while writing on the subject, to point out what little aid I can expect from the two Overseers appointed, for they are both old men, and not fit for any appointment where much activity of mind or body is required, and the former is at present totally incapacitated by his unfortunate malady, while the latter it appears is not fit to be placed in a post of responsibility.

3 No reply has yet been sent to the Extract from your Proceedings No. 405 of the 10th January, owing to the investigation regarding the Fraudulent conduct of the Maistry in question not having yet been completed (13)

4 Mr. Murray is appointed a 1st Class Sub Overseer on 45 Rupees per mensem, I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to inform me who Mr. Murray is, and when he is likely to be sent down to Tinnevelly, for he is not employed in this District at present, as stated in the Gazette

I have &c
(Signed) A. Baker Lieut
Dy Asst Surv Tinnevelly

Tinnevelly Asst Surv office
Vellimanpettah 14th Feby 1857

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter for submission to Govt, and to point out, that the Sub Overseer Mr Murray alluded to by Lieut Baker in the last para, has erroneously been entered as employed in the Tinnevelly District, whereas he is at present and it is intended that he should remain at North Arcot.

True Extract
W Morriston Capt
Dy Supy Engr Mech. C. Bs of Wks.

To
The Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Recd Feby

No 1253

(11)

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer in the Department of Public Works,

Under date the 13th February 1857.

No 1025

Read the following letter

No 8

From

District Engineers office
Coimbatore 5th January 1857

Capt F. M. Francis
District Engineer Coimbatore

To

Colonel C. E. Faber,
Chief Engineer &c &c
Port St George

dated Coimbatore 1st January 1857

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the omission of my name and office from the Supplement to the Gazette under date 28th January, containing the new P. W. D. as the enumeration of the first class districts contains only 9, whereas 10 is stated to be the fixed number. I trust that it will be found to be omitted from that list by a mistake.

2. I take the opportunity of bringing to your notice also, that Asst Overseer Wright of the Sappers and Miners, who has been in this Division since 1st April 1856, and has been employed in the Executive range, has also been entirely omitted.

I take the liberty of recommending him as a deserving young man to be located in the grade of Asst Overseers at 70 Rupees staff pay.

Pub. Works Dept
Dis Engrs office
No 291

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer Fort St George

dated 13th February 1857

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No 79

Sub-joined is a letter from the Chief Engineer Secretary to Government dated 13th instant regarding the Establishment of Public Works Officers and Subordinates and that of Executive and Subordinate Establishment of Quarries for Buildings and Roads, which is submitted for the sanction of Government.

The Famine allowance to Overseers is not granted to Assistants.

The Establishment of Assistant Overseers is submitted for the sanction of Government.

Public Works Department
Fort St George
13th February 1857

(True Copy)

(Signed) Thomas Pearse
Secretary to Government

Public Works Department
Fort St George
13th February 1857

(True Copy)

(Signed) Thomas Pearse
Secretary to Government

3 I would also bring to notice, that Private Harold and Serjt Kelly, classed as 1st Class Sub Overseers, the former to Malabar, the latter to Coimbatore, cannot be permanently appointed to the D.P.W. they belonging to Her Majesty's 84th Regt, and were only permitted to remain in the Department after the Regiment left the Presidency, as a special case and temporary measure; they are liable at any moment to be called to rejoin their Regiment. I once before being anxious to retain the services of Sergeant Kelly, referred the question to the Adjutant General of H.M. forces, as to whether it would be lawful to make an application for his appointment to the department, and was informed by him after reference to the Commander in Chief in India, that it would not be permitted, unless therefore there has been any change of orders on this subject, I would respectfully suggest, whether these men had better not be paid out of Estimates as formerly.—

4 And in the case of a vacancy being this made in the Coimbatore number of Sub Overseers, I venture to recommend the appointment of Mr. Webb, now employed on the Trunk road No 5, and paid out of the Estimates, a very promising Overseer.

5 Appasawmy Pillay, an old servant of Government standing high up in the list of Sub Overseers of the 1st Class stands appointed to Malabar, a district which he has quite lately resigned, on account of his health suffering from that peculiar climate, he makes earnest appeal to be transferred to this District of Coimbatore, and if the Coimbatore number of that grade permit, I would back his application. the Chief Engineer is personally acquainted with the capacity of this individual who was formerly Maramut Supdt in Tinnevelly.

I have &c

(Signed) Dell. Francis
Dist Engineer.

Resolved to forward copy of the foregoing letter to Government, and to request orders regarding Private Harold, and Serjt Kelly both of H.M. 84th Regt, whom it would appear are at any moment liable to be ordered to rejoin their Regiment.

2. The permanent transfer of 1st Class Sub Overseer Appasawmy Pillay to Coimbatore, will be carried out under the sanction of Para 6 of Rules prescribing the duties of the Chief Engineer, promulgated with Ex. Min: Con: P.W.D. No 989, of the 17th June 1856, but the special sanction of Govt is required, and is now solicited, for Mr Webb to be nominated a Sub Overseer of the 1st Class should it be decided that Private Harold, & Serjt Kelly cannot be retained on the permanent strength of the Subordinate Establishment for the D.P.W.

True Extract
(Signed) W. Urquhart Capt
Ag Superintending Engr

To The Secretary to Govt P.W.D.

For Orders (16)

Public Works' Department 1859-

Extract from the Proc: of the Chief Engr: 27th April/57

I do participate all
such recommendations
until the two thirds are
subtracted - otherwise we
shall get into interminable
confusion - I think a demi-
official note sent to all
Boards stating our difficulty
& asking their opinion on another
plan suggested

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Pub: Works Department 1859 No. 315

Extract from the Proceedings of Public Boards

To

The Port Canal Board

Dated 13 Feby 1857. Rec'd 14 Feby 1857.

No. 10253

Subject matter of a letter from the District Engineer of Cumberland requesting Permission to have a Pile Light erected by the Canal Co. at Kelly Island

Referred to the Chief Engineer for report

Pile Light

C12 Lmm 815

No 80.

(1)

Chatal Office of P. Works

Official Memo.

The Chief Engineer has
the honor to petransmit the list of
List accompanying the Public Works department,
agreeably to an Official Memo
from the Secretary to Government
dated 27 May 1857.

Fort Saint George
30th May 1857

A.H. Slater Colonel
Chief Engineer

To The Secretary to Government
P.W. Dept

For Orders

Public Works' Department No 659-

Extract Pro: of Chief Engineer 31st March/57

It would be much better if all appointments could be done until a new list is completed -

I think the Govt of India should be requested to give an early answer on the points which I have written upon, as the lists are published

H Yule

Recommending the appointment of Mr. Philip Barnett

P.W.D.

(20)

№ 1146

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 18th June, 1857

Read the following Papers

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 11th Feby/57 № 10216)

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(Here enter 13th ——"—— " 10253)

——do——do——do—

(Here enter 13th "——"—— " 10255)

——do——do——do—

(Here enter 31st March " —— 11621)

~~Letter from the Chief Engineer~~

(Here enter 22d April " —— 11901)

Ex. Progs. of the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 27th "——"—— 12137)

——do——do——do—

(Here enter 26th May "—— 667)

The Right Honorable the Governor in Council observes, that the errors, omissions, and alterations brought to notice in the above papers, have been rectified, supplied or

or adopted in the revised
list of the establishment
of the Public Works dept.
submitted by the Chief
Engineer with his letter
of 22d April No. 1191, and
the Lordships in Council
does not therefore see that
any further orders are
called for in this matter.
He has only to direct that
the list thus revised,
be published in the Of-
-ficial Gazette. and that
the Chief Engineer be in-
-formed with reference to
the alterations to the Rules
suggested in his letter of
22d April, that the subject
will be taken into con-
-sideration on receipt of a
reply from the Govern-
-ment of India to the
Telegraphic Message al-
-luded to in Extract
Minutes of Consultation
of the 10th instant No. 1117.
The Government do not
think it necessary to
republish the Rules
with

with the revised list
of the Establishment.

(21)

To Copy to the Chief Engr.
with a Copy Endy Dirs 17.
(2339) 4 Nos returned
as requested.

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Dr to Cons 16th June.

No 1146.

Extract Mins of Cons.
Dd 13th June/57.

Passing Orders on certain Letters from the Ch: Engr. relative to the errors, omissions & alterations brought to notice which have been rectified, supplied or adopted in the revised List of the Estate of the P. W. D.

No 79 at 85.

C.I.O. 515