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No. 96. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 10th November 1857, No. 5100.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation No. 1820, dated 24th September 1857, I have the honor to forward a letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, with two letters and their enclosures from the District Engineer, relative to Lieutenant Hemery's complaint against the Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camlapoor Talook. I do not think it necessary to remark on the matter, further than by observing that the discussion evidently bears on one and the same allegation of interference by the Talook Officers, and that Mr. Murray, could easily have ascertained had he thought proper, that Lieutenant Hemery's use of the term "Wudders" in his Diary for July instead of Reddies or Ryots as in his letter of the 4th August was purely accidental, and yet on this mistake, the denial of the truth of that Officers statement entirely rests.

1 Letter from the District Engineer Cuddapah, No. 821, dated 13th October.
1 Letter from the Collector Cuddapah No. 107, dated 5th October.
1 Letter from District Engineer Cuddapah, No. 870, dated 30th October with 3 enclosures.

2. The nature and scope of the Collectors enquiries, and the inferences founded on them require no comment from me; but I confidently leave to Government the vindication of an able and Honorable Officer of my Department, against the attack thus unfairly made on his character and conduct.

Letter from Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Cuddapah 13th October 1857, No. 821.

SIR,

In acknowledging the receipt of an Extract from your Proceedings under date the 30th September 1857, forwarding copy of Extract No. 1820 from Minutes of Consultation under date the 24th Idem I have the honor to explain the circumstances under which I entered the remark in my Diary for July to the effect, that I had brought to the Collectors notice the interference of the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camlapoor with the Wudders employed on the Appiapully Dyke.

2. On the 3rd August Mr. Arnold, Sub Engineer in charge of the Central range, forwarded to me a letter from Sub Overseer A. Iyasawmy complaining, that the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camlapoor had instigated the villagers not to furnish a single cart for the work at the Appiapully Dyke, Mr. Arnold also enclosed translation of depositions made by Sub Overseer C. Ramiah and by two men employed as peons on the work.

3. One of these peons stated, that on one occasion when he went to the Talook Cutcherry with letters he heard the Acting Tahsildar give orders to certain Reddies not to furnish any carts to the members of the D. P. W., and Sub Overseer Ramiah deposed, that when he subsequently went to Nullalinganpully and requested the ryots of that village to supply bandies to cart stone according to their agreement, the Reddies sent for the Ryots and told them that if they gave any assistance to persons employed in the D. P. W., they would be punished by the Tahsildar.

4. Sub Overseer A. Iyasawmy also informed me that certain parties to whom he had made small advances brought back the money saying that the Reddies had ordered them not to work for the new Department.

5. Copies of all these depositions were forwarded to the Collector on the 4th August 1857 and I subsequently requested he would send for Sub Overseer A. Iyasawmy who would give him any further information he might require.

6. In my Diary for July 1857, I was anxious to notice the interference of the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar with the work generally, but the Collector taking advantage of the use I made of the word "Wudders" in his letter to you as per margin* wished to make it appear that I had not reported the circumstance to him at all,

* No, 90, 24th August 1857.

but in remarking in my Diary that I had brought the matter to his notice it was evident that I alluded to the subject of my letter to him of the 4th August 1857.

Letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 5th October 1857, No. 107.

SIR,

1. I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Extract Minutes of Consultation under date 24th September No. 3756 and to submit the following explanation for the information of Government.

2. Lieutenant Hemery has preferred two distinct charges against the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camalapoor. In his diary for the month of July he remarks, "I regret to state "since I left Appiapully the Sub Overseer has experienced the greatest difficulty in carrying out "the works owing to the unwarrantable interference of the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar who "have ordered the *Wudders* not to undertake the work. A further report on the subject will be "forwarded as soon as I know the result of the enquiry which the Collector will undoubtedly "make as the matter has been brought to his notice." No communication on this subject has been received by me up to the present date from Lieutenant Hemery, on noticing the remark in the Diary, I brought it under the consideration the Chief Engineer. Lieutenant Hemery states that since he left Appiapully the Overseer had intimated to him the information above quoted, but how this could be I am at a loss to understand as neither the Sub Overseer Iyaswamy Moodeliar or Ramiah in charge of the work were aware of the circumstance. To a question put to Iyaswamy, "Did you ever hear of the Tahsildar or Sheristadar telling the Wudders not to go to the Marahmut work." He replied, "I never heard it" "Did you ever write this to the Engineer," he answered, "If I see the letter written to the Engineer I can answer." "Who performs the work of the Appiapully Dyke." "Four caste people perform the work for cooly." "Did any one prevent the labourers from coming?" "I dont know this." "Do the labourers come regularly?" "One day 200 or 300 comes, and one day, 50 or 70 and do the work as they come." From the above questions and answers it would appear that the Sub Overseer had never heard of any interference on the part of the Acting Tahsildar or Sheristadar. These replies were given on the 7th September, so that supposing that he spoke the truth as the statement was taken on solemn declaration, he had never heard (up to the aforesaid date) that either the Acting Tahsildar or Sheristadar had interfered in the matter, and how he could intimate to the District Engineer that such interference had had taken place, the District Engineer and his Subordinates must explain.

3. Sub Overseer Ramiah to a question put to him. "Do the Wudders come regularly?" replied that there are only "3 or 4 Wudders" employed and other caste people do the work of the Dyke "they do not come regularly, one day fewer one day a greater number, I did not hear "the Acting Tahsildar or Sheristadar had told the Wudders not to go to work." From this, it is clear that neither of the Subordinates employed upon this work ever heard of the statement advanced by Lieutenant Hemery in his Diary for July as above quoted.

4. I addressed a letter on the 26th of August, to Lieutenant Hemery requesting him to forward to me a copy of the letter in which he states he brought to my notice the charge against the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar above referred to, as none had reached me but he has not found it convenient to take any notice of it or forward a reply. Further information on the subject I have none to give.

Enclosure No. 2.

5. From the statement of Ramiah it is known that only 3 or 4 Wudders are employed in the construction of the Appiapully Dyke, it is therefore highly improbable the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar would order them not to undertake the work. The stones required for the work were to be driven by the villagers, not the Wudders; this further adds to the improbability of the charge preferred by Lieutenant Hemery in his Diary for July last.

6. With regard to the 2nd charge that the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar had ordered the Reddies not to drive stones for the Appiapully Dyke, Lieutenant Hemery brought this to my notice in a communication dated 4th August* 1857,

* No 574, Enclosure No. 1.

upon which an enquiry was instituted and the purports of the Depositions given by the Reddies and others were forwarded to Lieutenant Hemery on 28th August with a request that a copy of it might be forwarded to the Chief Engineer. The District Engineer addressed me on the 31st August† wishing to know whether I would examine the two Overseers and the Peons. I replied in the affirmative and Iyasawmy's deposition was completed as above-stated, and Ramiah's taken on the 7th and 10th. Those of the Peons on the 10th and 12th September and the other individuals referred to by Ramiah and Iyasawmy were examined on the 17th they contradict the statements advanced by Iyasawmy and the Peons.

† No. 702.

7. Upon due consideration of all the statements advanced there is nothing to shew that the Acting Tahsildar or Sheristadar ever desired the Reddies and others not to assist in driving the stones for the work going on at the Appiapully Dyke the contrary is the case; several of the parties where asked to drive stones stated that their Chennungy crops was now on the ground and required to be watered from the wells, they could not drive stones at present but would do so afterwards Yellareddy of Sadeperallah stated in his deposition that they had driven 70 Rupees worth of stones for the supplying channel and sluice of the tank of his village that they had been paid 41 Rupees, 29 was still due they had asked for it several times but had not received it this is acknowledged by Ramiah Yerrapah Reddy of the same village states similar to Yella Reddy and adds that they drove stones required for their tank, but 5 yards were measured as 4 and the Ryots upon this refused to drive stones for the Dyke. Whether this be correct or not I am unable to state, but one thing is certain that the Reddies who were stated by the District Engineer to have been present and received orders from the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar not to drive stones declared that they were not present and received no such orders and I believe the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar would not have dared to issue such instructions knowing the strict orders that have been issued by me with regard to the Public Works and openly promulgated to all the Heads of villages when assembled at the annual settlement.

Letter From Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated 30th October 1857, No. 870.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract No. 4541 from your Proceedings under date the 19th Instant forwarding for my considerations and Explanation a letter* from the Collector regarding the charge of interference brought against the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of the Camalapoor Talook.

* Herewith returned.

2. In my letter No. 709 of the 1st September I explained, that the remarks on this subject in my Diary for July, referred to the interference of the Acting Tahsildar with the work generally, and I inadvertently made use of the word "Wudders" meaning the Ryots who had contracted to convey stones to the Dyke.

3. The Collector has decided that the charges brought against the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar are groundless, but I would beg to call your attention to the manner in which the enquiry was carried on.

4. On the receipt of my letter of the 4th August forwarding copies of the depositions of the Sub Overseers and Peons employed on the work, the Collector sent for the Reddies, who, as was naturally to be expected, denied that the Acting Tahsildar had ever ordered them not to allow the Ryots of their villages to cart stone; the Collector then, without hearing the evidence of either of my Sub Overseers or Peons wrote on the 26th August to the effect that the Acting Tahsildar had never interfered in any way with the work.

5. This is not the first time that Mr. Murray has decided complaints made by Officers of the Department of Public Works in this exparte manner.

6. In my letter to you as per margin† I mentioned two instances, one regarding the complaint I made against the Peon at Chinna Mundium and the other, when Mr. Murray refused to afford Captain Palmer an opportunity of replying to certain charges brought against him and in para. 3 Extract No.

† No. 579 of the 5th August 1857.

1807, Minutes of Consultation under date the 30th September 1857, the Right Honorable the Governer called for an explanation of the Magistrate's proceedings in both these cases.

7. But to revert to the original subject under consideration. On the receipt of Mr. Murray's letter of the 26th August I pointed out to him that in order to enable him decide one way or the other it was absolutely necessary that he should hear both sides of the case, and I sent for the Sub Overseers and Peons who, some days afterward, were examined by the Collector, but the case having been prejudged, their evidence does not seem to have altered Mr. Murray's already expressed opinion in favor of the Acting Tahsildar.

8. On mentioning the subject to Mr. Arnold a few days ago he assured me, that had an injury not been held, he could not have gone on with the work at Appiapully, for the Reddies had so intimidated the Ryots that the work had come to a stand still for want of stone.

9. With regard to the statement of Yella Reddy of Sadeperalla alluded to by the Collector in para. 7 of his letter of the 5th Instant I beg to inform you that the Reddy had agreed to bring 70 Rupees worth of stone for a tunnel; he first received 41 Rupees but as the remainder of the stone had not been brought or measured up to the date on which he gave his deposition, the Sub-Overseer would not of course pay him the balance of Rupees 29. He has since been paid in full and the work is completed.

10. Yerrapah Reddy of the same village states that when the Ryots carted stone required for their tank, 5 yards were paid for as 4; this must have happened whilst the Marahmut was under the Collector's charge for the Suddeperalla Tank has not been repaired since the Marahmut was made over to me.

11. As requested by Mr. Murray I have the honor to annex a copy of his letter to me of the 26th August and at the same time I beg to forward copies of the Depositions of the Sub-Overseers and Peons on which my charges were founded.

12. I would also respectfully beg to call your attention to a translation of a statement made by Abul Reddy and Chinna Reddy of Nullalingayapully on the 17th August some days before they were examined by the Collector.

Letter from M. MURRAY, Esq., Collector of Cuddapah; to Lieutenant E. HEMERY, District Engineer of Cuddapah, dated 26th August 1857, No. 679.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 574, dated the 4th Instant, in which you state that the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camlapoor had instigated the Reddies of certain villages near Appiapully not to allow the Ryots to furnish carts for the work now being executed at Appiahpully and enclosing translations of deposition prepared by Sub Overseer Ramiah of two Peons.

2. In forwarding your complaint you have not deemed it expedient to mention either the names of the villages or the Reddies against whom the charge is preferred nor the Ryots who refused to drive stones according to their agreement at the instigation of the village Reddies. These points were all necessary, as you must be well aware of and why they were kept back you alone can answer I cannot put the whole of the Ryots of the villages to inconvenience by summoning them to appear and answer to a charge against no specified individuals. Two Ryots however have been examined as well as the Reddies of Nullalingiahpully and Chullathimiahpully a hamlet of Shadapeeralla entered in the Deposition of Kamal Sahib as Timmiahpully and Gollapully the following the result.

The name are mentioned in the depositions, copies of which were forwarded to the Collector.

3. The whole of the Reddies deny all knowledge of the two Peons Kamal Sahib and Esubkhan and also distinctly declare that they received no order from the Tahsildar or Sheristadar of Camalapoor not to supply carts &c., to the Public Works Department, on the contrary they state the Tahsildar ordered them to render assistance and further add that they were not at the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at the same time. This demolishes the statement advanced by Esubkhan.

4. Woble Reddy of Nullalingiahpully states that neither Sub Overseer Iyasawmy nor the Peon Kamal Sahib ever came to his village that about 20 days since the Goomastah Ramiah came to the village and called him Chenna Reddy, Pekala Condah Reddy, Cheelum Chenna Reddy, Gazoola Yella Reddy, and Gondlama, Krishnamah to the choultry and requested them to furnish carts to convey stones for the Appiapully Dyke, they replied it was their cultivating season and could not now but would do so after it was over, he then left the village. No advance was given and no contract was made no order was given to the Ryots not to drive stones he believes about 4 days since they went to Ramiah and said that their cultivation was over and no rain they would drive 10 or 20 yards of stones. Ramiah replied he would write to his master. Ramiah asked them to cart 5 yards of stones for one Pagoda, they did not agree. The Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar ordered him to assist in procuring what was necessary for the Public Works Department they never desired him not to assist or not to drive stones. He went to the Cutcherry upwards of one month ago does not recollect who were there did not see the Reddies of Jumbapoorum. Timmiahpully and Gollapully. Does not know the Marahmut Peon Esubkhan, no one desired him not to assist the Department of Public Works never heard such order had been given.

5. Chenna Reddy of the same village deposes nearly to the same effect but adds he went to the Cutcherry 20 day's since and again 10 day's since saw Gollapully Semboolingah Reddy and Shadapeeralla Yella Reddy.

6. Semboolinga Reddy states, Iyasawmy did not come to his village neither did the Peon Kamal Sahib. He does not know him; about two months since the Marahmut Goomastah Ramiah came to his village and sat under a tree in front of his house and asked him to cart stones for the work north of Appiapully. He called the Ryots, named Konamahkatee Siddapah, Gazoola Gungaloo Gollapully Bodee, Sallapaty and spoke to them on the subject they replied it was their Chennengy crop they required to draw water as their field was dried and refused to come. Ramiah sat a little while and then went away no one spoke and no document was given Ramiah said that they the Gollapully Ryots must quarry the stones and bring them to Appiapully and the price would be 4 yards for a Pagoda. If others quarried and they brought them the price was to be 5 yards for the Pagoda to which they did not agree. The Acting Tahsildar ordered him to assist the Marahmut Department he never ordered him not to assist, he never ordered that they should not drive stones for the work, went to the Cutcherry 20 days since did not see the Reddies of the above mentioned villages there, does not know Esubkhan of the Public Works Department.

7. Suddalapurlah Yella Reddy of Chullathimiahpully states, Chullathimiahpully is a hamlet of his village Suddapeerala none of the Engineer's Department come there and no Ryots mentioned to him that they had come there. One and a half month ago Marahmut Goomastah Ramiah came to his village and requested him and Yerrapah Reddy to drive 50 yards of stones for the Appiapully Dyke he replied that he had no leisure to come to Appiapully, but said he would drive stones for the supplying channel and two sluices of the tank to which Ramiah consented. He drove stones for 70 Rupees for the Shadapeeralla Tank and supplying channel that they had been paid 41 Rupees and 29 was still due he had several times asked for the amount from the Marahmut Mutsuddy who had not paid it. The Tahsildar never ordered him not to assist the Marahmut Department did not see the Reddies of Nullalingiahpully Jumbapoorum and Timmiahpully together in the Tahsildar's Cutcherry at one time, does not know Sub Overseer Iyasawmy Kamal Sahib and Esubkhan they have not come to his village and does not know them.

8. Yerrapah Reddy of Suddapeeralla states about one and a half month since Iyasawmy and Ramiah met him on the road and said stones were required for the Appiahpully Dyke can they be found in any place in your village. He replied no the quarry is very distant and he had no time to drive them after hearing this they went away. The next day Marahmut Goomastah Ramiah, came and asked him to drive stones for the Dyke. He replied that he had no leisure then desired him to drive stones for the supplying channels and the sluice of the Tank. They drove 70 Rupees worth of stones and were paid 41 Rupees 29 was still due although asked for repeatedly he did not pay. Chullathimiahpully is half a coss from his village, he is Reddy does

not know whether the Engineer's people came there or not. No Ryots told him they had. Ramiah requested him to drive stones does not know Kamal Sahib and Esubkhan. The Tahsildar never desired him not to drive stones never heard he had given such an order, about a month and a half since went to the Tahsildars Cutcherry with the money and told him the Engineer's people had come to his village and asked him to drive stones but that he had no leisure, the Tahsildar ordered him to drive stones when he had leisure as it was Circar work. He replied that he had to draw water from his well. Formerly the Ryots gave a Document to drive stones for the Toom and supplying channel of the Tank now Ramiah said if you drive stones for the Dyke he would pay the balance if not he would not. They have not properly measured the stones driven by the Ryots ; for 5 yards they have measured 4. They play other tricks on account of this trouble the Ryots will not listen to his words to drive Stones. Did not see the Reddies of the other villages at the same time, the first day when he met Iyasawmy, and Ramiah, on the road the other Reddy. Yellah Reddy was not present. He was present the following day when Ramiah came to the choultry.

9. Koombar Vengettigadoo states that he never saw Sub Overseer Iyasawmy, Ramiah Esubkhan or Kamal Sahib come to his village Ramiah went to Gollapully which is near to his village sent for him and asked him to drive one Pagoda worth of stones. He did not agree to it he agreed to drive 2 Rupees worth of stones and gave document received 1 Rupee in advance he drove 1½ yard of stones, he refused to pay him the hire for the other ½ a yard not being inclined to drive more he went to draw water for his field. No one never told not to drive stones for the Engineer's Department. If Ramiah would pay him the balance of ½ a Rupee which was due he would drive the remainder.

10. Linga Reddy of Chullathimiahpully states about 1½ month ago he met Iyasawmy Ramiah, Esubkhan and Kamal Sahib, on the road they called and asked him to drive stones for the Appiapully Dyke, he said he was 300 Rupees Puttahdar his father was dead he was a youth and had not leisure to drive stones Ramiah asked him to drive one Pagoda stones, he declined, afterwards they went away. No person desired him not to drive stones &c. for the Department of Public Works and he never heard that such order was given.

11. From the above Deposition it would appear that the Statement advanced by the Peons is incorrect and that the Public Works Department are keeping back the payment due for the works performed that no contract was entered into with the Reddies of the village or the Ryots nor is it shewn that the acting Tahsildar or Sheristadar interfered in any way to prevent stones being carted for the Appiahpully Dyke, I would only here further add that to my certain knowledge when a European Serjeant of Artillery the name I do not recollect was making a portion of the road near the Bungalow at Appiahpully he could procure as many carts as he required for carting cuncur he at the same time paying liberal hire for the same and I don't believe the Acting Tahsildar would have dared to have given such an order after having heard the instructions given to the Reddies and Curnums at the time of the annual settlement.

12. I would here draw your attention to your Diary for the month of July which was forwarded to the Chief Engineer wherein you complain of the unwarrantable interference of the Acting Tahsildars and Sheristadar of Camalapoor in preventing the Wudders from working for the Public Department and add that you had brought it to my notice and that I would undoubtedly making an enquiry into the subject and on reporting the same to you, you would make a further report to the Chief Engineer on the subject I call upon you to state when such a communication was made to me as I have received none and to request you will forward true copy of the letter you wrote to me regarding the complaint above referred to.

13. In forwarding your report to the Chief Engineer, I have to request that a copy of this may accompany it.

Translation of a letter from Sub-Overseer RAMIAH, Camalapoor Talook ; to Sub-Overseer IYASAWMY, Camlapoor Talook.

I went to Nullalingiahpully to request the Ryots of that village to supply bandies to cart stone according to their agreement, when I was there the Reddies of the village heard of the

circumstance and sent for the Ryots and told them that if they gave assistance of any kind to persons employed in the Department of Public Works they would be punished by the Tahsildar, on this the ryots, fearing the Tahsildar's displeasure, refused to act up to their agreement.

Translation of evidence given by KAMAL SAIB, Marhamut Peon, Camalapoor Talook, on the 25th July 1857.

He states that according to Sub-Overseer Iyasawmy's order he went to the Reddies of Nullalingiahpully, Jumbapoorum, Timmiahpully and some other villages and requested them to supply bandies for carting stones as they had contracted to do, these Reddies however all refused to act up to their contract stating as their reason they had received strict orders from the Tahsildar of Camlapoor not to furnish bandies or any assistance to person employed in the Department of Public Works ; the Peon then went to the ryots of the above mentioned villages and endeavoured to induce them to furnish bandies and was told that without the permission of the Tahsildar and Reddies they could not give them.

Translation of evidence given by ESUBKHAN, Marahmut Peon, Camalapoor Talook, on the 17th July 1857.

The Peon states that when he carried some letters from Sub-Overseer Iyasawmy to the Talook Cutcherry the Tahsildar and Sheristadar were present and that he heard the Tahsildar and Sheristadar giving orders to the Reddies of Jumbapoorum, Nullalingiahpully and Gollapully to the effect that they should not give any bandies for the use of the Department of Public Works, the Reddies were further informed that any of them who acted contrary to these orders would be severely punished.

Letter from A. IYASAWMY, Moodelly, 1st Class Sub-Overseer; to Deputy Assistant Commissary W. ARNOLD, Sub-Engineer D. P. W., Central Range of Cuddapah, dated Camalapoor, 30th July 1857, No. 6.

SIR,

I most respectfully beg leave to bring the following circumstances to your notice, that the conduct of the Tahsildar and Sheristadar of this Talook that they instigated to the villagers not to furnish a single bandy for my work although I paid fair rates, upon which many of the bandy people who agreed with me refused to come to my work and I beg to herewith forward the complaint letter written by 3rd Class Sub-Overseer Ramiah and two Depositions gave by Peons on the subject and I had much delay for stone facing work to the River bank near Appiahpully, therefore, Sir, I beg to direct a strict order to the Tahsildar and his Sheristadar not to interfere with any of my work people or bandies, &c.

Translation of a statement made by the Reddies of Nullalingiahpully in the Camalapoor Talook ; to A. IYASAWMY Moodeliar, Sub-Overseer D. P. W. on the 17th August 1857.

Q. Why do you come to me ?

A. Some days ago, Sub Overseer Ramiah came to our village to make arrangements with the people to cart stone for the Dyke at Appiapully, some agreed to do so others said they would wait a little ; when we heard this, we told them that when we went to the Talook Cutcherry for the "settlement* of cultivation" the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar told us to take care that our Ryots did not assist the new Department with carts or in any other way when we heard this, we sent for our Ryots and told them not to agree to carry stones for the Dyke, for if they did the Cutcherry people would injure them in some way, the Ryots then said they would not and went away and Ramiah also went away.

* Tlleywari.

Yesterday the Tahsildar sent for us to his Cutcherry and told us that we were summoned into Cuddapah to relate all the circumstances connected with carting stone we now beg of you to prevent our going to the Huzoor if you do, we shall not only make the eight Ryots cart stone according to their agreement but we shall also order others to cart stone from the Tippaloor Quarry at the rate of 5 yards per Pagoda but half the amount must first be advanced to us.

Q. Although the Tahsildar and Sheristadar try to prevent you why do you not send carts for the Government work?

A. We were afraid of the consequences of acting contrary to the orders of the Tahsildar and Sheristadar, our Superiors but as the order to cart stone has been issued by the Huzoor we came to you about it and we will get the Ryots to cart stones according to their agreement.

Q. Is what you have stated correct?

A. It is, and is correctly taken down.

(Signed by OBULREDDY.)
The mark of CHINNAREDDY.

(A true Translation.)

(Signed) E. HEMERY, Lieutenant,
District Engineer of Cuddapah.

No. 97. ORDER THEREON, No. 2285; dated 8th December 1857.

With reference to Extract from the Minutes of Consultation of the 24th September last, No. 1820, the Chief Engineer submits letters from the Collector of Cuddapah and the District Engineer, on the subject of the charge preferred by the latter against the Acting Tahsildar and Sheristadar of Camalapoor, of instigating certain village Reddies not to allow the Ryots to assist in the construction of the Appayapully Dyke.

2. The Government observe that, however strong appearances may be, the evidence adduced in the present case, is not sufficient to convict the Collector's servants of the charge alleged against them.

3. The Government are however satisfied that the Collector might put an end to these continual disputes, if he pleased, and they are of opinion that their recurrence is not calculated to raise Mr. Murray's character as an efficient Officer.

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

Central Office of P. Works,
Fort Saint George,
10th November 1857.

No. 5700

'Public'

From,
The Chief Engineer.

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

Sir,

Enclosures 3

1 Letter from the District Engineer Cuddapah, dated 21st/13th October

1 Letter from the Collector Cuddapah dated 5th October

1 Letter from the District Engineer Cuddapah dated 30th October with 15 enclosures.

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Sir,

Your most Obt Servt

A. G. Fraser Colonel

Chief Engineer

Central Office of P. W.

Fort Saint George,

10th November 1857.

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To

The Secretary to Government C. P. W. D.

E. & S. B.

Cons: 29th Sept. 57 Nos 234 & 24
8 " " 1849.

Public Works Department
Cons 8 Dec. 2215.

From The Chief Engineer

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

Dated 10
Received 11th } November 1857.

No 5700.

6 Enclosures & Ret'd

S. E. No 9285. 8th Dec.

Forwarding with observations
letters from the Collector and
District Engineer Cuddapah
relative to a complaint made
against the late Tahsildar
and Peristadar of
Camalapoor Taluk

No 96.

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P. W. D. No 2215

To The Chief Engineer

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

Dated Fort St. George, 11th November 1857.

Sir,

I am directed to forward for your information and report, a letter from the Collector of Cuddapah, No 1102, dated 30th ultimo, with its enclosures, relative to a complaint made against the late Tahsildar and Peristadar of Camalapoor Taluk.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
[illegible]
Secretary to Government.

to the circumstances
of the case between Lewis
Memory & Mr Memory.
The counsel for the
Crown desires, and so
immediately attends
attention here. But it
is difficult to believe
that the prisoner at once
answers to the Collector,
The Government
have decided for various
reasons the trial to Dick,

Collection and District
Surveyor of Cashelpatrick
Circuit; officially re-
cord, which will be
made at the general
requirement recorded for
written forms a search
of documents, and
not prior to the receipt
of the public service.
In the result take
the evidence adduced
will not convict the
Collectors law and of

No. 2285.

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 8th ~~November~~ December 1857.

Read the following
letter from the Chief Engineer.

/ Have enter 10th November 1857 N 5100 /

With reference to Extract
from the Minutes of Consultation
of the 21st September last N 1820,
the Chief Engineer submits
letters from the Collector of
Cuddapah and the District
Engineer, on the subject of the
charge preferred by the latter
against the Acting Tahsildar
and Sheristadar of Carnalapoor,
of instigating certain Villages
Reddies not to allow the Ryots
to assist in the construction
of the Appaypully Dyke.

The Government
observe

observes that, however strong appearances may be, the evidence adduced in the present case, is not sufficient to convict the Collectors servants of the charge alleged against them.

The Government are however satisfied that the Collector might put an end to these continual disputes, if he pleased, and they are of opinion that their reverence is not calculated to raise Mr. Murray's character as an efficient Officer.

6 Copies to the Chief Engr.

Dirs. G

Retd. with 6 Chief Engr. Encs. 15-1-28

Public Works 1857 Dept.
Cons: 8th December.

No. 2285.

Extract Mins: of Cons:
Of 8th Decr. /57.

From the Coll.r of Cuddapah
8 July 57 in 619 Para.

On the subject of the
charges preferred by the District
Engineer of Cuddapah against
the Acting Tahsildar and
Shereistadar of Kamalapoor, of
instigating certain Villages &c.
:dies not to allow the Ryots to
assist in the construction of
the Appagapully Dyke..

No 6197.

C. 28th Nov.r 57 Dis.