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No. 61. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to H. FORBES, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 1st December 1857 No. 5622.

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I have the honor to forward, for the information of Government, two letters from the Acting District Engineer of Tinnevelly and to request that I may be favored with orders thereon.

2. The first of these letters, No. 129, is dated 14th October; it states that the District Engineer has removed Vyapoory Moodelly, Sub Overseer, 1st Class 2nd Grade, from the charge of the works in the Streevigoontum Talook of the Tinnevelly District, and details the faults for which the Sub Overseer has thus been punished: these are neglect of duty with respect to the four following works viz.

1st. The construction of two sluices in Mailacheroosendore Tank.

2nd. The construction of a wingwall to a Calingalah in Carsairy Tank.

3rd. Earth work to Eloopaycolum Tank.

4. Filling in earth over a sluice in Netcheecolum Tank and idleness and inaccuracy in accounts with respect to the two following works viz.

1st. Thencurroycolum Tank.

2nd. Streevigoontum Cusbah Perrocolum Tank.

2. In consideration of the cricumstances brought to my notice in the above letter, I directed the Acting District Engineer to reduce Vyapoory Moodelly to the 3rd Class of Sub Overseers, a Class which has been temporarily thrown out of employ, it being my intention that he should not be re-employed until the Establishments of this Department were again brought up to their original strength.

3. I also directed the District Engineer to nominate another person as a Sub Overseer of the 1st Class 2nd Grade in the place of Vyapoory Moodelly.

4. In a letter No. 146, dated 17th November the Acting District Engineer has recommended that Ordance Artificer T. Barnett, late Assistant Overseer attached to the Tinnevelly District, may be appointed in the room of Vyapoory Moodelly.

5. Mr. Barnett, it appears, is highly spoken of and is well known in the Tinnevelly District.

6. With reference to these two letters from the Acting District Engineer, I have the honor to request that the temporary dismissal of Vyapoory Moodelly be confirmed by Government, and to recommend that Mr. T. Barnett who is now employed in the Gun Carriage Manufactory under Major Maitland be re-appointed to the D. P. W., as a Sub Overseer of the 1st Class 2nd Grade vice Vyapoory Moodelly.

7. As Mr. Barnett has also been recommended for employment in my Proceedings No. 5259, dated 17th November 1857, in the event of the nomination of Survey pupil Holdwell not being approved of, I beg to request that should Mr. Barnett be appointed in consequence of the receipt by Government of those Proceedings Survey Student Holdwell may now be appointed in the room of Vyapoory Moodelly.

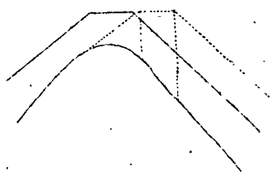
Letter from Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer Tinnevelly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Caosairy, 14th October 1857, No. 129.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you that I have deemed it necessary to remove Sub Overseer Vyapoory Moodelly from the charge of the works in the Streevigoontum Talook as I consider him unfit for his post as Sub Overseer for the reason noted below and I request your instructions regarding his future employment.

2. As you are aware Sub Overseer Vyapoory Moodelly then Maistry of Streevigoontum Talook was suspended from his appointment by the Collector in December 1856, on account of certain charges of attempting to defraud Government by incorrectly measuring work done in the

Keelpadagay channel in 1856, and on his name appearing in the Fort Saint George Gazette dated 27th January 1857, I did not entertain him until I had referred the matter to you in my letter No. 28, dated 19th March 1857, but on the receipt of Extract from your Proceedings No. 137, dated 7th May I entertained him in the new Department and appointed him to do duty in the Streevigoontum Talook under Lieutenant Hasted, who more than once verbally informed me that Vyapoory Moodelly was neither so active or diligent as he should be and that he was a very bad Accountant, as however, the accounts and the system were both new to him I requested Lieutenant Hasted to try him a little longer before bringing his conduct to my notice officially and to warn him that if he did not exert himself more than he had previously done his remissness in the discharge of his duties would be brought through me to your notice. On Lieutenant Hasted's being taken ill at the end of July I assumed charge of his Range and in examining 2 of the Tanks in which repairs were being carried on under Vyapoory Moodelly I found that in Oothaviyar colum no sections had been put up nor had any ramming being done while in Pillayen colum in which an occasional estimate was being carried out, and, to the bund of which considerable repairs were required, the sections were put up as marked in the shaded portion of the Diagram instead of as the dotted lines so that a quantity of loose earth was thrown on the front slope which would probably be soon washed away instead of the bund being thrown back as dotted so as to permit the portion of the old consolidated bund forming the front slopes ; but little attention had been paid to ramming these defects I pointed out to Vyapoory Moodelly and warned him to be more careful for the future. The other works I examined were sluices and a Calingulah and as these had been plastered I was unable to judge of the materials and workmanship.



3. During August Vyappoory Moodelly was placed in charge of the works noted in the margin and on my proceeding to the Streevigoontum Talook on the 4th of September to examine the work executed during August I found that only 5 Rupees of work had been executed viz. for filling in above the sluice of Natcheecolum. The sluices and wing wall of the Calingulah had not been commenced though they ought by that time to have been nearly completed and even the bund of Eloopaycolum to which only some 8 Rupees of earth work was required was not touched. The Sub Overseers excuses were that the materials for the sluices were not ready and that the earth in rear of Eloopaycolum was so hard that it could not be excavated. The Bricks were reported by the Contractor to have been ready at the beginning of August and the chunam might have been procured in a week with facility had the Sub Overseer requested the Contractor to provide it but this appears not to have been done for the contractors after preparing Chunam actually complained that the materials were ready but that the Sub Overseer had not had the Sluices opened so that they were unable to commence the work. In July 1550 Cubic yards of earth work were excavated in rear of Eloopaycolum and the work would have been completed during that month by Sub Overseer Theravium Pillay had not the work been stopped on the 21st of July I consider therefore that Vyapoory Moodelly's excuses are of no weight and I most emphatically warned him that if he did not carry on the works under his charge with more energy and care than he had hitherto displayed I would bring his conduct to your notice.

Constructing 2 sluices in Marlacheroosendore Tank.
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Earth work to Eloopay colum Tank.
Filling above a sluice in Nutcheecolum Tank.

4. In September I ordered Overseer Mooneapah Pillay to go and examine the works under progress in Vyapoory Moodelly's charge, and especially to see that the cross stones placed above the vents of the sluices were properly squared and fitted, as I had ordered that the Stones used in the old Sluices should be properly squared and fitted for the covering to the vents in the new Sluice, when Overseer Mooneapah Pillay examined the work he found that a few of the covering stones had been placed above the vent but that they had not been properly fitted and that interstices of from 2 to 3 in were filled up with pieces of brick, these were therefore removed and the contractor was ordered to send for a stone mason and to have the covering stones properly fitted and at the same time Vyapoory Moodelly was ordered to report to the Overseer when the stones above the vent were fitted and not to proceed with the work till they had been examined, he says

he reported the circumstance but is letter never reached the Overseer and he completed the work without its being examined. When I examined the work this morning the earth above the sluice was being filled in; I then proceeded to examine the wing wall in Carsairy Tank which had only one coat of plastering the wall instead of being properly curved was built most irregularly and when a straight edge of the yard measure was placed against the wall it appeared that the wall bulged above and below and in the centre the yard measure did not come within ½ or ¾ of an inch of the wall I never saw such a disgraceful piece of work and it cannot be now re-built as the rains are setting in, otherwise, I should have had it re-built and deducted ½ the amount from the Sub Overseer's pay and ½ from the Contractor I have now deducted 6 annas per cubic yard from the Contractor but I leave it to you to determine the punishment which should be awarded to Vyapoory Moodelly.

During the month I requested Vyapoory Moodelly to examine and if necessary to prepare emergent estimates for 3 works which were reported as requiring emergent repairs and these estimates he was requested to carry into execution and I enclose a copy of his Progress Report and Cash Book from which you will perceive that though the works noted in the margin were commenced on the 25th and 27th September respectively that on the 26th. Rupees 15-4 are said to have been expended on the former and Rupees 10-2 on the latter while not a single payment has been made since though this is the 14th October and again from the Cash Book you will perceive that entries of 2 Rupees are made for filling up above the sluices on the 8th and 18th while the work is still incomplete and the details of the sundries is not forthcoming at present; I beg to inform you that his pay for this month will not be given to Vyapoory Moodelly until the amounts paid or said to have been paid on the 26th Ultimo are compared with the work performed in Thencassay and Streevigoontum Peria colums and the doubt regarding the 2 Rupees cleared up. From Vyapoory Moodelly's statement it appears that he gave the filling up above the sluices on contract and that he has been unable to procure more than a few coolies since the 26th Ultimo, as it is harvest time, and that the works have subsequently progressed so slowly that he has deemed it unnecessary to pay for what has been done. It hardly appears likely to me that in 2 days the 25th and 26th September he could have got Rupees 15-4 of work done in Thencurray colum and then have been able to get no coolies for a fortnight the fact of the work in Streevigoontum Peria colum having been commenced on the 27th and Rupees 10-2 having been paid on the 26th is explained as an error of 26th having been entered for the 30th. Having thus simply placed the circumstances which have induced me to remove Vyapoory Moodelly from the charge of the Streevigoontum Talook I have the honor to request your instructions regarding his further employment in the Department Public Works and also that you will be good enough to inform me whether he is to be considered entitled to his pay during the interval which will elapse before I receive your reply.

Thencussay Colum Streevigoontum Cusbah Peria Colum.

Letter from Lieutenant R. F. OAKES, Acting District Engineer, Tinnevelly; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Palamcottah, 17th November 1857, No. 146.

SIR,

With reference to Extract from your Proceedings No. 4851, dated 31st Ultimo, authorizing me to appoint a Sub-Overseer to the 1st Class 2nd Grade in the room of Vyapoory Moodelly who has lately been degraded to the 3rd Class. I have the honor to inform you that I do not think any of the Sub-Overseers at present in the Department are fit for that post—2 Candidates have come forward for the appointment, viz. Soobramauya Pillay, Lieutenant Hasted's late writer and now Acting Head Goomastah in my Office and who was employed for 1 year as Talook Maistry in the Shairmadevy Ootapedarum and Vullioor Talooks, and Chokalingum Pillay, Lieutenant Payne's Draughtsman who was formerly the Maistry attached to Major Horsley's Office and has been 10 years in Government employ but I have not appointed either of them as the former has had but little practical experience in the execution of Public Works and the latter none, but both have a good Theoretical knowledge of the work required from a Sub-Overseer and can frame estimates, &c. &c. and would probably be useful men in the Department, but I think that others who were employed previous to the reduction have a prior

claims to the candidates mentioned above, viz. the Ordnance Artificers and late Assistant Overseers in the Department Public Works Messrs. Barnett and Simpercein and I would beg to recommend the former for the appointment now vacant in which he might act until the restriction is removed and he is reinstated as an Assistant Overseer in the Department. Mr. Barnett has been employed in the Department for 6 years and has always been spoken of most highly and he is also well known in the District and would be a great acquisition to the Department. The Superintendent of the Gun Carriage Manufactory would I am informed raise no objection to Mr. Barnett's removal to the Department Public Works and Mr. Barnett would gladly avail himself of the acting appointment. If my recommendation does not meet with your approbation I request that I may be authorized to appoint one of the candidates referred to above to the vacancy as there are at present only 12 Sub-Overseers to 13 Talooks.

No. 62. ORDER THEREON, No. 2318; dated 11th December 1857.

Under the circumstances represented in the above letter, and agreeably to the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council confirms the dismissal of Vyapoory Moodely, Sub Overseer 1st Class 2nd Grade, from the Department of Public Works and sanctions the entertainment, in his stead, of Survey Pupil Mr. Holdwell, as Sub Overseer 1st Class 2nd Grade.

2. The Government direct that in all cases in which the dismissal of servants of the Upper or Lower subordinate Establishments of the D. P. W., may be recommended, the explanation or defence of the party complained against, may accompany the Chief Engineer's reference.

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

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Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George
1st December 1857.

No. 5622.

From
The Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

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Your most Obedt. Servant
W. Faber Colonel
Chief Engineer

Fort St. George
1st December 1857

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To The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

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Public Works Dept.

No. 2318

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 14th December 1857.

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Letter from the Chief Engineer

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