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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 11th August 1857.

No. 69. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer ; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 31st July 1857, No. 2569.

SIR,

I have the honor, with reference to the accompanying correspondence to state for the information of Government, that the District Engineer of Cuddapah in a letter No. 221, dated 2nd June 1857, reported that a Wudder had been killed by the fall of a stone, while working in the Calingulah Channel of the Villalarayane tank in that District.

2. The District Engineer states that Lieutenant Palmer reported the circumstance to a Karkoon, that an inquest might be held on the body, but that 54 hours having elapsed, without any Official making his appearance, the relatives of the deceased requested the Overseer to allow them to bury the corpse which was then in a state of decomposition.

3. On the morning of the 28th the Talook Sheristadar went to the tank, had the body exhumed and the Wudders beaten by peons with a stick and slippers.

4. In conclusion he states, that he had reported the matter to the Collector for further enquiry.

5. Upon the 16th June the Collector in reply to a requisition made by me upon the 6th Idem states that " Lieutenant Hemery, according to his usual system has kept back from your information, facts which would have at once cleared off the cause of the delay, this I consider " done for purposes of his own " ; he goes on to state that the death of the Wudder took place on the 25th the Tahsildar and his Sheristadar were at Pooleaindla a distance of 25 miles at the annual Settlement. Lieutenant Palmer's report reached him on the evening of the 23th ; and that the Sheristadar was ordered to go immediately he left that evening or early on the morning of the 27th, and the inquest was held on the 28th ; he states with reference to the accusation of the maltreatment of Wudders by the Sheristadar, that it was strange, that neither Lieutenant Hemery or Lieutenant Palmer mentioned the fact to him ; and then he adds, that this writing complaints direct to me, are similar to other proceedings of Lieutenant Hemery's and which had been condemned by me, in a letter of the 27th May, and he attributes it to personal hostility, and a desire to make mischief.

6. Upon the 6th July, I applied to the District Engineer to state whether he had or had not reported the ill treatment to the Collector of Cuddapah, and in reply he has forwarded copy of a letter No. 219, dated 2nd June 1857 addressed by him to the Collector, in which in para. 5, he distinctly states that the Sheristadar ordered his Peons to beat the Wudders, which they did with a stick, and with slippers, and adds that the Wudders went in a body to report this to Mr. Owens, who distinctly saw on their backs and legs, the marks of blows.

7. It is a very painful duty to be obliged to bring this to the notice of the Government, but I feel that I have no alternative, having due regard to the relative positions of the Collector of the province and the District Engineer. I had cautioned the latter not to report to me direct, complaints he had to make, without an intimation first to the Collector, a Courtesy which I consider his due ; but in this case the District Engineer had done so. Whether this letter ever reached the Collector, or having reached had been forgotten, I cannot tell ; but I think that the Collector should not without having previously satisfied himself of the fact of the District Engineer's omission to do so, animadverted upon him ; and even had he not reported it, I consider it highly objectionable, to attribute motives of hostility, and desire to make mischief to Lieutenant Hemery, and I trust that the Government will issue such orders upon this subject, as may prevent a recurrence of such unfounded accusations.

No. 70. ORDER THEREON, No. 1549 ; dated 8th August 1857.

Before passing orders on this reference, the Collector of Cuddapah will be called upon to explain the statement in the 4th para. of his letter to the Chief Engineer of the 16th of June, that Lieutenant Hemery had not reported to him the ill-treatment of the Wudders by the Talook Sheristadar, when by that Officer's letter of the 9th of July it appears that on the 2nd of the previous month he had laid the matter fully before the Collector.

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

N. 2569.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
31st July 1857.

From, The Chief Engineer.

To, The Secretary to Government P. W. D.

Sir,

I have the honor, with reference to the accompanying correspondence to state for the information of Government, that the District Engineer of Couddapah in a letter N. 221 of 2nd June 1857, reported that a Waddar had been killed, by the fall of a stone, while working on the Coalingulak Channel of the Villalarayan Tank in that District.

The District Engineer states that Lieutenant Palmer reported the circumstance to a Karoon, that an inquest might be held on the body, but that 54 hours having elapsed, without any Official making his appearance,

the relatives of the deceased requested the Overseer to allow them to bury the Corpse which was then in a state of decomposition.

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1 Letter from D^o Engr^o
Couddapah
N. 221 of 2nd June 1857

1 Ltr. from the Collector
of Couddapah
N. 63 of 16th June 1857
with 1 Enclosure

1 Letter from the D^o Engr^o
Couddapah
N. 257 of 7th July 1857
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and the Wudders beaten by force, with a stick & slippers.

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6 Upon the 16th July, I applied to the District Engineer to state whether he had or had not reported the ill treatment to the Collector of Luddapah, and in reply he had forwarded copy of a letter N^o 219 dated 2nd June 1857, addressed by him to the Collector, in which in para 5, he distinctly states that the Sheristadar ordered his Peons to beat the Wudders, which they did with a stick, and with slippers, and adds that the Wudders went in a body to report this to Mr. Owen, who distinctly saw on their backs and legs, the marks of blows.—

7 It is a very painful duty to be obliged to bring this to the notice of the Government, but I feel that I have no alternative, having due regard to the relative positions of the Collector of the province and the District Engineer. I had cautioned the latter not to report to me direct, complaints he had to make, without an intimation first to the Collector, a courtesy which

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which I consider his duty, but in this case the Chief Engineer had seen the letter and had not asked the Collector, or having, decided, had been informed, I cannot tell, but I think that the Collector should not without having previously consulted himself, of the fact of the Chief Engineer's omission to do so, and inasmuch as upon him, and even had he not reported, it is probable it might reflectably, to attribute motives of neglect, and desire to make mischief, to the Government, I am sorry and trust that the Government will give such views upon this subject, as may prevent a recurrence of such unguarded accusations.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
servant,
Edw. P. Reed
Chief Engineer.

The Secretary to Government.
G. W. L.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Minutes date the 8th August 1851
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[Signature]

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