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No. 87. Read the following letter from G. TAYLOR, Esq., Civil Engineer; to the Right Honorable LORD HARRIS, Governor in Council, Fort Saint George, Madras, dated Sooncaravoo, 7th January 1858.

MY LORD,

I have the honor again most respectfully to beg permission to address your Lordship in Council directly for the purpose of saving time, and to state that to avoid any inconvenience to the public service. I have this day enclosed a duplicate hereof and of its enclosure to the District Engineer of this Division.

2. The package of drawing paper referred to in my letter of the 24th Ultimo, arrived at Sooncaravoo on the 31st Ultimo. On the following day I was informed of the fact when at Cocanada, and on the 2nd instant, I applied personally to Mr. Horsley the Assistant Magistrate at Cocanada, for an order to the head Police Officer at Coringa to obtain a statement of the cause of the delay from the Cooly who brought the package from Madras.

3. The enclosed statement has been delivered to me to-day, and I hasten most respectfully to submit it to your Lordship in Council without any comment, as the facts it discloses indicate too plainly to whom this most annoying delay is entirely owing.

4. May I now again most respectfully remind your Lordship in Council that the long suspension of my Salary, and the perplexing character of my position, render to me an early and definite communication from the Government of the utmost importance.

Letter from RAMALINGASWAMY, Head of Police; to GEORGE TAYLOR, Esq., Civil Engineer, dated Coringa, 6th January 1858.

HONORED SIR,

In compliance with the orders of the Assistant Magistrate W. D. Horsley, Esq., dated 2nd, and with your honor's memorandum of the 4th Instant, with due respects I beg to state, I have taken deposition from the Cooly man* who brought the Package referred to in the subjoined translation of a deposition from the said Cooly man, the demensions and the weight of the

* A. Ramasawmy.

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package† mentioned in the margin was certified by me before I took cooly's deposition. I

have also measured his person. His height being only 4 feet and 8† inches and his age being about 50 years and his person is very thin and sickly, he is in my opinion, not fit to carry such package as this to a distant place, and it is my further opinion, that one strong cooly would have much difficulty in bringing such a package from Madras in 30 days in good season and could not bring during rains (as the package was brought) in less than about 40 days. At such a season the package ought to have despatched by 2 coolies.

Translation of a Deposition given by ARAVA RAMASAWMY, Paria Caste Inhabitant of Chintaudrepettah, Religeon Seva, profession cooly, age about 50.

Q. In what language do you give your deposition?

A. In Teloogoo language.

Q. When did you leave Madras for Sooncaravoo with the package measuring viz., 6 feet and 8 inches length, 8 inches in breadth and 7 inches in height, and weighing 65 lbs—who entrusted to your care, what is the amount of cooly hire, and when did you bring it here?

A. Vengiah maistry of the coolies about 3 months before, gave me the above described package together with a note with directions to carry this to Sooncaravoo and deliver it to Mr. Taylor there and to receive Rupees 3 being the balance of Cooly hire in addition to the amount of Rupees 5 received by me at Madras. While I was bringing the same, I was detained 9 days at Padaputnum village, and 13 days at Masulipatam on account of fever and bloody Purgings.

† A mistake, his height is 4 feet 11 inches.

Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 26th January 1858.

During the said periods I had secured the package in question in Traveller's Bungalow at Padaputnum and in Police Office at Masulipatam. I have been now and then prevented on account of the bad state of the road between Madras and Masulipatam, I have therefore reached Sooncaravoo on 31st Ultimo.

Q. Did any one accompany you from Madras?

A. No one.

Q. Hear your deposition. Is it properly stated what you have stated?

A. It is what I tell.

(Signed) A. RAMASAWMY'S Mark.

Witness.

(Signed) HAJEEBOO CONDIAH.

(Signed) YENDAMOORY GOORUPPAH.

Taken before me at Sooncaravoo this 4th day of January 1858.

(Signed) Y. RAMALINGASWAMY,

Head of Police.

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ORDER THEREON, No. 114; dated 26th January 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,

Acting Secretary to Government.

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Yours faithfully,
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at Sooncaravoo

I humbly beg to remain
Your most obedient servant.

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John Taylor not a member this 1st day of January 1858
 R. G. Rammelsberg
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 H. M. Longman
 10, Bedford Square, London, W.

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