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No. 66. Read the following letter from Major E. LAWFORD, Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works; to W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., Acting Secretary to Government, dated 7th June 1858, No. 916.

SIR,

In forwarding a letter and enclosures received from Captain Ritherdon for the District Engineer of Nellore No. 1090, dated 27th Ultimo, reporting on an overcharge by Sub Overseer A. Vencatarutnum, 2nd class 1st grade, I have the honor to express my full conviction of the Sub Overseer's misconduct.

2. It appears evident from Sub Engineer Irving's letter dated 10th Idem No. 209, that overcharges were made to the amount of Rupees (45-5-7) forty-five, annas five and pice seven, in the quantities of metal and gravel used on the Beeraparoo-bridge, but as it does not seem to me quite clear whether the error proceeded from a fraudulent intention or from carelessness in measurement, I shall only recommend the reduction of the Sub Overseer to the 3rd grade of the 2nd class, and the recovery of the overcharge viz., Rupees (45-5-7) forty-five, annas five and pice seven, from his pay.

3. Considering it generally expedient in such cases to give promotion in the District when the vacancy occurs to bring the penalty home to the observation of the local servants, I beg to recommend the following viz.

Sub Overseer P. Sashiah from the 2nd to the 1st grade.
Do. P. Coniah from the 3rd to the 2nd grade of the 2nd class.

Letter From Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer, Nellore; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Kistamacharlooschuttrum, 27th May 1858, No. 1090.

SIR,

I have the honor to bring to your notice the conduct of Sub Overseer 2nd class 1st grade A. Venkatarutnum of this District, whose carelessness has before been reported* to, and punished by you.

* Letter from the District Engineer No. 1157, dated 26th March 1857.

2. The present instance which is brought froward by Sub Engineer Irving, shows excess in the charges for performing, metalling and gravelling at the Beeraparoo, bridge; both in the rates, and by charging for materials which cannot have been placed on the road.

3. The occasions on which this Sub Overseer has rendered himself liable to punishment prior to this are as follows.

1st. Chief Engineer fined Rupees 21-1-5 for carelessness when making Bricks for Muldavy-bridge, vide Extract Proceedings Chief Engineer No. 2171, dated 20th July 1857.

2ndly. Neglecting to put up sections, fined 4 days travelling allowance, Vide District Gazette of the 21st January 1858.

3rdly. Carrying out earth-work of Yadavelly Condapa Naidoo Tank in a very careless manner, fined 10 days travelling allowance, Vide District Gazette of the 25th March 1858.

4th. Warned* by Lieutenant Mullins that his works generally were badly executed, and that his inattention to orders would be followed by severe punishment.

* Copy enclosed.

4. The foregoing list shows that Sub Overseer Venketrutnum is not likely to prove useful to the Department, as he is neither a neat workman nor to be trusted with any work unless he has a Superintendent over him daily.

5. Copies of the original correspondence as per margin* connected with this case are forwarded for your information.

* Letters from Sub Engineer Irving No. 209, dated 10th May 1858, with its enclosures.

Letter from Sub Engineer H. IRVING, in charge C. R. Northern Division; to Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore, dated Camp Apparowpolum, 10th May 1858, No. 209.

SIR,

In forwarding for your perusal and information the enclosed copies of two letters numbered and dated as per margin*; I would beg respectfully to state that it appears needless for me to enter any further into details than my letter already gives.

* No. 181, dated 22nd April 1858, from Sub Engineer to Sub Overseer Venkatratnum.

No. 20, dated 30th April 1868, from Sub Overseer to Sub Engineer.

It will appear at a glance that I felt dis-satisfied with the manner in which Sub Overseer Venkatratnum has carried on the Metalling over the Beeraparoo-bridge, and that I considered more material was shown as expended than the work needed; or than the measurements of the work gave, and accordingly I thought it necessary to call upon the Sub Overseer for an explanation and which although to me unsatisfactory, the Sub Overseer's letter No. 20 professes to give. I would however beg to point out that I think the Sub Overseer has gone further in the latter portion of para. 3 of his letter than he intended, and also further than any portion of my letter No. 181 called for; but at the same time in pointing this out, I would beg to bring to the notice of the District Engineer, that having had occasion to call upon the Sub Overseer to render some accounts personally to me: he has expressed such contrition for previous negligence, and has promised so faithfully to be more guarded and careful in his expenditure and methods of carrying on the works entrusted to him, that I would feign if permitted to do so, humbly to request that the District Engineer would be pleased to look over this as far as possible, but at the same time I have made the Sub Overseer aware that these neglects do not lay in my power to pass over, but that my duty is to check them whenever they occur and also to bring the same to the notice of my superior.

In reperusing however the 3rd para of the Sub Overseer's letter, I find it impossible to close this without stating, that on the 3rd of this month I proceeded to the Beeraparoo-bridge, and instituted a close examination and the result proves that even a far less quantity of gravel was used than I had previously supposed, as I found six inches of stone at bottom and barely three inches of gravel on top.

Letter from Sub Engineer H. IRVING, in charge of C. R. N. D. to Sub Overseer VENKATARUTNUM, Nellore District, dated Camp Jumgala Ongole, 22nd April 1858, No. 181.

SIR,

Looking over your accounts for the metalling and gravelling of the road-way over the Beeraparoo-bridge as forwarded by Mr. Rose, Assistant Overseer, I find 152 candies and 18 paras of small stone and gravel entered as used, that is $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of stone and $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches of gravel. I then find that the cubical contents of the work performed are $151\frac{3}{8}$ or in other words $77\frac{1}{16}$ cubic yards of stone and $77\frac{5}{16}$ cubic yards of gravel; now allowing $11\frac{3}{8}$ paras (the para measure being 4,000 cubic inches) to one candy for the stone, which of course you cannot say the stone compressed under the operation of tamping will give 44 candies $17\frac{1}{4}$ paras for the lower course of metalling. I will then allow for the $77\frac{5}{16}$ cubic yards of gravelling, 16 paras per cubic yard, as that would compress, if properly tamped, I shall then have 61 candies and 15 paras for the top portion! or a total of 106 candies $12\frac{1}{4}$ paras against 152 candies and 18 paras, a deficiency of 46 candies $5\frac{3}{4}$ paras and taking this quantity at the rate charged in your accounts viz. Rupees 0-2-$11\frac{1}{2}$ per candy excavating and 0-4-9 per candy carriage for the same, gives an overcharge of Rupees 22-4-9 for *this item alone*.

2. You have a long line specifying *spreading, Ramming, watering* and *sloping &c. Rupees* 29-7-9, now this is mystifying the affair; you might have entered it as spreadage and tamping; but it is not so much the manner of entering I complain of: but I certainly have something to say regarding the amount charged! The surface measurement of the spreadage gives $617\frac{7}{16}$ square yards, and if I allow 2 pice per square yard for this spreadage which is the utmost it has ever cost me during my little experience in road-making, it will give Rupees 6-6-11 against Rupees 29-7-9 or an over-charge of Rupees 23-0-10.

3. There is much to be blamed in the manner of performing this work; as there is in every work entrusted to your care. Bandies should have been employed but you did not trouble yourself to look after them and therefore employed coolies which you know would swell the cost. Again you have charged two annas, eleven and half pice per candy for excavating gravel, whereas I never paid more than two annas and eight pice for 35 paras (that is for $1\frac{3}{4}$ candies) *and that too on the same line* of road at Permana-hill and at Nursapoor and Vassalee.

4. In conclusion I request you will be good enough to *at once* give me any explanation you may be able to afford respecting these two items mentioned in Nos. 1 and 2 paras. of this letter, at the same time bearing in mind that the explanation you may give will be forwarded to the District Engineer to whom this over-charge of Rupees 45-5-7 will be duly reported.

Letter from Sub Overseer 2nd Class A. VENKETRUTNUM; to Sub Engineer H. IRVING, In charge of Centre Range N. D., dated Camp Calegherry, 30th April 1858, No. 20.

SIR

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd Instant, No. 181.

2. Agreeably to your orders of the 4th February I left Murripaudoo and proceeded to Sungum to arrange for gravelling the road-way of the Beeraparoo-bridge and having tried my best in vain to get a competent person to take up the work on contract, I employed a few coolies to collect small stones for the lower course. When I met Mr. Mullins and yourself at Corimerla, Mr. Mullins told me to get smaller stones close to the bridge and you were pleased to tell me if I could not get a contractor I might employ coolies I therefore continued to employ the coolies and placing Saikally (who was lately employed in the road Department) over them with instructions to carry on the work properly; on the 15th March I examined the work, I found that 20 candies small stones of which $16\frac{7}{8}$ had been brought to the bridge and $47\frac{1}{2}$ candies gravel had been collected. A portion of the road-way had been made even and well rammed, on the 16th I disbursed the coolies Rupees 32-7-9 and told the coolies and Saikally, that if the amount of expenditure exceeded your calculations it would be stopped out of their hire, but as before my settling the accounts you ordered me to deliver over charge of the work to Mr. Rose and proceed to this Talook, I took an account from Saikally and entering the number of coolies employed on each portion of work from the Station Book, I prepared accounts and gave them to Mr. Rose.

3. You allowed for the lower course 44 candies $17\frac{1}{4}$ paras of small stones, whereas to which 51 candies and 15 parahs have been used as per account, making an excess of 6 candies and $17\frac{3}{4}$ parahs for the top portion; you thought that 61 candies and 15 parahs were enough, but in the account the quantity used come to $101\frac{1}{3}$ candies, that is 39 candies 9 parahs in excess. As the gravel when we throw over the small stones sinks into the gaps and the tamping adds to it, the excess used was inconsequence rendered necessary to secure the dimensions wanted. When the honesty of a Public servant is suspected, it is but fair that a close examination should be instituted instead of judging only by supposition. A scrutinous examination will shew that the excess is not in the account alone but that it also exists in the work done, that more has not been used than it actually wanted will be proved by the fact, that the dimensions now obtained after the excess is used are not greater than you intended. Experience has shown in many an instance that calculations and actual work do not tally, nature of material &c. produces difference which never strike us when we are calculating before work is done.

4. With regard to the 2nd para. of the above letter, coolies were employed first to make up difference in the road-way and to ram it well, and afterwards lay the large stones on the 1st course and over it small angular stones and afterwards spreading gravel and tamping the same. This preliminary work was not provided for by you.

5. All endeavours were used for procuring bandies for carrying the gravel and altho' no bandy-bandy-men could be induced to work inconsequence of its being harvest time, I got one bandyman who carried $2\frac{1}{2}$ candies of gravel at 3 annas, he having broken his bandy never came again. Considering that unless speedy operations were commenced the work cannot be done within the end of the Official year, I was necessitated under the circumstances to employ coolies; cooly work of course augments the cost, but I could not help employing them.

6. As regards my manner of doing business that you so frequently advert to, I must only say that I work as efficiently and faithfully as possible; working in the same way I have obtained the numerous testimonials I bear from Gentlemen of professed ability and that if now I deserve censure it is only my bitter misfortune.

Letter from Lieutenant J. MULLINS, District Engineer Nellore; to A. VENKTRUTNUM, Sub Overseer, dated Camp Poolaneelapully, 26th January 1858, No. 161.

SIR,

I observe from the General Observations of Sub Engineer Irving and Assistant Overseer Rose that you are very inattentive to the orders which have been published in the Gazette, and that the works under your charge are generally very carelessly executed. I have already fined you for not putting up sections at Calegherry and the next time I shall punish you much more severely.

No. 67. ORDER THEREON; No. 1391, dated 17th July 1858.

From the papers submitted, it is clear that there has been overcharge on account of the work alluded to. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council therefore deems it proper to mark his displeasure of Vencatarutnum's conduct in the discharge of his duties, by directing that half of the computed overcharge or Rupees (22) twenty-two be recovered from him by small monthly instalments, and that he be reduced from the second class 1st grade of Sub-Overseers to that of the 3rd grade of the same class.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

Contract Office of Pub. Works
Fort St. George, 17th June 1858

Date

Copy.

From

The Officer in charge of the
Central Office of P. Works.

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir, I have the honor to forward herewith a letter
Original
Enclosure 1 and enclosure received from
1 Letter with Captain Chatterton for the District
2 Enclosures Engineer of Nellore No 1090 dated
4 27 Ultimo, reporting an over-
charge by Sub Overseer A. Venka-
tarutnum 2d Class 1st grade, I
have the honor to express my
full conviction of the Sub Overseer's
misconduct.

2. It appears evident from
No 209. Sub Engineer Irving's letter
dated 10th Idem, that overcharges
were

were made to the amount of Sixteen (45. 5. ~~Forty~~ five, amounting to Five and Five seven, in the quantities of metal and gravel used on the Beerashara Bridge, such as it does not seem to me quite clear whether the error proceeded from a fraudulent intention or from carelessness in measurement, & shall only recommend the reduction of the Sub Overseer to the 3d Grade of the 2d Class, and the recovery of the overcharge viz. Sixteen (45-5-) ~~Forty~~ five, amounting to five and Five seven from his pay.

I Considering it generally expedient in such cases to give promotion in the District when the

Re vacancy occurs to bring the penalty home to the observation of the local Servants. I beg to recommend the following viz.

Sub Overseer D. Sookhias from the 2d to the 1st grade.

Do - P. Conicas from the 2d to the 1st grade of the 2d class.

Central Office of P.W.D. Fort St George, 7th June 1865

I have &c
Signed C. Lawford Major
Supt Engr in charge
of the Central Office
P.W.D.

Ex'd JW Maudsley

(Enclosure)

No. 1116

Central Office of Public Works

From Captain Fitzgerald, 7th June 1858

Chief Officer in charge of the Central Office of Public Works

To Thomas Markham Esq. Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

I am forwarding a letter and enclosures received from Captain Rotherdon for the District Engineer of Kildare No 1090 dated 2nd Ultimo, reporting an overcharge of 5/7 charged by Sub Overseer N. Venables on 2 Cloths 1st Grade, & have the honor to express my full conviction of the Sub Overseer misconduct.

2. As appears evident from Sub Engineer Knapp's letter dated 10th Ulto. that overcharges were made to the amount of (Rupees) 5-5-7 chiefly for Gravel & Metal and (Rupees) 5-5-7 chiefly for Gravel on the Quantities of metal and gravel used on the Barrowstown Bridge, but as it does not seem to me quite clear whether the error proceeded from a fraudulent intention or from carelessness in measurement, I shall only recommend the reduction

of

No. 66

Public Works 1858 Despatches
Kildare No 1116 Dated 7th July

No. 1233.

From the Officer in Ch: of the Contract Office of P.W.

To the Secy. to Govt. P.W.D.

Dated 7th June 1858.
Rec'd 8th

No. 916.

Enclosures 4.

Forwarding a letter with its enclosures received from Capt. Rotherdon for the D.C. Engineer Kildare reporting on an overcharge of Rs. 45-5-7 made by Sub Overseer N. Venables in the quantity of metal and gravel used on the Barrowstown Bridge, and recommends his reduction to the 3rd Grade of the Pay & Lists Proposes certain appointments Consequent on the reduction of the Sub-Overseer.

S.E. No. 1391. 17th July 1858.

of the Sub Overseer to the 3d Grade of the 2nd Class,
and the recovery of the overcharge with Rupees (45-57)
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3 Considering it generally expedient in such
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the local Servants, I beg to recommend the following viz:
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—Do— —P. Coniah from the 3rd to the 2d Grade
of the 2nd Class.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obt Servt
Lawford Hayes
Supt Engr in ch. of the
Central Office of P.W.

Central Office of Pub. Works
Fort St George, 7 June 1858

To,
The Secretary to Government &c &c &c.

Public Works Dept.

No. 7

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 2 June 1858

Read the following
letter from the Officer in
charge of the Central Office
of Public Works Dept.

(Here enter 7th June 1858 folio 16)

Revised Dft
B: 1391/58.

From the papers
submitted it is clear as
that there has been some
over charge on account of
the work alluded to, but
as the Officer in charge
of the Central Office of
Public Works remarks,
there is not evidence of a
satisfactory character
to convict Executive Engineer
of fraud or other bad
motives

H. Will
for Secretary
and the
Public
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Public Works Dept.

Dated 1858

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of Venkataratnum's carelessness
in the discharge of his duties
by directing that half of the
computed overcharge or
Rupees 22/ Twenty two
be recovered from him by
twelve monthly instalments.
Major Lawford will
however desire the District
Engineer to inform Venka-
taratnum that a repetition
of such inattention to
duty will be followed
by his removal
from the Department.

W. H. B

Revised Draft No. 1391

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 17th July 1858

Read the following
letter from the
officer in charge
of the Central Office
of Public Works.

Stonecutters Island 5th June 1858

From the
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10 Copies to the Office Gd & Dist Judge
1 — a — Accountant Genl
1 — a — Chief Secretary

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Dft. to Coun. 20th July

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Extract Minis. of Coun.
Dy 17th July 58.

Ordering the recovery from the Sub Guardian Lieut Governor Cumberland of Money over charged by him and authorizing distribution to be made.

No. 6647.

2d July 1858