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No. 2. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 28th August 1857, No. 3260.

SIR,

In matters of dispute between Collectors and Officers of the Public Works Department whose statements and counterstatements are made, involving more or less, not only the official proceedings, but the private conduct of all concerned, I feel that it is not within my province to offer any decision, and have therefore the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying original documents*, expressing at the same time my regret at being under the necessity of troubling them with so voluminous a correspondence.

* From Collector of Cuddapah No. 64 dated 19th June 1857, with 2 depositions, 1 Urzee, and 1 copy of letter.
From District Engineer of Cuddapah No. 579 dated 5th August, with letters from Captain Palmer, Mr. George, Asst. Supervisor Walton, and Assistant Overseers Haddock and Thorpe.

2. Mr. Murray the Collector of Cuddapah in his letter No. 64 dated 19th June last, after observing in para 2. that "it could never be the intention of Government that a portion of their subjects should be plundered to feed others" advances most unqualified charges of non-payment for carriage and supplies, and in some instances of assault against Lieutenant Hemery and others, and in para. 8 takes exception I conclude to my Circular No. 11171 dated 23rd March 1857, communicating to the Department Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 112 of the 16th January, observing that such does not appear to be in accordance with Minutes of Consultation dated 25th October 1856, and that whether it is or not, it is open to great abuse, and requires to be modified, a conclusion from which I entirely dissent.

3. Lieutenant Hemery with his letter No. 579 of the 5th instant forwards copies of letters from Captain Palmer, Mr. George, Assistant Executive Engineer, Assistant Supervisor Walton, and Assistant Overseers Haddock and Thorpe, one and all concerned, denying the truth of the charges brought against them.

4. The statements made in the several letters are clear, and to the point, but I feel it incumbent on me to observe that Lieutenant Hemery in the warmth of his defence has made some observations which must be considered indiscreet.

Letter from M. MURRY, Esquire, Collector of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Muddenpully 19th June 1857, No. 64.

SIR,

Para. 1. It is with deep regret that I have the honor to bring under your notice the number of complaints which have reached me of the Officers and Subordinates of the Public Works Department not paying for the necessaries supplied to them, and as Government have issued stringent orders that they shall be supplied, I have to request you will do me the favour of obtaining orders, as decided, that the people shall meet with proper treatment from those employed in the Public Works Department and that the supplies found, shall be duly paid for. I have, for a length of time delayed addressing you on the subject in hopes that in a short time all would go smooth and find its level, but as in this, I find myself disappointed and complaints are on the increase rather than otherwise, I deem it my duty to bring the subject under your serious consideration that a check may be put to such irregularities, otherwise the efforts I have made to procure supplies will be in vain.

2. Government have issued orders that heads of villages shall find the supplies required by the Officers under the Engineer's Department, and it could never be the intention of Government, that a portion of their subjects should be plundered to feed others, and as Government have issued orders for finding supplies they are equally bound to insist that due remuneration be paid for the supplies found.

3. I am aware that the non-payment for supplies are too often denied, but to prove what I state is correct, I shall mention some instances which I would rather have avoided, but no alter-

native is left me, and I am under the necessity of bringing forward the names of Officers, high in the service, to prove the facts of non-payment which I have advanced and shall forward documents in support of them.

4. During the settlement of Cuddree Talook, many were the complaints of the people of the hardship they were put to in having their straw taken for which they received no remuneration, milk was supplied which after being consumed and payment demanded they were told water had been mixed in it and half the value offered, and they had great difficulty in procuring the value of the articles supplied. The Pot maker of Marallamadaka, in the Poolevendala talook, stated that an officer, name unknown, had arrived at the village, that she had supplied his Establishment with earthen pots and when she demanded payment was told they were in the Cirkar service and she should have none. This I brought to Lieutenant Palmer's notice in my letter* of the 18th May 1857 and he, in reply,† stated such reports should not be credited against Officers. Lieutenant Palmer forwarded to me a letter from Cuddree stating that the Reddy had brought sheep from a flock from which he chose two and Rupees 5 were demanded for each and wished to know what the price ought to be. He took them against the wish of the owner who had reared them for 4 or 5 years. The village Reddy, on the 11th May, the same date as Lieutenant Palmer's letter, wrote to the Tahsildar to state that the sheep had been forcibly taken, a day or two after the owner sent to me an Urzee on the subject making his complaint, in a day or two after the same complainant sent me another Urzee stating he would come and prefer his complaint in person as soon as he had recovered from sickness, he did come and deposed on solemn affirmation that he was unwilling to give the sheep for the price offered by Lieutenant Palmer and when he endeavoured to prevent their being taken was beaten, the two Reddies of the village were examined and depose in accordance with the statement of the owner of the sheep. These depositions were sent to Lieutenant Palmer requesting he would state whether the whole or what portion was true, he forwarded a reply in which he acknowledges the material facts that the man refused to sell his sheep for the price offered and he struck him (copy‡ of which is herewith sent.) For a less offence than this Captain Doria was deprived of his Regiment.

* No. 356.

† 20th May 1857, No. 4.

‡ Enclosures No. 1.

5. Lieutenant Hemery came to Chinna Mundium on the 1st June and received supplies as per margin,† in a day or two subsequent, he wrote to me officially stating, that the Reddies have refused to find him supplies, I immediately sent for the Peon stationed in the village and took from him a deposition on solemn affirmation, translation of which is herewith sent, from which it appears, he got his supplies early in the morning, and neither of Reddies were in the village, one having been sent for to Muddenpully in a Magisterial case and the other who lives at some distance from the village, had gone to his house on Saturday the 30th and did not return to Chinna Mundium till midday or there about on the 1st June. Neither Lieutenant Hemery nor his servants had an opportunity of seeing either of the Reddies. From the list of articles, the Peon states he supplied to Lieutenant Hemery, it will be seen the whole value was Rupees 2-6-4 and that only 5 annas and 6 pice were paid by his servant, whether Lieutenant Hemery was cognisant of this I cannot say, but trust not, but the people have not received the value in full for the necessaries supplied.

† 300 Tent pegs.
40 Fire sticks.
46 Pots.
6 Bundles of firewood.
6 Bundles of straw.
2 Bundles of charcoal.
1 Large Fowl.
8 Eggs.
3½ Seer of Milk.
¼ Do. Butter.

6. The Tahsildar of Doovoor writes in his Urzee No. 404 of 22nd May 1857 that a Surveyor named Walton had come to the village of Chintacoonta and incurred a debt of Rupees 2-3-1 and had left paying only annas 10 and requests that the balance may be collected.

7. The Reddy of Goorumcondah tendered his resignation on the ground that he sustains greater loss than the enam he enjoys in finding supplies for the Officers of Public Works Department and only receives a portion of the value of the articles supplied. Should he not be induced to remain, I know not where to procure another, translation of his deposition* is herewith sent and the Reddies of Chinna Mundium have threatened the same on similar grounds.

* Enclosure No. 2.

8. A complaint was made to Government (Petition No. 591,) against Lieutenant Hemery and Mr. Thorpe for assaulting the Curnums of Nundialumpett, the latter admitted he had struck the Curnum; a letter dated 18th May 1857 was addressed to Lieutenant Hemery requesting him to state what notice he had taken of Mr. Thorpe's conduct to which that Gentleman has not found it convenient to reply. The Doovoor Tahsildar has also complained against the same Mr. Thorpe for assaulting the Curnum at Chintacoontah. The Tahsildars of Goorumcondah and Muddenpully were with me the other day and mentioned that the Ryots complained their cattle were taken sometimes 20 miles by those employed in the Public Works Department after which, they were sent away without pay either for men or animals. Other instances could be enunciated, but I consider the present sufficient to show that the non-payment is a growing evil, this tax upon the people is on the increase and now it is necessary to put a stop to it.

9. The Chief Engineer has issued orders that heads of villages shall supply the Public Works Department with coolies and carriages, the order is general, and I think not in accordance with the Minutes of Consultation under date the 25th October 1856, whether it be or not, it is open to great abuse, and as an instance of this, I enclose translation of an Urzee† from the Tahsildar of Cuddree in which he states, that Lieutenant Palmer required him to provide 60 coolies or bagaries, 6 bearers and 10 carts. I would beg to ask where a head of a village can find so many coolies; this is a perfect abuse of the Chief Engineer's order which requires to be rectified, if the number is not found complaints are made they cannot move for want of carriage and the Reddies are requested to be punished for not finding the quantity required.

† Enclosure No. 3.

10. Another abuse complaint of by the village merchants is, that they are compelled to bring the articles to the tents of Overseers, dispose of the articles and wait the Overseer's orders for what supplies they require. This appears to me a work of supererogation as all that is required can be got in the village in ten minutes and merchants would not require to leave their shops. This ought to be rectified. I have now brought these abuses under your serious consideration and I trust that the documents which accompany this will substantiate what I have stated. Of those sent, I consider sufficient, viz., the reply of Lieutenant Palmer, the deposition* of Mahommud Khan the Urzee of the Cuddree Tahsildar and Translate deposition of Goorrumcondah Reddy. On the due consideration of which, I trust, you will procure an order that prompt and sufficient payment may be issued, the abuses redressed and the Chief Engineer's orders, if it be not in accordance with the Minutes of Consultation above quoted may be modified.

* Enclosure No. 4.

11. This order acts badly in one respect, as it makes the members of D. P. W. entirely dependant and they will not make use of their own servants to procure what they require. Lieutenant Palmer has refused so to employ his servants, they ought to be independant of any one and might, if they would only exert themselves.

12. The Officers of D. P. W. can by liberal pay, from the the public money, procure coolies to carry out the Government works, if they in like manner give liberal pay to those who carry their baggage coolies would be less difficult to be procured. It will be seen from the deposition of Mahommed Khan, that those who accompanied Lieutenant Hemery only paid 6 pice each for carrying loads from Chinna Mundium to Goorrumcondah, a distance of 12½ miles. It is not to be wondered at, that coolies object to go for such wages, the very least they ought to get is, one anna and pice four for 10 miles. Under these circumstances, I have to request, you will obtain from Government as stringent an order that supplies of all kinds shall be regularly paid for, as that supplies are to be found by the Heads of Villages, and that, Officers of D. P. W. see that those under them pay what is just to those who carry their burdens.

Letter from Lieutenant G. PALMER, Executive Engineer, Cuddapah District; to M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, dated Camp Puttanum, 4th June 1857, No. 15.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 375 dated 26th Ultimo, with enclosures, received last evening, but before proceeding to answer the statement and questions therein made, shall feel obliged by your allowing me to draw your attention to dates.

II. The sheep were brought to my tent on the 11th Ultimo, and on the same day I posted my letter of the same date, complainant's Urzee is dated the 14th Ultimo, why should so long a delay have taken place? but to proceed, your answer to mine of the 11th is dated the 14th I received it on the evening of the 15th and the man received payment on the 16th, I gave him at first 4 Rupees for the two, but on his telling me that men who occasionally came from Madras to buy sheep, would give him more, and thinking it likely as I heard he was an Arrack contractor, that he could be of use to me, I said that I would give him an extra Rupee if he would help my people to get coolies. He promised to do so, *did* do so, and claimed the extra Rupee which he got, I at the same time spoke to him saying he was the first man who had ever complained against me, and was going on to say more when he stopped me by declaring he had not complained. This was on the 16th and his complaint was dated the 14th, it may be said that the extra Rupee overcame his scruples for truth. But the complaint must either have been made personally or by Tappal. It was not the former, for on the 14th he was at Cuddree, and if the latter, it must have reached you on the 15th or perhaps 16th, I think you will acknowledge that this could hardly be the case for most assuredly you would have referred to it in your letter to my address dated the 18th Ultimo, instead of going out of your way to instance what you heard had occured in another Talook viz., that straw and grass had not been paid for by an Officer, and it confirms the report I heard that on the complainants subsequently proceeding to Poolavaindla he was incited by the Tahsildar to complain. This is rendered more probable from the fact of my having had occasion animadvert very seriously on his behaviour to me on my last visit, and finally to threaten that if I experienced such annoyance on again visiting the Talook I would report him; he was also aware that my European Sub-Overseer had great reason to complain of the difficulty of obtaining supplies as also of the Tahsildar's insolence when spoken to on the subject and, it is not impossible, that the purport of the last para. of my letter dated 11th Ultimo, had reached his knowledge.

III. With reference to complainant's statement that he had reared the sheep for 5 years. I can only distinctly assert that five sheeps were brought to me by the Reddy to choose from, he said they were out of a flock, so did my Lascar and it is in accordance with the practice I generally adopt. I told my cook to select two, and on my asking the price the Reddy said 5 Rupees but ultimately agreed to take 2 Rupees each. On this the complainant whom I had not seen before came forward and said the sheep were his and that I should not have them for less than 5 Rupees each. He never said a word then or subsequently about their being reared by himself nor does he state, that he said so in his complaint, I tried to bargain with him and at last told him I would refer the matter to you and abide by your decision. He would not listen to this but came up close to me bawling. I told him I could say no more and warned him off; the Reddy tried in vain to quiet him and at last I took up a switch lying on the ground and in insisting on his going away hit him on the shoulder, but that he fell down, is an egregious falsehood.

IV. With this explanation you will see (slight as the punishment is, for I only hit him once) it was entirely brought on by his outrageous behaviour, and in conclusion I have to call your attention to the style and phraseology of the Urzee which could not have been concocted at Cuddree when the whole Cutcherry and every educated man was absent from the place, and to repeat my conviction that it is a frivolous and vexatious complaint which would never have been preferred, had it not been for the Tahsildar's unjustifiable interference.

V. The enclosures accompanying your letter are herewith returned as requested.

Translate of a Deposition given on Solemn Affirmation agreeably to Act V of 1840, *before M. Murray, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah by Chennakistnah Reddy, Mussul Reddy, of Cusbah Goorumcondah on the* 16*th June* 1857.

Q. 1.—What is your complaint?

A. I am unable to perform my duty as Reddy, I wish to resign.

Q. 2.—What is your reason for resigning your office?

A. As the Engineer's Department give me great trouble whenever they halt in my village, I am not inclined to hold my appointment as Reddy.

Q. 3.—You say that the Engineers' Department give you great trouble, what are they, state the particulars?

A. As soon as they halt in Goorumcondah, their Peons come and take me to their camp when a demand is immediately made on me for Fowls, Eggs, Sheep, Milk, and Sugar, &c. accompanied by great trouble and threats from their servants. On my saying that I would supply them, if a person would accompany me to the place where articles are to be had, they say that they don't care about it, that I alone must produce them, and on my enquiring in different places and procuring the articles with great difficulty at the following prices, viz. 1 Sheep worth, 1¼ or 1½ Rupee, 1 Fowl for 2 or 3 annas, they take them and make great delay or refuse to pay the price, and when demanded strictly they frighten and threaten to beat me, and after troubling me in this manner they at last pay 6 or 8 annas for the Sheep, 1 anna and 4 pice for a large Fowl and 8 pice for a small one, and when I refuse to take the money because the price is less they shove me by the neck, and for straw &c. supplied for Horses there is no payment at all. On account of such treatment and trouble which I am subjected to always, I am unable to hold my office of Reddy and therefore beg that my resignation may be accepted. Besides this one of the Members of the Engineers' Department being stationed in my village always and cause me similar trouble, I have brought the circumstance to your notice as I am the only Reddy in that village.

Q. 4.—You say that less price was paid to you for Sheep, &c. supplied to the Engineers' Department, who is it that paid you so, mention all the particulars?

A. I purchased a fine reared sheep for 1 Rupee and 2 annas and gave it to Mr. George for which his Butler paid me only 12 annas and when I went and told Mr. George of it, that gentleman told me that he won't pay me more, because Mr. Hemery and Mr. Palmer told him that I was not a good supplier and said something in English which I did not understand. I informed this circumstance to the Tahsildar immediately and I am not aware if he had reported the same to you. In the same manner Mr. Hemery, Mr. Palmer, and some of the Overseers, whose names I don't know, trouble me whenever they halt in my village, but to state in detail the difficulty to which they subjected me, I am unable because they did not come together at one time, but each at different times. Moreover when Mr. Palmer went to Cuddree he left his Palanqueen in my charge and according to his order I paid 5 Rupees to coolies and sent the Palankeen to Cuddree. When I asked for the money after that gentleman's return he refused to pay it desiring me to go to the Tahsildar as the Palankeen was brought by "Vitties" or Pariahs. How can I perform my duty when I am put to such losses as these from time to time and altough I afford such assistance the least delay in procuring any thing required by that gentleman, he writes to you immediately against me which is credited and I am punished without any enquiry, it is useless for me then to say any thing in defence which will not be listened to. I therefore beg that some measures may be adopted to prevent this. If the Engineers' Department will always pay proper price for articles and purchase them from the owners themselves, by good means, there will be no difficulty in their getting any thing they require either from them direct or through me, but this is not the case. as soon as they arrive in the village, no matter if it be midnight or midday, demand is immediately made for milk, sheep, &c. saying that there is orders that I should supply them myself that they have nothing to do with the owners of the articles although the demand is made at such unseasonable hours, fearing that I would be blamed if I should refuse, I beg the people and supply them with whatever they require and at last they go away without paying the proper value, whatever they give me I pay the owners and when any of them refuse to receive what is given him a dispute ensues and I am obliged to pay the difference myself, afterwards when any thing is required a second time people refuse giving them and complain that I appropriate their money. Moreover, a Bazar man with the necessary articles is always stationed at the Engineers' Camp by which the Merchant sustains loss. He is a single man on the spot and the Engineers' people are numerous, the whole of whom purchase articles from him and fix any price they think proper to which, of course, the Merchant objects and a dispute arises in which he often receives little or nothing. On this account Merchants refuse to take their Bazar to the Engineers' Camp in which case I am compelled to bring a Bazar to the Engineers' Camp and thus subject to great annoyance. The Committies of Goorumcondah finding that they had no alternative and to save disgrace and annoyance formed a fine of Rupees 40 by each of them subscribing Rupees 5 to

compensate the person who sells articles in the Engineers' Camp, and nominated two individuals named Chensoogodoo, Nurseegaudoo to supply all the necessaries by turns, so that others may not be troubled; this continued for some days but the Merchants finding the loss exceed the compensation provided for them they entirely refused to sell their articles, I have no list of the articles sold to the Engineers' Department to produce, as none was kept. If the Engineers' will adopt the practice of purchasing Rice and other articles in the bazaars and Fowl, Sheep &c. from Ryots by paying proper price in ready cash for them as others do, they will experience no difficulty at all, people will not fear as they now do, confidence will be restored every where and the Reddies will, in the mean time, be relieved from the present difficulties. As soon as the Engineers' people come in I would willingly assist them in procuring all supplies, they may require for fair prices without deception on the part of the Merchants or people. As I am unable any longer to bear the expences throughout the year, I beg that the above plan may be adopted in future. There is not 10 days in the year in which the Engineers' Department do not visit my village they are almost every day there, and how am I to supply Fowls, Eggs, Sheep, &c. daily under such losses? I therefore pray you will protect me by relieving me from this great difficulty. Moreover the enam alloted to me in my village amount to 11 Pagodas, but this is nominal, for only one third or 3 Pagodas worth of land is cultivated once in every 2 or 3 years for this reason as well as those mentioned above, no other person will accept the Reddyship of the village. I was compelled during last year's Jamahbundy to accept the office and I therefore did, but now I am resolved to resign as I have already stated. I would not care to bear up the losses and supply every thing the Engineers may require, if they were to visit my village but once in the year and not throughout it such are the real state of things in the villages and if you and the Engineers compel the Reddies to find supplies how are they to manage.

Q. 5.—Were the deposition given by you is it correct?

A. I heard it is correct.

(Signed) CHENNAKRISTNAH REDDY,
Of Gooorumcondah.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 16th June 1857.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Collector.

(True Translation.)

M. MURRAY,
Collector.

Transla'e of an Urzee addressed to M. Murray, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah, by Ragavendra Row. Thasildar of Cuddree Talook on the 2nd June 1857.

I beg leave to bring to your notice, that after the close of the settlement when I was returning from Poolevendalah to Cuddree on the 1st Instant, Lieutenant Palmer, Executive Engineer, who had halted near the village of Cootah Coolah, had sent for me, on my way, and told me that it was 16 days since he had come to that village, that as he could not get bandies and coolies to proceed he was prevented from leaving it up to that date, whereby he had sustained a loss of 5 Rupees a day on account of his expenses and desired me that I should supply him with bandies, coolies, and bearers, &c., immediately, as it was done in Muddunpully, Royachoty and Goorumcondah Talooks where such aid was promptly afforded him with the exception of my Talook alone, in which, his requests was not attended to at all, and further that he had kindly excused me for my neglect hitherto, but that, should any delay happen hereafter either with regard to himself or the Overseers of his Department, or should the required supply be less that he would report me to the higher authorities.

In the orders hitherto received from you I am only directed to assist the Engineers' Department in supplying articles of consumption, but not such aid as that now required of me, I would however beg most respectfully to state for your information, that the said gentleman being a

European Officer by whom I was personally ordered to get bandies and coolies &c., and fearing that any delay or inconvenience which my refusal might occasion, would make me responsible for the same, I immediately procured 1 bandy 10 "survelloo" or sledges, 60 coolies and 6 bearers for that gentleman's service, upon which he went away to a village called Putnum this,—day but as he is in the habit of visiting this Talook so very frequently, I beg leave to solicit instruction as to whether I am to meet with similar demands that may be made to me on every occasion of his visit in future.

(Signed) RAGAVENDRA ROW,
Thasildar of Cuddree.

(True Translation.)

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Collector.

Translate of a depostion given on Solemn Affirmation, agreeably to Act V. of 1840, *before M. Murray, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah, on the 8th June* 1857 *by Mahomed Khan, Police Peon attached to the Tannah of Chinna Mundium in the Royachoty Talook.*

Q. 1.—Did you make any reports to the Tahsildar of your Talook?

A. I did.

Q. 2.—What reports were they?

A. They were reports regarding the non-payment of proper prices of the articles supplied to the District Engineer and his Department when they had halted at Chinna Mundium, if my reports to the Tahsildar are read the fact will be known.

Q. 3.—Here the letters that are now read to you whose are they?

A. 1.—I heard the letters read to me, among them, in the one dated 18th April 1857, I have reported the non-payment of prices of articles supplied to Lieutenant Hemery while that gentleman and his people had halted at Chinna Mundium on their way from Cuddapah to Goorumcondah, viz. 3 bundles of grass, 6 bundles of firewood, 300 tent pegs, 130 fire-sticks, 1 bundle of charcoal, and 3 bundles of pots, &c. that neither the prices of these articles were paid nor the 300 tent pegs returned, and that the 10 coolies who carried the things of the Writer's were only paid 6 pice each and those engaged to carry the gentleman's things were paid in full. In the letter dated 30th April 1857, I have stated, that of the coolies who had carried Mr. George's things from Mundium to Goorumcondah, 5 of them returned with Mr. Addis' things to Mundium, that one among them named Sakala Lutcheemeegadoo, who had brought the baggage of Mr. Addis' Lascar complained of his having been beat by the Lascar on the road near Gengama Pagoda and his cloth taken away which was afterwards restored, that the village Peon Lutcheegadoo who carried milk for Mr. Addis, having gone to ask the price of the articles supplied to him that day, that gentleman after drinking a portion of the milk poured the other portion on the Peon's head upon which the Peon began to cry out that he lost his caste thereby, and further that Mr. Addis after taking the same coolies who came with him from Goorumcondah, as far as Royachoty sent them away without paying their hire saying that they enjoy enam and therefore he wont pay them.

2. In the third letter dated 1st June 1857, I have stated that Lieutenant Hemery attempted to strike me if I did not point out the Reddies of Chinna Mundium, that although I did supply him with every thing that was necessary I was subjected to such treatment, that milk, Fowls, eggs, firewood, grass, &c. whatever that gentleman required was supplied without any delay, that only coolies, &c. are still required. In this manner I reported every thing that took place, to the Thasildar. Mr. Addis the gentleman mentioned in my second letter wears mustachos. The articles supplied to Lieutenant Hemery were all given to a person who required them on that gentleman's name and 2 Deloyts belonging to that gentleman, whose names, however, I don't know, they had, all the articles I gave, carried on coolies whom I had collected, to the Engi-

neers' Camp, but nothing was supplied at that gentleman's request. Besides this, I and the two Reddies, named Moodoo Reddy and Vengat Reddy carried a sheep to Lieutenant Hemery, which that gentleman saw, but afterwards his Butler, name not known, gave 12 annas into the hands of the two Reddies saying that he was ordered to pay them for the sheep, this was immediately given to the owner who cried out saying that his sheep was worth 1½ Rupee for which he received only 12 annas. I and the Reddies afterwards went before Lieutenant Hemery and demanded the price of grass, firewood, &c. supplied for which he answered that he will not pay for firewood, &c.

3. To Mr. Addis, mentioned in my 2nd letter, 1 fowl, 2 bundles of firewood, and 1 bundle of charcoal were supplied which his Butler, name not known, took from me, on myself and the two Reddies appearing before that gentleman and asking the price of the articles, he refused saying that no payment is necessary as we are enjoying enams. He also refused to pay the hire of the coolies.

4. For the eggs, &c. supplied to Lieutenant Hemery mentioned in my third letter, only 5 annas and 6 pice were paid into the hands of Boochee Reddy of my village by his maity. When that gentleman attempted to strike me because I did not point out the Reddies. I told him that it was not my fault, as I had supplied every thing that were required by him and had also sent a man to call the Reddies who will be coming presently, then on seeing the Head Writer of the Collector's office he did not strike me, the merchants of the village, named Narapah, Goo-roomoorthy and some of the coolies who were present, have also seen.

I heard the deposition read it is correct.

× The mark of Mahomed Khan,

Solemn, affirmed before me this 8th June 1857.

(Signed) M. MURRAY,
Magistrate.

Re-examination of Peon Mahomed Khan on Solemn Affirmation on the 9th June 1857, before M. Murray, Esq., Magistrate of Cuddapah.

Q. 1.—State the discription of articles supplied by you to Lieutenant Hemery the last time and their value?

A. The particulars required are mentioned in this list which I now produce and I shall state the prices of the same.

		Rs.	A.	P.
300	Tent pegs at 1 anna 4 pice per 100, the hire of wood brought from the Hills..... Annas 3 Hire of Carpenter for making them into pegs ,, 1	0	4	0
40	Firesticks for which 1 anna 4 pice were paid to each cooly (for 2) for bringing them from the Hills	0	2	8
46	Pots at 3 pice each	0	11	6
6	Bundles of firewood at 4 pice for bundle	0	2	0
2	Do. charcoal...	0	12	0
1	Large fowl	0	2	0
8	Eggs	0	2	0
3¼	Sere of milk	0	0	8
¼	Ditto. of butter	0	1	0
		0	0	4
	Total.....	2	6	8

The Tent pegs and Firesticks were previously paid for by me, as they are always required to be on hand, for the other articles I have not paid, and they were taken by me from people in the village on promise of paying their price hereafter, only 5 annas and 6 pice were paid for the

articles by Lieutenant Hemery into the hands of Boochee Reddy and on asking for the remainder of the price, his Maity and Daloyets refused to pay it. The 5 annas and 6 pice above mentioned, were paid by the said Maity and Daloyet and not by the gentleman who had left the place before the demand was made. I also sent a Merchant with his bazaar articles to that gentleman's Camp on that day, who supplied every thing required but I don't know whether the Merchant had been paid or not.

Q. 2.—When you had supplied all the articles required by Lieutenant Hemery, why did he threaten to strike you if the Reddies were not pointed out?

A. As bullocks were required by him he threatened to strike me if the Reddies did not come whom I accordingly sent for.

Q. 3.—Did you ask for the price of the articles, besides the 5 annas and 6 pice paid?

A. The Maity and other said that the gentleman ordered them not to give more, and therefore I did not get the price although I asked for it.

Q. 4.—Why were the 6 bundles of straw required for the said gentleman?

A. For his 4 Bullocks for spreading down on the floor in different places in his Tent and for the beds of Horses. Six bundles were demanded and they were accordingly given.

Q. 5.—Where were the Reddies at the time when Lieutenant Hemery arrived?

A. They were then in the adjoining village whom I afterwards sent for.

Q. 6.—In the letter dated 1st June 1857 received from Lieutenant Hemery, it is stated that the Reddies of Mundium did not supply him with a drop of milk till very late, and you say that every thing required were ready in time, but that the Reddies alone were not present, if so, why should that gentleman write as above stated?

A. As soon as that gentleman's Tents came in, the Lascars, whose names I don't know, came up and frightened me saying that before the Tents are pitched they must have their mamool batta. I told them that my pay is only 3½ Rupees and cannot therefore afford paying them any thing. Upon this I do not know what the Lascars reputed against me and what that gentleman wrote in his letter. But before Lieutenant Hemery came into the village every thing with the exception of Bullocks and Coolies, were supplied by me, as also 3 men to carry water for his kitchen. To ascertain the fact of the servants statements, I was unable as I was afraid to approach that gentleman, he being in the habit of striking.

Q. 7.—When Lieutenant Hemery attempted to strick you, where were the Reddies then?

A. It was about 7 o'clock in the morning when Lieutenant Hemery halted near his Tent and came into the village with a stick in his hand to strick me. The Reddies arrived, from the village about ½ or 1 mile distant, at noon near the Tent upon a message sent by me.

Q. 8.—When did the Reddies go to their village from Mundium previous to this occurrence?

A. Lieutenant Hemery arrived at Mundium on Monday morning. On Saturday night the Reddies went away to their village and did not return all Sunday, as they had no business in the village. We were not aware of Lieutenant Hemery being expected at Mundium.

I heard this Deposition read to me it is correct as I stated.

The mark of Mahomed Khan.

Solemnly affirmed before me this 9th June 1857.

(Signed) M. MURRAY.
Magistrate

(True Translation.)

M. MURRAY.
Magistrate.

Letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Cuddapah, 5th August 1857, No. 579.

SIR,

On the receipt of Extract No. 1757 from your Proceedings under date the 3rd Ultimo, forwarding a letter with its enclosures (herewith returned) from the Collector of Cuddapah, I immediately called upon all the Officers and Subordinates, against whom charges had been brought by Mr. Murray, for any explanation they might have to offer on the subject, and I now have the honor to forward copies of letters from Captain Palmer, J. George Esq., Mr. Walton and Assitant Overseers Haddock and Thorpe who are alluded to in the Collector's letter.

2. I shall also add a few remarks on the charges against myself contained in para. 5 of Mr. Murray's letter.

3. On the evening of the 31st May my lascars reached Chinna Mundium with my tents and they immediately told the Tannah Peon Mahomed Khan and a Curnum named Ramchendruppah to have supplies ready as I was to arrive there next morning. They both refused, saying that "they did not care for the Engineer," and accordingly on reaching Chinna Mundium at 9 A. M. on the 1st June, I found nothing ready. I was then obliged to go into the village to ask the Peon whether he could not get me a little milk. I also asked him where the Reddies lived, but I most positively deny attempting to strike him or that I desisted from doing so, on sceing the Collector's Head Writer whom I do not even know by sight.

4. I then returned to my tent and waited there until 10 o'clock before any supplies whatever were forthcoming.

5. The whole deposition of the Peon Mahomed Khan is one tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end.

6. He states that I only paid twelve annas for a Sheep worth one Rupee and a quarter, whereas I did not get a sheep at all at Chinna Mundium.

7. The list of articles supplied is false, the first item consists of 300 tent pegs; now I invariably carry tent pegs with me, but occasionally I require a few new ones and in this instance I got about 20 for which the Reddies made no charge.

8. It sometimes happens that the Reddies make no charge for certain articles supplied to Officers on duty; the other day at Poolyvaindlah on looking over the accounts, I observed that the Reddies had not included firewood or Charcoal; on enquiring the reason of this omission, I was told that it was customary for the Vetty people belonging to the village to supply these articles gratis and that the Collector never pays for the same although he generally remains three weeks or a month at Poolyvaindlah every year.

9. With regard to the other things supplied at Chinna Mundium, I have a receipt signed by this same Peon Mahomed Khan, by a Reddy and by another Talook Peon.

10. On arriving at Rauyachoty on the 2nd June, I requested the Sheristadar, in the absence of the Tahsildar, to send for the Peon Mahomed Khan and to take the depositions of my servants in his presence but he did not comply with my request. I reported this circumstance to Mr. Murray; why then, when he took the peons deposition, did he not also send for my lascars? Because he knew from my letter that they would have contradicted every word of the peon's evidence and this would not have suited Mr. Murray's purpose at all.

11. The person referred to by the peon as Mr. Addis, is Assistant Overseer Haddock, who in his letter (copy of which is herewith forwarded) denies the charges that have been brought against him.

12. The peon Mahomed Khan also states that my writers only paid their coolies six pice each from Chinna Mundium to Goorumcondah.

13. My draftsman, who is the head of the Office, denies this statement; he assures me that the coolies each received one anna and were fed besides; I have since ascertained beyond a doubt that Mr. Murray's Cutcherry servants never pay their coolies at all but merely give them a little rice.

14. Mr. Murray complains that Captain Palmer would not exert himself in procuring carriage when in the Cuddree Talook but far from it; Captain Palmer had collected a set of Bearers and 20 coolies when they were seized by the Tahsildar's peons and taken to Poolyvaindlah, a distance of 25 miles for the use of the Collector and his Cutcherry and yet knowing this, Mr. Murray feigns astonishment because Captain Palmer then applied to the Tahsildar for carriage and I may add that the number of coolies applied for by Captain Palmer has been grossly exaggerated.

15. On the receipt of my letter, Captain Palmer requested the Collector who was then at Mudnapully to allow him an opportunity of appearing before him in the presence of the Head Sheristadar and of the Tahsildars of Mudnapully and Goorumcondah but Mr. Murray declined on the ground that his complaint was founded on what had taken place in the Cuddree Talook, but when Captain Palmer pointed out that serious charges had been preferred against him in which the Mudnapully and Goorumcondah Tahsildars were directly concerned, Mr. Murray said he had no time to enter into any investigation as his Cutcherry servants were to leave for Cuddapah that evening.

16. With regard to the complaints of non-payment made by the Reddy of Goorumcondah, I can only state that he never has said a word to me on the subject although he had repeated opportunities of doing so.

17. The last time I was at Goorumcondah, the Reddy came up to Mr. George and myself, and entered into conversation regarding the work in progress at the old palace, but not a word of complaint did he utter against any of our servants, the fact is the Enam land attached to his appointment is so wretchedly small that it is a matter of perfect indifference to him whether he retains it or not, he is notoriously uncivil to travellers and the Tahsidar has often told me that he would recommend the Collector to dismiss him.

18. Assistant Supervisor Walton's explanation of the charge of non-payment brought against him shews, that in the list presented to him for payment by the Reddies of Chintacoontah, was included a sheep, the price of which had already been paid to the owner.

19. Mr. Walton merely requested that this item might be deducted from the Bill, the Reddies however refused to come to his tent and settle their accounts but in the list forwarded to the Collector, they very cunningly deducted the price of the sheep which was all Mr. Walton asked them to do.

20. The general charge of plundering the Ryots brought by the Collector against the member of this Department in this District is not only false and unjust, but I have no hesitation in stating, that we pay much more for supplies and carriage than the Collector or his servants, both public and private, it is notorious that at the time of the Annual settlement, there is, in every Talook, an organized system (I will not say of plunder) but of forced contributions for the benefit of the Collector and of his Cutcherry servants and it would be well if the Collector were to evince as great anxiety to protect the Ryots from his own people as from the hard worked members of the Department of Public Works.

Letter from Brevet Captain G. PALMER, Executive Engineer, Cuddapah District, to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Camp Mudnapully, 9th July 1857, No. 40.

SIR,

In answer to your letter No. 400 dated 6th Instant, I have the honor to state, with reference to the charges brought against me by the Collector in a letter to the Chief Engineer that I can, and do, conscientiously declare, that I have never in any one single instance defrauded any person high or low, in the District, all charges for supplies and carriage have not only been

promptly but generously paid for. I have receipts from the Reddies and Bazar men of every village I have visited. Our rates for Cooly hire are 2 annas for 10 miles, far more liberal than those specified by the Collector, and I have invariably paid all demands myself and never make use of any intermediate agency not even that of private servants.

2. The charges are so gross that I could not believe Mr. Murray would refuse me an opportunity of clearing myself. I therefore officially requested him as magistrate to allow me to appear before him for that purpose, in the presence of the Head Sheristadar and the Tahsildars of Goorumcondah and Mudnapully. But Mr. Murray declined making any further enquiry.

3. I now confidently state that the evidence of those Tahsildars, as well as of every Reddy in the Mudnapully and Cuddree Talooks, (the extent of my present charge) will tend directly to prove the statements contained in my first para. and will clearly show whether Mr. Murray is justified in stating that "non payment" is a growing evil, whether as far as the Public Works Department is concerned, one portion of Government servants or subjects "are plundered to feed others" or that those who carry our loads are not fairly and liberally paid. Mr. Murray has refused the opportunity I offered him of ascertaining the truth of these statements.

4. The statement of the Cuddree Tahsildar is grossly exaggerated; not one half of the carriage and coolies therein stated, was supplied. The rocky nature of the country, destitute of any appearance even of a road, renders it necessary to lighten bandies and coolies of at least half their common loads, and the Tahsildar is well aware that I would never have applied to him for assistance had not all the coolies &c., been taken away for the Collector's service.

5. I was in hopes my explanation (enclosure No. 1) would have satisfied Mr. Murray that the complaint was not made "bonâ fide" but at the malicious instigation of the Tahsildar who has always opposed the Department I have now only further to add that I had been several days without sheep, the Reddy had refused to supply me with one saying "there were no orders" and the Reddy at Cota Coola told me and my people that the Collector had called up every Reddy and strictly prohibited them giving any supplies to the Department.

6. I trust that the above explanation will be satisfactory to the Chief Engineer but, if not, I respectfully solicit the strictest enquiry into the general conduct, hearing and behaviour of any and every one connected with the Department within my range as it will be found that instead of censure, our efforts are deserving of praise and encouragement.

Letter from Brevet Captain G. PALMER, Executive Engineer, Cuddapah District; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, No. 33 of 1857-58.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 336 dated the 23rd Instant giving cover to an Urzee from the Goorumcondah Reddy regarding non-payment of certain bearers.

II. I perfectly recollect the Reddy stating that he had paid, by the Tahsildar's order, an advance of 5 Rupees for bearers to take my Palkee to Cuddree.

III. It occurred to me at the time, that it was very improbable that the Tashildar should ask a Reddy to pay such an amount for me, and as I was then going to Woilpaud, I told the man, I would speak to the Tahsildar and if he corroborated the statement I would pay him the money. Unfortunately the Tashildar was absent at Tripetty and the matter entirely escaped my recollection.

IV. It was manifestly the Reddy's duty to have made another appeal direct to me or through the Tahsildar. He never even mentioned the subject when I went to meet you at Goorumcondah in April last, and had he brought it to the Tahsildar's notice I am sure the latter would have reminded me of it.

V. Immediately on receipt of your letter I sent off the 5 Rupees to the Tahsildar to pay the man and I hope you will oblige me by bringing the circumstances prominently to the Collector's notice, for the Reddy had no right whatever to nurse into a grievance, what, by his own showing, was the result of no refusal or oppression on my part.

Letter from Brevet Captain G. PALMER, Executive Engineer, Cuddapah District; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Camp Mudnapully, 15th July 1857, No. 49.

SIR,

In continuation of my letter No. 33 dated 30th Ultimo, I have the honor to inform you that I officially requested the attendance, at his convenience of the Tahsildar of Goorumcondah who directly confirms the doubt I expressed in the 3rd para.

2. The Tahsildar further said that "the money was due to himself and not to the Reddy "who had no right whatever even to mention the circumstance, that on receipt of my instruc- "tions he had ordered the Reddy to tell the Buckal to pay any sum that might be required as "advance, and to enter the same in his account with the Tahsildar that, the sum was actually "advanced by the bazar man, entered in the accounts, debited to the Tahsildar, and, if not paid "for, was in course of liquidation."

3. The Tahsildar has given me a written receipt for the sum, as money due to himself; and I trust, after this explanation, that the false accusation of the Goorumcondah Reddy will not be allowed to pass unnoticed.

Letter from JOHN GEORGE, Esq., Assistant Engineer, Cuddapah District; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Camp Royachoty, 17th July 1857, No. 56.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th Instant, with enclosures as per margin. I will first reply to the Collector's letter and will then proceed to the depositions. In para. 1 of the Collector's letter that gentleman says that "unless a check may be put to such irregularities (alluding to non-payment of supplies,) the efforts I have made to procure supplies will be in vain," whatever efforts the Collector may have made, they have been, and are, most decidedly unsuccessful, but such is not to be attributed to the non-payment of supplies, but rather to the contempt felt and openly expressed by the people towards orders signed by the Collector. I have an order in my possession signed by Mr. Murray to the effect, that supplies are to be given on proper payment being made for same, but the order is laughed at, and on one or two occasions the Reddies have told me that they did not care for Mr. Murray's order, and again, with reference to the efforts said to have been made by the Collector, I would observe that throughout Royachoty and Goorumcondah Talooks the Reddies and Ryots to a man, declare that they have never received any order from the Collector or Tahsildar to give supplies.

A letter from the Collector of Cuddapah to the Chief Engineer.
Deposition of Chinna Kristnah Reddy, Reddy of Goorumcondah.
Deposition of Mahommed Khan, Tannah Peon of Chinna Mundium.

2. The Collector says "it could never be the intention of Government that a portion of their subjects should be plundered to feed others" I understood the Government order to say that supplies were to be provided by heads of villages "on proper payment." The Collector appears to have overlooked this important part of the Government Minute although in his order to Tahsildars he has laid particular stress on the proviso "on proper payment." As the Collector makes a general charge against the Officers of the Department Public Works my reply to this para. is, that I make it a rule to always have the people of the village up to my tent, when I see them paid, and also see that they give a receipt.

Para. 7. The Reddy of Goorumcondah tenders his resignation on the ground that he sustains loss in finding supplies &c. some time ago the Tahsildar of Goorumcondah admitted to me that the above named Reddy was a bad man "that every body complained of him, and that he would at the next Jumabundy, recommend that the man be dismissed, but that it he did so, no other man would take the place because "the Enam was so small." It does not appear by the Collector's letter that any enquiries have been made of the Tahsildars regarding this man.

Para. 8. The Collector asks "where heads of a village can find so many coolies" alluding to a request made by Lieutenant Palmer to the Tahsildar of Cuddree for 60 Bagarries.

I am surprised at this from the Collector, for surely he must know how, and from whence, the coolies are procured for the use of his Cutcherry. About a week ago I was at Moodravaloo (7 miles from Royachoty) and was obligingly informed by a Peon who had just arrived from the last named place, that he had orders to "take" all the Bagarries he could find to Royachoty for the "Collector." So that all things considered I think if coolies can be procured for the Collector's Camp they can be so for an Officer of the Department Public Works.

Para. 9. The Collector states "all that is required can be got in the village in ten minutes and merchants would not require to leave their shops." This is a great mistake, and I can only suppose that ignorance of the manners of the people is the cause of the Collector making such an assertion. The bazaar men of village almost invariably refuse to give any supplies whatever, because "the Collector has given no orders" and a short time ago the bazaar people of Veerapully refused to supply me with any thing even after I had offered them an advance.

Para. 10. "Members of D. P. W., will not make use of their servants." They can only do so in villages where there is no Talook Peon. I now never allow a village Peon to come near to, or have any thing to do with my Camp for I have had so many complaints made to me by poor people and by Bagarries that the Peon keeps back, or makes them give him, a per-centage on whatever they receive.

Para. 11. "Officers of D. P. W., can by liberal pay from the Public money procure coolies; if they in like manner give liberal pay to those who carry their baggage, coolies would be less difficult to procure." Before replying to this para, can the Collector explain the following. In villages where a Talook Peon is stationed great difficulty is always experienced in procuring coolies, but in villages not blessed with a Peon, the coolies come forward willingly, generally sleep in my Camp all night, and seldom murmur at what they receive. The Collector is not quite right when he says that by liberal pay from public money coolies can be procured. I have frequently had one day 300 or 400 coolies working on the roads and on the next not 20 could be collected. They had all deserted the works to cultivate their fields and when this is the case no amount of "liberal pay" will induce them to return. When the 30th Regiment was marching up to Cuddapah, I wanted to complete a rough tunnel to render the road practicable for bandies. One evening the whole of the coolies (about 150) were paid and the next morning not 10 men made their appearance. I went down to a village and offered the men double pay if they would work that day, but they refused and their only reason for so doing was, in their own words, "they had now plenty of money and they would not work again till it was all spent."

Deposition of the Peon of Chinna Mundium.—This man makes no distinct charge against me, so I will merely observe that on the first intimation of an arrival at Chinna Mundium the Reddies invariably find it necessary to leave the village for a time and it is not until message after message has been sent to them that they make their appearance.

Deposition of Reddy of Goorumcondah.

The Reddy states "as soon as Engineers halt at Goorumcondah their Peons come and take me to their Camp," when I halt at Goorumcondah my servants go into the village for the purpose of procuring supplies, but the result is always the same. Nothing whatever can be had and the Reddy will not bestir himself. Under these circumstances I send for the man, and the last time I was there, he told me there was not an egg or fowl in the village. Now when a man deliberately utters such a palpable untruth and then changing his mind, sends the fowl or eggs some six hours after the request was made. I think the man ought to be punished, every time that I have been at Goorumcondah I have reported the Reddy for his determined opposition, and on one or two occasions his unqualified refusal to give supplies. I do not recollect the circumstance charged against me by the Reddy, but I certainly did once reduce the price of a sheep though whether it is the one to which he alludes or not I dont know.

However satisfactory this affirmation may appear to the Collector, it is very far from being so to me. The Reddy makes one distinct complaint against me and charges all Officers indiscriminately with "making a great delay or refusing to pay the price and when demanded strictly they frighten and threaten to beat me" &c. &c. pay 6 or 8 annas for a sheep &c., straw for Horses is not paid for at all "and further adds" he is subjected to this treatment why did not the Collector make this man specify these charges; make him name who refused to pay him.

For myself I will say that what is affirmed by the Reddy is totally without foundation. That I have never paid so low a rate as 6 or 8 annas for a sheep, that the straw procured for my Horses and Bullocks is always paid for, and that the evening before I start the amount of the man's list is paid to him. If he means by "delay" that his accounts are examined by my Butler he is right, and it is not to be supposed that he or any one else will be paid until his list has been looked over.

In conclusion I am sure that in no one instance have I left a village without having paid for every thing. The accounts written by the men themselves are brought to me and I always see the amount paid.

The Reddy of Goorumcondah in his deposition says, that "if Engineers will adopt the practice of buying rice &c. in the bazar, and fowl, sheep &c. from the Ryots, by paying proper price for them they will experience no difficulty in procuring what they want." The Collector in his letter appears to coincide with the Reddy, but the Reddy does, and the Collector should, know that such is far from being the case. I have already mentioned a case where the people refused to supply me, and with regard to sheep, I endeavoured a few weeks ago to purchase a number, so that I might not be subjected to any more inconvenience and annoyance from the Heads of villages. The owner of the sheep would not part with one. I told him to fix his own price but he declined, saying he did not wish to sell any, although there were at least 400 sheep in the flock, what is to be done in a case of this kind? It would really be a great satisfaction to me to know how supplies are procured for the Collector when he marches. Are Ryots and bazar men politely requested to sell their goods? It is possible that if the Officers of the Department Public Works, were allowed to procure every thing they needed in the same manner as the Collector does, (although I do not profess to know the kind of persuasion used by that gentleman or his servants), that the complaints of non-payment would decrease as rapidly as they have lately increased under the Collector's fostering care.

Letter from Mr. W. WALTON, Assistant Supervisor; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Wontimittah, 23d June 1857.

SIR,

I beg to inform you with reference to the non-payment of articles received at Chinta Coontah that the merchants were paid to the amount of Rupees (6-3-11) as the accompanying receipt from them will testify. It is usual, before quitting a village for one or more of the heads of the village to settle personally with my servants, the value of articles received and when satisfied that it is reasonable to receive it and give a receipt. In the present instance a bill forwarded, marked No. 1 for articles received was presented by a Yetty man of the village, but as it included the price of a sheep which had been paid for to the owner at the tent instead of being deducted from the total amount as I find it is done in the bill sent to the Collector, the man was desired to receive only what was actually due. But he insisted on the payment of the whole amount and on being refused he went away. He was requested to ask the Reddy or Curnum to call over personally that the matter may be explained to them, but they did not do so. It often happens that certain articles are purchased directly from the owner for which, the heads of the village ignorant perhaps of my having done so, charge me as in the present instance. The course the Chinta Coontah men should have adopted was to call over as requested and to have the matter explained to them; I shall forward Rupees (1-9-1) to the Tahsildar.

Letter from Serjeant J. HADDOCK, Assistant Overseer; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated Budwail, 26th July 1857.

SIR,

In reply to the letter dated 30th April 1857 and to the depositions of Public Peon Mahomed Khan, made against me, I beg to state they are false from beginning to end.

2. The 5 coolies mentioned therein demanded 2 annas (each) I told them to go and tell the Reddy, I wanted him so that I could enquire from him, what was their proper hire, and also

Charges against Lieutenant Palmer, Executive Engineer.

1st. After referring generally to complaints made to him at Cuddree regarding non payment for supplies, the Collector states that the Reddy of that village brought some sheep to Lieutenant Palmer, from which he selected two, and retained them against the will of the owner, who had reared them for four or five years, and did not wish to part with them on the terms offered by Lieutenant Palmer; and that, on the owner endeavoring to prevent his sheep being taken, he was struck by that Officer. Para. 4.

1st. In his reply to the Collector dated 4th June last, Lieutenant Palmer states that five sheep, said to be from a flock, were brought to him by the Reddy, out of which two being selected, 5 Rs. were at first demanded, but ultimately 2 Rs. were agreed to be taken for each; that upon this, the complainant, whom he had not seen before, stepped forward, and stated that the sheep were his, and should not be given up for less than 5 Rs. each, not saying however then, or subsequently, that they had been reared by himself. Lieutenant Palmer proceeds to state that he then endeavoured to bargain with the man, and at last told him that he would refer the matter for the decision of the Collector; but that, on the complainant coming close up to him bawling, he snatched up a switch from the ground, and hit him once on the shoulder. Lieutenant Palmer expresses his conviction that this complaint would not have been made, had not the Cuddree Tahsildar instigated the man to prefer it.

2ndly. That the Reddy of Goorumcondah tendered to him his resignation, on the ground that the loss which he sustains in finding supplies for the Officers of the Public Works Department, is greater than the value of his Enam, and that only a portion of the cost of supplies furnished, is paid by those Officers. Para. 7.

2 to 4. In reply to the charge of non-payment, Lieutenant Palmer states in his letter to Lieutenant Hemery of the 9th July last, that he can conscientiously declare that he has never defrauded any person in the District; that all charges for supplies and carriage have not only been promptly, but generously paid, that he has receipts from the Reddies and Bazarmen of every village that he has visited, and that he invariably pays all demands himself, and never makes use of any intermediate agency, not even that of his private servants. He also declares that he applied to Mr. Murray, as Magistrate, to allow him to appear before him in the presence of the Head Sheristadar, and of the Tahsildars of Muddenpully and Goorumcondah, in order that he might have an opportunity of clearing himself of the charges that had been preferred against him, but that Mr. Murray declined to comply with his application. With reference to the statement of the Cuddree Tahsildar, Lieutenant Palmer declares that it is grossly exaggerated, and that he would not have applied to that functionary at all for assistance, had not all the coolies &c. been taken away for the Collector's service. With respect to the complaint of the Goorumcondah Reddy, regarding the non-payment of the hire of certain bearers, (Deposition, Answer to 4th Question) Lieutenant Palmer states in his letter to Lieutenant Hemery, No. 33 of 1857, that he perfectly recollects the Reddy saying that he had paid, by the Tahsildar's orders, 5 Rupees to bearers for taking his Palankeen to Cuddree, but that, doubting the man's statement, he informed him that he would speak to the Tahsildar, and then pay him. In his letter of the 15th July, Lieutenant Palmer declares that the Tahsildar confirmed his suspicion regarding the truth of the Reddy's statement, and informed him that the money was due to himself, and not to the Reddy; and Lieutenant Palmer adds that he holds the Tahsildar's receipt for the amount. With regard to the proffered resignation of the Reddy, Lieutenant Hemery assigns (Para. 17.) the very small value of his Enam as the real cause of his indifference about retaining it; and he adds, that the man is notoriously uncivil

3rdly. That the Tahsildars of Goorumcondah and Muddenpully mentioned to him that the Ryots complained that their cattle were sometimes taken 20 miles by the Officers of the Public Works Department, without any payment whatever. Para. 8.

4thly. That Lieutenant Palmer required the Tahsildar of Cuddree to provide 60 coolies, 6 bearers and 10 carts; and the Collector considers a requisition of this nature to be an abuse of the Chief Engineer's orders respecting supplies to the Public Works Department. Para. 9.

to travellers, and that the Tahsildar has often told him that he would recommend the Collector to dismiss him.

Mr. George, Assistant Engineer.

The Collector makes no specific complaint against Mr. George, but the Reddy of Goorumcondah, in his deposition before Mr. Murray, states, (Answer to 4th Question) that he purchased a fine sheep for 1 Rupee and 2 annas, and gave it to Mr. George, for which he was paid only 12 annas by the Butler; and that, when he mentioned the circumstance to Mr. George, he was told by that Gentleman, that he would not pay him more, because Mr. Hemery and Mr. Palmer had informed him that he was a bad supplier.

Mr. George admits that he once reduced the price of a sheep, but does not recollect whether it is the one to which reference is here made. He speaks of the difficulty of obtaining supplies, and adverts to an instance in which he was told by this Reddy that not an egg or a fowl was to be had in the village, and that some six hours after both were sent by the man. He states that every time he has been at Goorumcondah, he has reported the Reddy for his determined opposition, and on one or two occasions, for his unqualified refusal to find supplies. With reference to the general charge of non-payment, or inadequate payment, for supplies, Mr. George states that what is affirmed by the Reddy is totally without foundation; that he never paid so low a rate as 6 or 8 annas for a sheep, as alleged, and that the straw for the use of his horses and bullocks was always paid for,

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Mr. Walton states that in the list presented to him for payment by a Vetty of the village, was included a sheep, the price of which had previously been paid to the owner. Mr. Walton requested that the value of the sheep might be deducted, but the man insisted on the payment of the whole amount of the bill, and, on being refused, went away. In the list sent to the Collector, the price of the sheep is deducted, and this was all that Mr. Walton asked might be done.

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The Collector states (para 8.) that the Tahsildar of Doovoor complained to him against Assistant Overseer Thorpe for assaulting the Curnum at Chintacontah.

In the same para. of his letter, the Collector refers to a Petition addressed to Government against Lieutenant Hemery and Mr. Thorpe for assaulting the Curnums of Nundialumpett; but this Petition has been separately disposed of by an order directing the Petitioners to address the Board of Revenue if the Collector afforded them no redress.

Mr. Thorpe denies the charge of striking any of the Curnums, but admits having pushed one of them out of his tent for using insolent language towards him. Mr. Thorpe states that the Curnums employ a Musselman to beat his servants; that his writer and his brother were knocked down in the Chintacoontah Bazaar in his presence, and that he believes that if he had not been there that day, they would have been murdered. He also mentions that he reported the circumstance to the Tahsildar, but does not know what notice has been taken of this and many other complaints which he has lately brought against the Chintacoontah Curnums.

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The charges against Assistant Overseer Haddock are contained in the deposition of Peon Mahomed Khan, in which the Overseer is erroneously called Addis. Mahomed Khan alleges that a cooly who brought the baggage

Mr. Haddock states, in reference to the charge against his Lascar, that no complaint was made to him regarding the alleged assault of the cooly by the Lascar; that he did not pour milk on the village Peon's head; that the

of Mr. Haddock's Lascar from Goorumcondah to Mundium, was beaten by the Lascar on the road near Gungama Pagoda, and that his cloth was taken away and was afterwards restored; that the Village Peon Lutcheegadoo who carried milk for Mr. Haddock, having asked for the value of the articles supplied that day, the latter, after drinking a portion of the milk, poured the other portion on the Peon's head, who cried out that he had lost his cast thereby; and lastly, that Mr. Haddock, after taking the same coolies, who came with him from Goorumcondah, as far as Royachoty, sent them away without their hire, saying that he would not pay them as they were in the enjoyment of Enam. Answer to 3rd Question para. 1.

four coolies who took his baggage to Royachoty, were not the same people referred to in Mahomed Khan's deposition, and that he paid them one anna each. He also states that he paid for all the supplies that he received.

3. The general charge of non-payment, or insufficient payment, for supplies and carriage, brought forward by the Collector against the Officers of the Public Works Department in his District, founded on the depositions of Peon Mahomed Khan and the Reddy of Goorumcondah, is thus totally denied by those Officers. The explanations furnished by them are plain and straight forward; and the Governor in Council is unable, in the absence of more satisfactory proof than the allegations of the Peon and Reddy, to arrive at any other conclusion, as respects this charge, than that it is without foundation. A copy of the Chief Engineer's letter however, and of its enclosures, will be forwarded to Mr. Murray for any observations that he may wish to offer; and he will at the same time, be requested, with reference to para. 10 of Lieutenant Hemery's letter, to explain why, when he took the deposition of Peon Mahomed Khan, he did not also send for Lieutenant Hemery's lascars and take their depositions at the same time. Mr. Murray will also explain why he did not afford Lieutenant Palmer the opportunity he sought of replying to the charges brought against him, as stated in para. 2 of his letter to the District Engineer of the 9th July last. Mr. Murray's attention will further be requested to the allegations contained in paras. 8 and 13 of Lieutenant Hemery's letter, that the Collector never pays for certain articles which are supplied by the Villagers gratis, and that Mr. Murray's Cutcherry servants never pay their coolies at all, but merely give them a little rice. Mr. Murray will also, with reference to Lieutenant Palmer's assertion that the carriage and coolies were all taken from the village where he was for the service of the Collector's Cutcherry, state the amount of carriage, and the number of coolies, or bagaries, and bearers that he orders for his establishment, public and private, when out on his Jummabundy tour, and whether he adopts any, and what measures, to see that they are paid by the public servants.

4. The Chief Engineer will point out to Lieutenant Hemery, with reference to para. 8 of his letter of the 5th August last, the great impropriety of his receiving any thing from the Villagers gratis, whatever may be the custom; and that, although no charge may be made for the articles, he should insist on their value being received.

5. Colonel Faber will also inform Lieutenant Palmer, through the District Engineer, that he was not justified in lifting his hand against the complainant referred to in para. 3 of his letter to the Collector of the 4th June 1857, and that Government view such acts with great displeasure. Similar caution should also be conveyed, through the same channel, to Assistant Overseer Thorpe.

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

Central Office of P. W.

Fort Saint George,
28th August 1857.

No. 3260

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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

Complaints by Collector of Cuddapah against members of the P. W. D.

Sir,

In matters of dispute between Collectors and Officers of the Public Works Department whose Statements and counterstatements are made, involving more or less, not only the Official proceedings, but the private conduct of all concerned, I feel that it is not within my province to offer any decision, and have therefore the honor to submit for the consideration of Government the accompanying original documents, expressing at the same time my regret at being under the necessity of troubling them with so voluminous a correspondence.

2 Mr. Murray the Collector of Cuddapah in his letter No. 64 dated 19th June last, after observing in para 2 that "it could never be the intention of Government

"that a portion of their subjects should be plundered to
"feed others" advances most unqualified charges of non-
payment for Carriage and Supplies, and in some instances
of assault against Lieutenant Heemery and others, and
in para 8 takes exception I conclude to my circular
Nº 1171 dated 23rd March 1857, communicating to the
Department Extract Mins: Cons: Nº 112 of the 16th Janu-
ary, observing that such does not appear to be in
accordance with Minutes of Consultation dated 25th October
1856 and that whether it is or not, it is open to great
abuse, and requires to be modified, a conclusion from
which I entirely dissent.

3 Lieutenant Heemery with his Letter Nº 579
of the 5th instant forwards copies of letters from Captain
Palmer, Mr George, Assistant Executive Engineer
Assistant Supervisor Watton, and Assistant Overseers
Haddock and Thorpe, one and all concerned, denying
the truth of the charges brought against them.

4. The Statements made in the several letters
are clear, and to the point, but I feel it incumbent on
me to observe that Lieutenant Heemery in the warmth
of his defence has made some observations which must

be considered indiscreet

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obt Servant

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
28th August 1857.

A. Cotton Colonel
Chief Engineer.

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

Brett.

For Orders.

Public Works Department 24th

From the Chief Engineer 28th August 1857

Re charges brought by the Collector

Of Chittagong against the Assistant

Engineer at Noakhally

Respectfully submitted, attention is

Requested to the accompanying

Letter from the Collector of Chittagong

Under date 26th instant, with

Enclosures, on the subject of charges

Made by the Assistant Commissioner

At Noakhally against the Assistant

Engineer at Lemu Cuttack

Accompanied the usual Recommendation.

Re returns given by the P.W.

Department are incomplete.

Public Works Department
Dt. to Cons: 6th October 1857
No 1724

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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

Dated 28th August 1857
Received 28

No 3260
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Enclosures 11

Forwarded for the consideration of Government original correspondence on the subject of charges of non-payment for carriage and supplies and in some instances of assault advanced by the Collector of Cuddapah against the District Engineer Lieutenant Kennedy and others.

Sd. Cons. 20 January 57 No. 45 to 47

Copy of the letter with Dt. Engr's letter & Encls. to Govt. of Fort St. George.
31st Augt 57.
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directly contradict his former statements.

Some of his statements require further explanation from him before any of the acts of the P.M. Officers are prudently dispensed with. The papers misrepresented. While in other he has misquoted whole & part misrepresented.

The statements examined. statements which stand unimpeached.

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requested.

If it shall not be possible to procure such explanation that some official remedy must be applied.

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Extracts from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 30.th September 1857.

Read the following letter from the Chief Engineer

(Here enter 28.th August 1857 No. 3260.)

The Chief Engineer submits for the orders of Government a letter from Mr. Murray, the Collector of Cuddapah, preferring charges against Lieutenant Thomas the District Engineer, and other Members of the Public Works Department employed in that District, together with the replies furnished by those officers to the complaints brought against them. The charges have reference mainly to alleged non-payment for carriage and supplies and also, in some instances, to

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as faults stated to have been committed

The charges brought forward by the Collector are of a very grave nature, and are calculated, if true, to produce great dissatisfaction, and even violence, amongst the rural population. The statements made by the Collector however are met, in almost every instance, by counter-statements of a directly opposite nature, from the Officers of the Public Works Department, as appears from the following summary of the charges and defence, placed in juxta-position in view to their better comparison.

Collectors charges against Lieutenant Henery founded on the deposition of Police Peon, Mahomed Khan,

Lieutenant Henery's reply to the charges alleged against him.

1st That certain articles, specified in the margin of pages of the Collectors letter, and valued by the Peon Mahomed Khan at Rupees 2-6-0, were supplied to Lieutenant Henery at Chinna Mundiums, for which only annas 6. were paid by that gentlemans Servant.

1st In reply to this charge Lieutenant Henery states that the list of articles supplied is false; that with regard to the 300 pegs, he invariably carried with him about with him, and that, instead of 300 pegs as alleged, he got only 20 to replace old ones, for which however the peddies made no charge. He also states that no charge was made for firewood and charcoal, it being usual to supply those articles gratis, and that the Collector never pays for them; and with regard to the payment for the other things supplied, he states that he holds a receipt signed by Mahomed Khan himself, by a peddy, and by a Talook peon. He further alleges that at Ranyachoty, he requested the Shenistadar to send for Peon Mahomed Khan, and to take the depositions of his servants in his presence, but that the Shenistadar did not comply with his request; that he reported the circumstance to the Collector, but that Mr. Murray also in taking the deposition of the Peon, did not take those of his servants. Paras 7 to 10.

That Lieutenant Henery 2nd wrote

Lieutenant Henery states

made to him officially complaining that the peddies of the Chinna Mundiums village had refused to find him supplies, whereas they had been provided for him by Mahomed Khan, early in the morning of his arrival at the Village. Para 5.

states that his servant, with his tents, reached Chinna Mundium on the evening of the 2nd Inst, that they told Jean Mahomed Khan, and a Cunnum named Ramaschandrapah, that their master was expected next morning, and requested that supplies might be got ready, but that it both refused, saying that they did not care for the Engineer; that on arrival at 7 A. M. on the 1st Inst, he found nothing ready, and that, after going part of the way if he could get some milk, he was obliged to return to his tent, and there to wait till 10 o'Clock before any supplies or bahadurs were forthcoming. Paras 3 & 4.

3rd Cly That Lt Kemery's writer paid their Coolies only six pice each, for conveying their baggage from Chinna Mundium to Goorumconda St, a distance of 12 1/2 miles. para 12.

This allegation, Lt Kemery states, is denied by his Draftsman, who is at the head of his Office, and who assures him that the Coolies received one anna each, and were fed besides. Lt Kemery adds, that he has since ascertained beyond a doubt that Mr Murray's (Cutcherry) servants never pay their coolies at all, but merely give them a little rice. Para 13

4th Cly In his deposition before the Collector, Jean Mahomed Khan states that Lt Kemery attempted to strike him for not pointing out the peddies of Chinna Mundium, but desisted from doing so on seeing the Head writer of the Collector's Office. Vide deposition, answer to 3d Question, para 4.

4th Cly Lt Kemery positively denies that he attempted to strike Mahomed Khan, or that he desisted from doing so on seeing the Collector's Head writer, whom he does not even know by sight. Para 8.

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Lt. Kennery's butler paid only 12 annas for a sheep worth 1½ Rs.

Answer to 3d Question, Para 2.

Charges against Lt. Palmer, Executive Engr.

1st. After referring generally to complaints made to him at Cuddaw regarding non payment for supplies, the Collector states that the Reddy of that Village brought some sheep to Lt. Palmer, from which he selected two, and retained them against the will of the owner, who had reared them for four or five years, and did not wish to part with them on the terms offered by Lt. Palmer; and that, on the owner endeavoring to prevent his sheep being taken, he was struck by that Officer. Para 4.

that he did not buy a sheep at all at Chinnar Mundium. Para 6.

1st. In his reply to the Collector dated 4th June last, Lt. Palmer states that five sheep, said to be from a flock, were brought to him by the reddy, out of which two being selected, 5 Rs were at first demanded; but ultimately 2 Rs were agreed to be taken for each; that upon this, the Complainant, whom he had not seen before, stepped forward, and stated that the sheep were his, and should not be given up for less than 5 Rs. each, not saying however then, or subsequently, that they had been reared by himself. Lt. Palmer proceeds

proceeds to state that he then endeavoured to bargain with the man, and at last told him that he would refer the matter for the decision of the Collector; but that, on the complainant coming close up to him bawling, he snatched up a switch from the ground, and hit him once on the shoulder. Lt. Palmer expresses his conviction that this complaint would not have been made, had not the Cuddaw Tahsildar instigated the man to prefer it.

2nd. That the reddy of Goorumcondah tendered to him his resignation, on the ground that the loss which he sustains in finding supplies for the Officers of the Public Works Dept., is greater than the value of his Enam, and that only a portion of the cost of supplies furnished, is paid by those Officers. Para 7.

2 to 4. In reply to the charge of non payment, Lt. Palmer states in his letter to Lt. Kennery of the 9th July last, that he can conscientiously declare that he has never defrauded any person in the District; that all charges for supplies and carriage have not only been promptly, but generously, paid for; that he has receipts from the reddies and Bazarmen of every village that he has visited, and that he invariably pays all demands himself, and never makes use of any intermediate agency, not even that

3rd. That the Tahsildars of Goorumcondah and Inudempully mentioned to him that the ryots complained that their cattle were sometimes taken

20 miles by the Officers of the Public Works Dept., without any payment whatever. Para 8.

4th Ditto That Lt Palmer required the Tahsildar of Cuddalore to provide 60 Coolies, 6 bearers and 10 Carts; and the Collector considers a requisition of this nature to be an abuse of the Chief Engineer's orders respecting supplies to the Public Works Dept. Para 9.

that of his private servants. He also declares that he applied to Mr Murray, as Magistrate, to allow him to appear before him in the presence of the Head Sheristadar, & of the Tahsildars of Nuddenpully & Goorumcondah, in order that he might have an opportunity of clearing himself of the charges that had been preferred against him, but that Mr Murray declined to comply with his application. With reference to the statement of the Cuddalore Tahsildar, Lt Palmer declares that it is grossly exaggerated, and that he would not have applied to that Functionary at all for assistance, had not all the coolies been taken away for the Collector's service. With respect to the complaint of the Goorumcondah reddy, regarding the non payment of the hire of certain bearers, (Deposition, Answer to 6th Question) Lt Palmer states in his letter to Lt Hennery, No. 23 of 1857, that he perfectly recollects the reddy saying that he had paid, by the Tahsildar's orders, 6 Rs to bearers for taking his palanqueen to Cuddalore, but that, doubting the remittance, he informed him that he would speak to the Tahsildar, and then pay him. In his letter of the 15th July, Lt Palmer declares that the Tahsildar confirmed his suspicion regarding the truth of the reddy's statement, and informed him that the money was due to himself, and not to the reddy; and Lt Palmer adds that he holds the Tahsildar's receipt for the amount. With regard to the proffered resignation of the reddy, Lt Hennery (Para 17) the very small value

working of his Peons as the real cause of his indifference about retaining it; and he adds, that the man is notoriously uncivil to travellers, and that the Tahsildar has often told him that he would recommend the Collector to dismiss him.

Mr George, Assistant Engineer.

The Collector makes no specific complaint against Mr George, but the reddy of Goorumcondah, in his deposition before Mr Murray, states, (Answer to 4th Question) that he purchased a fine sheep for 1 Rupee and 2 Annas, and gave it to Mr George, for which he was paid only 12 Annas by the butler; and that, when he mentioned the circumstance to Mr George, he was told by that Gentleman, that he would not pay him any more, because Mr Hennery and Mr Palmer had informed him that he was a bad supplier.

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Reviewing the charges brought
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of the P.W.D. and their
Counter Statements thereto.

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No. 4. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, dated 12th September 1857, No. CXI. of 1857-58.

Read the following Extract from the Minutes of Consultation in the Public Works Department.

Reviewing the correspondence, submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 27th Ultimo having reference to certain instructions for clearing the bed of the river above the Vellaur annicut given by the Superintending Engineer Southern Circle. } (Here enter 8th September 1857, No. 1701.)

Resolved that a copy of the orders of Government conveyed in Extract Minutes Consultation No. 1701, of the 8th September 1857, be communicated to all District Engineers for their information and guidance; and also, that the attention of all Departmental Officers be again drawn to the orders of Government of 17th June 1856, which were specially brought forward in view to enforcement of obedience so short a time ago as on the 17th August 1857, in the Chief Engineer's Circular No. XCVII.

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

No. 5. ORDER THEREON, No. 1858; dated 30th September 1857.

Resolved that the Chief Engineer be called upon to explain without delay how, contrary to the orders noted in the margin he has thought it proper to circulate Extract Minutes Consultation dated 8th Instant, No. 1701, entire, to all the District Engineers, containing as it does severe censure on the conduct of Lieutenant Foord, District Engineer of South Arcot.

Extract Minutes Consultation 16th August 1856, No. 1454 para. 2.
Extract Minutes Consultation 17th April 1857, No. 707.

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

Circular. No. CXI. of 1857-58. 3

Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer, Under date the 12th September 1857, Read the following:

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Public.

No. 1701.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th September 1857.

Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Engineer.

Forwards in conformity to the wishes of the Superintending Engineer S. C. and with reference to Ex. Mins. Cons. No. 377 of the 27th February 1857, for information and orders correspondence relating to Lieutenant Foord's neglect of Major Lawford's instructions in respect to the regulation of the bed of the Vellaur river at Shatiah Tope and in expressing opinion thereon, observes that the professional opinions of Major Lawford are unreservedly concurred in by the Chief Engineer. } (Here enter 27th August 1857, No. 3195.)

It is unnecessary for Government to review in detail the voluminous correspondence submitted with the Chief Engineer's Proceedings of the 27th Ultimo, No. 3195. It will be sufficient to remark that it has reference mainly to certain instructions for clearing the bed of the river above the Vellaur annicut, given by the Superintending Engineer of the Southern Circle when lately on a professional tour of inspection, and most inadequately carried into effect by the District Engineer Lieutenant Foord.

2. The Government cannot too strongly condemn the inattention to the orders he received from the Superintending Engineer which was shewn by Lieutenant Foord. Major Lawford visited the work with the great advantage of many years familiarity with the rivers of Tanjore, with the prestige of a successful administration of the professional Department in that Province extending over fourteen years, and an accurate knowledge of the effect of obstructions in river beds, upon weirs and bridges, that of necessity gives the greatest weight to all his opinions on the subject. These considerations should have led the District Engineer to be forward to avail himself of any suggestion that Major Lawford might offer for the safety of the annicut and bridge, but when the Government observe that the Superintending Engineer, did not content himself with suggestions, but gave the most pointed, direct, and positive, orders for certain works, marking them out himself that there might be no room for mistake, and that these works were systematically neglected by the District Engineer, they feel that they cannot too strongly animadvert on Lieutenant Foord's omission, or too emphatically warn that Officer, of the heavy responsibility he incurs, by neglecting to apply to the important Public Works committed to his charge, the protective measures ordered by his official superiors.

3. It has been already laid down by Government in para. 5, Section 2 of the Rules passed on the 17th June 1856, No. 893 that, when on tour of inspection, the Superintending Engineers are invested with the authority of the Chief Engineer, and the Government now direct that Colonel Faber will recall the attention of all District Engineers to this order, and will inform them that the Government will visit with marked displeasure the conduct of any Officer who either disobeys, neglects, or questions, the order he may receive from a Superintending Engineer when on a professional tour.

(A true Extract.)

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

Resolved that a copy of the orders of Govt conveyed in E. M. C. No. 1701, of the 8th Sept. 1857, be communicated to all Dist. Engrs. for their information and guidance; and also, that the attention of all Dept. Officers be again drawn to the orders of Govt of 17th June 1856, which

which were specially brought forward in view to enforcement of obedience so short a time ago as on the 17th August 1857, in the Chief Engineer's Circular No XCVII.

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Central Office of D. P. W.
Fort St. George
12th September 1857

(True Extract)

A. E. Taber Colonel
Chief Engineer.

To.

All Officers of the D. P. W.

P.W.D.

N° 1855.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 30th September 1857

Read the following
Circular from the Chief
Engineer -

Here under 12th September/57
N° CXL.

Resolved that the
Chief Engineer be called
upon to explain without
delay how, ~~contrary~~
to the orders printed in
the margin, he has
thought it
proper to circulate Ex.
Min. Com. dated 8th
Instant N° 1701, entire,
to all the District
Engineers, containing as

it

Ex. Min. Com. 16 Augt/56
N° 1405 p.2.
" " 17 April/57
N° 707.

Public Works Department
Rg. No. Corr. dated 30 Sept.
N° 1855

Circular

Extract from the Proceedings of Chief Engineer

Dated 12th
Received 28th } Sept. 1857
No. 1858-39 Sept.

Considering certain misunderstandings for Clearing the Esplanade of the Fort Saint George, the Right Honble the Governor in Council has been pleased to direct that the Esplanade cannot be encroached upon by the Public Offices or Private Buildings. The Chief Engineer will with all possible dispatch remove the encroachments, the Owners of any Offices who may disobey this order will be liable to a fine not exceeding Rupees [illegible]

it does severe censure
on ~~of~~ the conduct
of Lt. Foord, District
Engineer of South Arct.

J. Copies to the Chief Engr
Dupt. 1st Ch.

Public Works 1857. Deptt.
Dy. to Cons. 6th Oct.

No. 1858.

Extract Mins of Cons:
Dated 30th Sept. 57.

From the Chief Engr. 3d Oct. 1857
No. 1966 in Cons: 13th
1761

Calling upon the Chief Engineer to explain how contrary to certain previous orders, he has thought it proper to circulate the Extract Mins: Cons: of 8th Sept. 1857 No. 1701, to all the Distt. Engineers.

No. 4-45.

C25 Sept. 1858