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Fort Saint George, Public Works Consultation of 15th March 1859.

No. 117. Read the following letter from Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer; to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 26th February 1859, No. 8167.

Sir,

With reference to Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 1530, dated 4th August last, I do myself the honor to submit for the information and orders of Government, the accompanying copies of Correspondence, on the subject of Supervisor Dick's Accounts.

2. In Extract Proceedings, No. 2235, dated 26th July 1853, Mr. Dick was suspended from his duties, and in the Extract Minutes Consultation above quoted, the Government were pleased to accord their approval thereto.

3. With the view of adjusting the out-standing balances remaining against the Supervisor up to 30th April last, Mr. Brock, Head Clerk in the Superintending Engineer's Office, Central Circle, was directed to proceed to Arcot, and enter upon the work in question, the completion of which he reported on the 2nd September, through the Acting District Engineer, but as Mr. Dopping declined to countersign certain Bills prepared for incomplete works, in consequence of his suspicions as to the correctness of the Contractor's Statements, from which they were drawn up, Mr. Dick's suspension was not removed until the 21st October following.

4. The result of Captain Francis' investigation into Mr. Dick's Accounts, will be seen, in his letter, dated 1st December last, which is herewith forwarded. One of the enclosures thereto is a report from Mr. Assistant Executive Engineer Biggers, prepared in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Dopping, after a personal inspection of the eleven works mentioned below, for which it was suspected, the Contractors had presented false bills to Mr. Dick; and the result of his examination was as follows:

Excess over Bill prepared.				Deficiency.			
Rs. A. P.				Rs. A. P.			
1	3	12	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	0	0	42	10	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	10	8	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	30	0	0	0
6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	30	0	0	0
10	0	0	0	35	0	0	0
11	29	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Rupees.....				53	9	0	0
				137	10	0	0

5. Of this deficiency, Mr. Dick is only held accountable for Rupees 95, (Items 5-9, and 10, advances made to his Contractors, acknowledged by them to have been received, but not worked out) the balance Rupees 42-10-0, (Item No. 2) belongs to the expenditure incurred by one of the Sub-Overseers, now in the North Arcot District.

6. Captain Francis reports, that Security has been taken for the deficiencies alluded to, and that there will consequently be no loss to Government on the incomplete works, for which money had been advanced; and further observes, "that no suspicion of dishonesty has attached to Mr. Dick, and no claims have been brought against him for money unpaid."

7. On the receipt of the late Superintending Engineer's letter, to which reference is made, that Officer was requested to report the degree of culpability in his opinion, resting on the Supervisor, and the proper degree of punishment to be awarded for remissness in keeping his accounts. Captain Francis in reply states as his opinion, that Mr. Dick should receive the undrawn portion of his Salary, during the period of his suspension, after deducting the expenses incurred in bringing up his Accounts. Accordingly, the Acting District Engineer, North Arcot,

was instructed to report what extra expenditure had been incurred on that account; his reply No. 1983, dated 3rd Ultimo, is herewith enclosed, from which it will be observed, that no other agency besides* that detached from the Central Office, was employed in the preparation of the suspended Supervisor's Bills.

8. It appears therefore, that Mr. Dick is charged with arrears of Accounts, and with the incorrect preparation of the 4 Bills above described, solely on the statement of his Contractors, without any personal inspection of the works to which they refer.

9. In reply to the 1st of the above charges, (arrears in accounts) Mr. Dick explains in his letter, dated 1st December last, that the Bills subsequently drawn up by Mr. Brock for 1855-56 and 1856-57, were prepared by himself sometime previously to his suspension, but they were returned by the District Engineer for revision; because their amounts did not correspond with those entered in his Progress Reports as having been expended.

10. In reply to the 2nd charge, Mr. Dick states, that he was precluded from inspecting his Contractor's works (as he was wont to do) in consequence of being absent from his Division, at the time (August 1858) the Bills for 1857-58 were prepared by Mr. Brock (having been called away himself by the District Engineer in May 1858.) Thus therefore, he had no alternative whatever, but to accept the Bills as they were presented by his Contractors, and to deal with them as with correct vouchers, or the only ones he could obtain.

11. In his general defence Mr. Dick brings to notice, the very great disadvantages under which he laboured in his Division from defective Subordinate Agency. Two Sub-Overseers only were placed under his orders, one of whom has been repeatedly reported as a dishonest and worthless character, in regard to whom, I purpose addressing Government in a separate communication; and the other a man far from intelligent; so that he derived little or no assistance from these parties. Moreover Mr. Dick observes, that a great portion of his time from May 1857, was taken up in the investigation of certain projects in the North Arcot District, which prevented his affording as much attention to his Accounts, as he would otherwise have done.

12. Taking into consideration, the whole of the circumstances connected with this long protracted business, and also the high estimation in which Mr. Dick was held by the Officers (Messrs. Collyer, Johnston and Mayne) under whom he had been employed, I recommend for the favorable consideration of Government, that Mr. Dick be permitted, agreeably to the recommendation of Captain Francis, to receive the undrawn portion of his salary, viz., Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty per mensem, from 26th July to 21st October 1858. A thorough scrutiny into his Accounts, has fully shewn, that they were only in arrears, but that no taint or suspicion whatever of dishonesty attached itself to any of the Supervisor's transactions.

13. Finally, moreover, Captain Francis placed clearly before Mr. Dick, the evils likely to result from arrears in Account and from the preparation of Bills without previously personally testing by examination of work performed, the correctness of the Statements presented by his Contractors. It thus may be reasonably hoped, that the Superintending Engineer's admonitions, in regard to the future conduct of Mr. Dick's duties, will ensure punctuality; and that suffering most heavily from former misfeasance, he will do credit to Malabar, the new District, to which he was transferred by the late Officiating Chief Engineer.

14. In conclusion, I have to express my regret at the delay which has inadvertently taken place in submitting this report.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle of Public Works; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated Camp Arcot, 1st December 1858.

SIR,

I have the honor to report that Mr. Dick's arrears of Bills having been passed under the orders of the Commissioners, and Mr. Biggers' investigations,* together with the Securities since taken, shewing that there will be no loss to Government, on the incomplete works for which money had been advanced. I have directed Mr. Dick to proceed to join his new station.

* Mr. Brock.
C. Terommal Row.

* Herewith forwarded (to be returned to the District Engineer of North Arcot.)

2. I have set forth very strongly to Mr. Dick the consequences to which he laid himself open by preparing Bills* for expenditure without having seen the works referred to, or having any thing better to go upon than the Contractors' word, and I must here express my opinion, that the state of arrears and confusion of Mr. Dick's Accounts fully warranted, Mr. Dopping in recommending his being suspended until they were cleared up; on the other hand, although Mr. Dick had been very long in the Engineer's Department, he had never been called upon to keep an Account until the formation of the new Department.

3. I trust that the warning which Mr. Dick has received will result in great carefulness for the future, and that in Malabar he will do credit to his position. No suspicion of dishonesty has attached to Mr. Dick and no claims have been brought against him for money unpaid.

4. I have further the honor to draw your attention to Mr. Biggers' remarks on Sub-Overseer Kistnasawmy Moodelly. The District Engineer has the worst opinion of him, and I propose to put the case before you separately, and to recommend his dismissal.

Letter from J. BIGGERS, Esq., Civil Engineer, North Arcot; to JAMES H. DOPPING, Esq., Civil Engineer, District Engineer, North Arcot, dated Camp Arnee, 30th November 1858, No. 75.

SIR,

I have the honor to inform you, that I inspected the works named in the Bills, which are returned, I sent for the Contractors and others who had received advances, and took down their statements, as to amount of advance, and the quantity of work done, I then proceeded with Ramasawmy, Sub-Overseer, Trivatoor Talook to inspect said works, and while doing so, collected all the information I could, and noted down my own remarks, which are embodied in the enclosed form.

2. I find that Sawmynada Moodelly, Merchant residing in Arnee, received Rupees 150 for which he has produced 90,000 bricks, $\frac{1}{4}$ useless, said to be spoiled by the heavy rains, I have ordered him to separate the bricks (which are in one large clamp) into two sorts good and bad, at his own expense, and to inform me when he had done so, I will then examine the bricks, and allow for the good ones at the usual rate, after that I shall claim the balance, or he must produce bricks for the amount. He has agreed to the above, and being a merchant of some respectability and substance, there is no fear of any loss on the part of the Government. I may here mention that one Chinna Soobiah Manager and one Peddoo Naiken, both of Murdaud, informed me that the bricks were made for the latter's house, about this there can be no doubt, but it also appears that the bricks in question were purchased since the submission of the Bill or Bills, which are dated August 30th, 1858. The above bricks for Cotay Calingulah and Murdaud Bridge. Bricks 4 miles from Cotay Calingulah and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from Murdaud.

3. Hudmaraba Naidoo, Contractor, furnished an account wherein he shows 749 cubic yards of Earth-work, at a cost of Rupees 49-1-0, as the Bill of August 30th 1858 shows 320 cubic yards at Rupees 20, and the people have been calling for a further payment for work since done, I presume that the above Contractors Account is correct, I say presume, because during my investigation rain poured down in torrents, flooded the country, and of course the pit from which the earth was taken formed so many receptacles for water, that it was impossible to tell old work from new. The above refers to Tookoobaudy Tank.

4. Kistnasawmy Moodelly, Sub-Overseer, lately carrying on Mungalum Tank works, and ordered to join the 3rd Division of the District. I sent for this man and questioned him as to the amount of advance he had received, and the work he had done, after a great deal of prevarication I got from him that he had received Rupees 75, that he had done work for Rupees 29-14-0, when I asked him about the rough stone Rupees 50 he could not give an answer. Taking the above Rupees 29-14-0, and adding Rupees 2-8-0 for carriage, equal Rupees 32-6-0, which taken from 75 Rupees leaves Rupees 42-10-0 due by him. There could not be any carriage as the bricks were made and burnt where they are. On the Road to the Mungalum Tank, he told me

in the hearing of several persons, there were 40 Bandy loads of sand, on nearing the locality he reduced the number to 4, on asking him why he said 40 at first he denied having said so, I appealed to the standers by, they said they heard him say 40, on arriving at the place there was the faintest mark of sand, as if some had been thrown down, for appearance, certainly not a bandy load. From enquiries, I found that this man is a regular Drunkard, the late Executive Officer, Mr. Horgan, having found him in that state twice threatened to dismiss him. I should strongly recommend his being removed from the Department. I have not the slightest doubt in my mind, that he has been carrying on a regular system of swindling for sometime past.

5. Moottoosawmy Moodelly and Aroomooga Moodelly, brothers. The latter it appears acted as Maistry and writer to Mr. Dick for sometime. His brother Moottoosawmy Contracted for the following works:

	Rs.	A.	P.
Anunthul Calingulah, received	40	0	0
Cauverypaukum do.	40	0	0
Do. and Moray			
Podianoor, two works	60	0	0
Mailcodeongaloor	35	0	0
Total Rupees	175	0	0

I sent for this party several times, but he did not make his appearance. For the Anunthul Calingulah, the amount very nearly agrees, but the Items do not, there being 19,700 bricks more than in Bill, and no rough stone as stated in Bill. Cauverypaukum there is an excess over Bill of 10½ Rupees, Podianoor 2 works nothing done, Mailcodeongaloor, nothing done. Thus 40 Rupees × 40 Rupees × 10½ Rupees excess equals Rupees 90-8-0, which taken from Rs. 175, leaves 84-8-0 Rupees to be accounted for by Moottoosawmy. It appears that Aroomooga Maistry and writer used to measure his brother's works, and occasionally put down work as measured which had not been begun.

6. A Statement of discrepancies.

More than in Bill.			Less than in Bill.		
Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
3	12	0	42	10	0
10	8	0	30	0	0
5	0	0	30	0	0
5	4	0	35	0	0
29	1	0			
53	9	0	137	10	0
			53	9	0

Total deficiency... 84 1 0

7. From the above facts it appears that these materials must have been collected since Bills were submitted; neither the amounts nor the Items agree. Besides this Ramasawmy and C. Parthasarathy, Sub-Overseers, made an investigation last September (I have been told) the inspection list is dated 6th October 1858, so that it is not unlikely in this list, materials are shown for Mungalum only. This fact tends to confirm my opinion, but Mr. Dick states that these men did not make a proper investigation.

Works inspected by J. Biggers, Esq., Civil Engineer, North Arcot.

No and Date of Bill.	Amount of Estimate.	Quantity of work actually done or of materials prepared.	Discrepancy between Bill and examination.	Mr. Dick's explanation of discrepancy.	Remarks.
14 August 30th 1858.	348 6 11 75 0	0 45,000 out of the 90,000 bricks at Murchand.	Rs. 3 12 in excess of Bill.	Mr. Dick states that he is accountable for the money advanced, but as he was not present in his late Division when Bills were sent in, he could not check the quantity of materials collected.	Useless. 4 miles from the work, no sand as per Bill.
15 August 30th 1858.	397 15 1 75 0	0 15,000 bricks, 30 Perahs of Chumam in Monigars house, 6 cubic yards of Roughstone	Rs. 42 10 deficiency.		Useless. Rough stone Rupees 50, quantity not mentioned, nor found; only 6 cubic yards of the 21.
16 August 30th 1858.	236 2 2 40 0	0 50,000 bricks for Anunthul and Cauverypaukum.	No deficiency in amount		Useless. no rough stone; amount agrees on account of the number of bricks; there being 19,700 more than in Bill.
17 August 30th 1858.	284 4 8 40 0	0 25,000 of the above for Cauverypaukum, 41 Rough stones, 40 Bandies firewood near Tank.	Rs. 10 8 more than in Bill.		Useless. 41 rough stones about 6 cubic yards. Mr. Dick states there were 90, but they have been stolen, this is very unlikely from the locality no village being near the above stones seems to have been lately collected. No sand.
18 August 30th 1858.	117 6 3 30 0	0 30 0 0 Nothing done.	30	See his explanation which is forwarded herewith.	These bricks, 4 miles from work. No chumam and consequently no Cars.
19 August 30th 1858.	22 8 0 10 0	0 10,000 bricks at Pinnay.	Rs. 5 more than in Bill.		These 90,000 bricks (Monigars Chumam and Peddoo Nalken, both of Murchand state) were made for the house of the latter, 1 are useless and 4 miles from Collay, 3 mile from Murchand, Sawmynatha Moodelly, Contractor residing at A. rupee, states that he received Rupees 150, amount of the two Bills 14 and 20, that he is willing to refund the money, or supply good bricks to that amount.
20 August 30th 1858.	512 8 2 75 0	0 90,000 bricks for Murchand.	Rs. 5 4 more than in Bill.		
21 August 30th 1858.	122 0 0 10 0	0 0 Superintendence no materials.			
22 August 30th 1858.	127 8 5 30 0	0 0 Nothing done.	30		
23 August 30th 1858.	250 0 0 35 0	0 0 Nothing done.	35		
27 August 30th 1858.	340 0 0 20 0	0 749 cubic yards Earth work Rupees 49-1-0.	Rs. 29 1 more than in Bill.	Done since Bill was submitted.	

(Signed) J. BIGGERS,
Civil Engineer, North Arcot.

Camp Arnee,
30th November 1858.

Letter from Captain P. M. FRANCIS, Acting Superintending Engineer Central Circle; to the Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 24th December, 12½ P. M.

SIR,

Your Memorandum of yesterday's date has only just reached me, I have the honor to inform you, that I lost no time in seeking the information as directed from the District Engineer, who has made no reply as yet. I can therefore only say generally that it is my opinion Mr. Dick should receive his salary, after deducting the expenses incurred in making up his Accounts.

Letter from Mr. F. DICK, Supervisor; to Lieutenant-Colonel E. LAWFORD, Officiating Chief Engineer, dated 1st December 1858.

SIR,

Having received orders from Captain Francis, Superintending Engineer, Central Circle of Public Works, to proceed forthwith to Malabar, I beg to request that you will be pleased to issue orders, to draw the undrawn portion of my salary, during the time I was under suspension, viz., from the 26th July to 21st October 1858, at 150 Rupees per mensem.

2nd. I regret to observe from Mr. Biggers' report shewn to me this day by Captain Francis, that one of the Contractors had failed to supply articles to the extent of Rupees 95, but here I beg to remark that the Contractors' Bills, had been accepted by me as correct, merely to avoid delay, had I been in the Division at the time the Bills were prepared, I would certainly have inspected these works previous to the submission of the Bills, and as regards the deficiency, I beg to state, that when Mr. Dopping wrote to the Overseers and Contractors, to ascertain what amount they had received from me, Arnachellum the Contractor, who had received the 95 Rupees for the three works noticed in Mr. Biggers' report "as no materials collected" acknowledged by letter to Mr. Dopping of having received that amount, and that the materials he collected for those works were used for the Cheyaur extension works. This I personally mentioned to Mr. Biggers at Wandiwash and to Captain Francis in presence of Mr. Dopping, who as I mentioned before, holds Arnachellum's acknowledgment; while so, I consider it very hard that the amount should be placed to my debit, and as Captain Francis states "no suspicion of dishonesty has attached to Mr. Dick and no claims have been brought against him for money unpaid." I beg my request in para. 1 of this letter may be granted.

3rd. As regards Captain Francis' opinion, "that the state of arrears and confusion of Mr. Dick's accounts fully warranted Mr. Dopping in recommending his being suspended until they were cleared up," with all due deference to this gentleman, I beg to refer you to the Official Report sent in by Mr. S. Brock who was sent to scrutinize the North Arcot Accounts, and the fact of his having adjusted those for the years 1855-56, & 1856-57 & 1857-58, in so short a period as fifteen days, fully proves that they could not have been in a state of confusion.

4th. I beg to bring to your notice the great disadvantages under which I laboured in the 5th Division from a want of Sub-Overseers, I had only two placed under my orders, one of whom was, as reported by Mr. Biggers, a Drunkard, and the other far from intelligent, as will be borne out by the gentleman who succeeded me; in addition to those advantages, a great portion of my time since May 1857 was taken up in investigating a project for building an Amicut across the Cheyaur River near Poloor to supply the Tanks in Chattrput, Wandiwash and Trivatoor Talooks, which I was called upon three times to furnish by Captains Johnston and Mayne; and after the levels were completed, I had to furnish fresh Bills for the Official years 1855-56 & 1856-57, as the amounts did not correspond with those entered in the Progress Reports, and to prepare Bills to the amount of nearly 30 thousand Rupees expended by Mr. Lincoln, whose Accounts were handed over to me in a disorderly state; so you will at once perceive that my time was fully occupied, and what little I had to spare was devoted in examining the works in Progress.

Letter from J. H. DOPPING, Esq., District Engineer of North Arcot; to Colonel C. E. FABER, Chief Engineer, dated Camp Arcot, 3rd January 1859, No. 1983.

SIR,

In compliance with a request received from Captain Francis, I have the honor to enclose the original letters, &c., as per margin, received from your Office on the subject of Mr. Dick's suspension, as called for in your Proceedings, No. 6191 of the 10th Ultimo.

2. I regret I cannot from press of time supply copies, so I beg you will, when convenient, return the originals.

3. In the 2nd para. of Proceedings, No. 2238, you will observe the order for Mr. Dick's suspension.

4. In the 3rd para. of your letter, No. 4300, you will also observe the order for Mr. Dick's release from suspension.

5. This order was received by me on the 8th of October but he was suspended from the 26th inclusive.

6. I am not aware whether Captain Francis has expressed any opinion, in reply to the above communication on the subject of the amount of culpability on the part of Mr. Dick, but

I am fully confident that the gross carelessness, to say nothing else, as shown by the report *received from Mr. Biggers, fully warranted his suspension and forfeiture of $\frac{2}{3}$ the pay for the time, and I have no doubt but Mr. Dick ought to feel that he has been treated in a most lenient manner.

7. I am not aware of any extra hands having been employed to bring up his Accounts but the quantity of time wasted in going through his Accounts was very considerable and would have been avoided if he had attended to his business properly.

No. 118.

ORDER THEREON, No. 587; dated 15th March 1859.

The Governor in Council approves of the Chief Engineer's proposal that the whole of Mr. Supervisor Dick's salary for the time that he was under suspension shall be paid to him without deduction. The Government have been obliged to incur a very much heavier outlay for the adjustment of the Accounts of the District Engineer's Office; and while the late District Engineer Captain Mayne and the present Acting District Engineer, Mr. Dopping, both of them responsible for that discreditable state of the Office, are free from pecuniary mulct on that account, the Governor in Council cannot consent so to punish the Supervisor, whom he regards as less culpable. He trusts that the difficulties into which Mr. Dick has been brought by want of exactness in keeping his accounts will serve as a useful lesson to him. The Government are glad to observe that no suspicion of dishonesty attaches to Mr. Dick, and that no claims have been brought against him for money unpaid*.

2. The Chief Engineer will report further on the allegations in paras. 2 and 4 of Mr. Dick's letter of December 1st, 1858, adverted to in paras. 10 and 11 of his own present letter. It seems hard that Mr. Dick should have been detained on duty out of his Division, and then blamed for not verifying by personal inspection the work done in it.

3. Colonel Faber will also explain who are the two Overseers alluded to by Mr. Dick in para. 4; whether they are still in the Department, and if so where and how they are employed and what character they now bear.

(Signed) J. D. BOURDILLON,

Secretary to Government.

Superintending Engineer's Office
Central Circle of P.W.
Camp Arcot, 1st Decr 1858

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Supt. Engineer Circle of P.W.
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Camp Arcot
1st December 1858

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Signed P. H. Francis Esq.
Super Engineer C.E.

North Arcot District
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5 Moolloosammy Moodelly and Moomogya Moodelly Brothers. The latter it appears acted as mistry and writes to Mr. Dick for some time. His brother Moolloosammy Contractor for the following

Amurthul

Ananthul Calingalah Received Rs 0-0-00
 leavarypankum do do 10-0-00
 do and Indry
 Codainoor two works 60-0-00
 Mailcodongaloor 35-0-00
 Total 175-0-00

I sent for this party several times, but he did
 not make his appearance. For the Ananthul
 Calingalah, the amount very nearly agrees, but
 the items do not, there being 19700 Rupees more
 than in Bill, and no rough stone as stated in
 Bill. leavarypankum there is an excess
 over bill of 10 1/2 Rs. Codainoor 2 works nothing done,
 Mail Codongaloor, nothing done. Thus 100 Rs. + 100 Rs. +
 10 1/2 Rs. excess equals Rupees 200 1/2 which taken
 from Rs 175 leaves 25 Rs. to be accounted for
 by Mootoo Saamy. It appears that Moomoofam
 Maistry and Whites used to measure his brother's
 works, and occasionally put down work as
 measured which had not been begun.

6. Statement of discrepancies

More than in Bill	Less than in Bill
3-12-00	1-2-10-00
10-8-00	30-0-00
5-0-00	30-0-00
5-1-00	35-0-00
29-1-00	137-10-00
53-9-00	53-9-00
Total deficiency 84-1-00	

7. From the above facts, it appears that
 these materials must have been collected since
 bills were submitted; neither the amounts nor the
 items agree. Besides this Ramasaamy and C. Parthasa-
 -rathy Sub Overseers made an investigation last
 September (I have been told) the inspection list is
 dated October 1858, so that it is not unlikely in
 this list, materials are shown for Mangalam
 only. This fact tends to confirm my opinion, but
 Mr Dick states that these men did not make
 a proper investigation.

Camp. Mee.
 30 November 1858

I have
 Sd/- J. Biggers
 Civil Engineer. N. A.

Works inspected by J. Biggers Esq. Civil Engineer North Proct

No. and Date of Bill	Amount of Estimate	Amount of Bill	Quantity of work actually done or of materials prepared	Discrepancy between bill & examination	Mr. Dick's explanation of discrepancy	Remarks	
14 August 30 1858	363	6 11	75	15000 out of the 90000 Bricks at Mardand	Rs 3-12 in excess of Bill	Mr. Dick states that he is accountable for the money advanced, but as he was not present in his late Division when the bills were sent in, he could not check the quantity of materials collected.	1/2 mile from the work, as per Bill.
15 August 30 1858	397	15 1	75	15000 Bricks, 30 Carahs of Charamian, 10000 Bricks for Ananth and 10000 Bricks for Ananth	Rs 12-10 deficiency	Mr. Dick states that he is accountable for the money advanced, but as he was not present in his late Division when the bills were sent in, he could not check the quantity of materials collected.	1/2 mile from the work, as per Bill.
16 August 30 1858	236	2 2	40	50000 Bricks for Ananth and 10000 Bricks for Ananth	Rs 12-10 deficiency	Mr. Dick states that he is accountable for the money advanced, but as he was not present in his late Division when the bills were sent in, he could not check the quantity of materials collected.	1/2 mile from the work, as per Bill.
17 August 30 1858	284	4 8	40	35000 of the above for Ananth and 10000 Bricks for Ananth	Rs 10-8 more than in Bill	Mr. Dick states that he is accountable for the money advanced, but as he was not present in his late Division when the bills were sent in, he could not check the quantity of materials collected.	1/2 mile from the work, as per Bill.
18 August 30 1858	117	6 3	30	Nothing done	Rs 0-0	See his explanation which is forwarded herewith.	
19 August 30 1858	22	8	10	10000 Bricks at Pinnay	Rs 5-0 more than in Bill		These bricks 1/2 miles from work. No Charamian and consequently no carts
20 August 30 1858	512	8 2	75	90000 Bricks for Mardand	Rs 5-4 more than in Bill		These 90000 Bricks (Ananth, Charamian, and 10000 Bricks for Mardand) were made for the house of the latter, and are 1/2 miles from Mardand, 1/2 mile from Ananth, 1/2 mile from Charamian. Contractor residing at Ananth, states that he received Rs 150, a month of the two bills No. 19 and 20, that he is willing to refund the money, or supply good Bricks to the amount.
21 August 30 1858	222		40	Superintendence - no materials			
22 August 30 1858	227	8 5	30	Nothing done	Rs 0-0		
23 August 30 1858	250		35	Nothing done	Rs 0-0		
27 August 30 1858	340		20	749 cubic yards Earth work	Rs 27-4 more than in Bill	Done since Bill was submitted	

Camp Ananth
30 November 1858

J. Biggers
Civil Engineer N. P.

2nd December, 12 1/2 P.M.

To The Officiating Chief Engineer

Sir,

Your Memorandum of Yesterdays date has only just reached me. I have the honor to inform you that I lost no time in seeking the information as directed from the District Engineer who has made no reply as yet. I can therefore only say generally that it is my opinion Mr Diett should receive his salary after deducting the expenses incurred in making up his accounts.

I have &c

Sd/ J P. Francis

Philippine I. C.

2nd Dec 1st December 1858.

To Colonel C. Lawford,
Officiating Chief Engineer
Fort Saint George
Madras.

Sir,
Having received orders from Captain Francis
Superintending Engineer Central Circle of Public
works

works, to proceed forthwith to Madras, I beg to request
that you will be pleased to issue orders to draw
the undrawn portion of my salary, during the
time I was under suspension, viz. from the 20th
July to 21st October 1858 at 150 Rupees per month.
I regret to observe from Mr Biggers report
shown to me this day by Captain Francis
that one of the Contractors had failed to supply
articles to the extent of Rupees 95, but here I beg to
remark that the Contractors Bills had been accepted
by me as correct, merely to avoid delay, had I
been in the Division at the time the bills were
prepared, I would certainly have inspected those
works previous to the submission of the Bills,
and as regards the deficiency I beg to state
that when Mr Dopping wrote to the Quarter
and Contractors to ascertain what amount
they had received from me, Anachellum the
Contractor, who had received the 95 Rupees for
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the three works noticed in Mr Biggers report "as no materials collected" acknowledged by letter to Mr Dopping of having received that amount and that the materials he collected for those works were used for the Levee and extension works.

This I personally mentioned to Mr Biggers at Mandeville and to Captain Francis in presence of Mr Dopping, who as I mentioned before holds Monachellum's acknowledgement, while so, I consider it very hard that the amount should be placed to my debit and as Captain Francis stated "no suspicion of dishonesty has attached to Mr Dietz and no claims have been brought against him for money unpaid". I beg my request in para 1 of this letter may be granted.

As regards Captain Francis' opinion "that the state of arrears and confusion of Mr Dietz's accounts fully warranted Mr Dopping in recommending his being suspended until they

"they were cleared up" with all due deference to this Gentleman. I beg to refer you to the Official Report sent in by Mr A. Brock who was sent to scrutinize the North-West account and the fact of his having adjusted that for the years 1855/56 - 1856/57 & 1857/58 - in a short a period as fifteen days fully proves that they could not have been in a state of confusion.

I beg to bring to your notice the great disadvantages under which I laboured in the 5th Division from a want of Sub Overseers I had only two placed under my orders, one of whom was as reported by Mr Biggers a drunkard and the other far from intelligent as will be borne out by the Gentleman who succeeded me, in addition to these advantages a great portion of my time since May 1857 was taken up in investigating a Project for building

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Sigs of F. Dick
Supervisor D. O. W.

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N. P. District Engineer's Office,
Camp Root 3 January 1889

Sub,
In compliance with a request received from Captain Francis, I have the honor to enclose the original letters of as per margin received from your Office on the subject of Mr Dick's suspension as called for in your proceedings No 191 of the 10th ultimo.

2 Regret I cannot from press of time
supply copies, so I beg you will when convenient
return the originals.

3 In the 2nd para. of proceedings N2228
you will observe the order for Dr. Dick's expenses.

Lo In the 3rd para of your letter No 4300
you will also observe the order for Mr. Dick's
Release from Suspension.

5 This order was received by me on

on the 8th of October - but he was suspended from
the 26th inclusive.

6 I am not aware whether Captain ~~Thames~~
has expressed any opinion, in reply to the above com-
munication on the subject of the amount of
culpability on the part of Mr. Dick but I am
fully confident that the gross carelessness &
to say nothing else, as shown by the Report received
from Mr. Biggers fully warranted his suspension
and forfeiture of $\frac{3}{4}$ the pay for the term and
I have no doubt but Mr. Dick ought to feel
that he has been treated in a most lenient
manner.

7 I am not aware of any extra hands
having been employed to bring up his accounts
but the quantity of time wasted in going
through his accounts was very considerable
and would have been avoided if
he had attended to his business
properly.

properly.

I have &c

Signed J. H. Dopping Lt.
Dist. Engineer of N. A.

Trul. copied!

W. A. R. Major
Asst. Supt. Eng. C. C.

Central Office of P.W.
St. George,
26 February 1859

No. 8767

From

The Chief Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government P.W.D.

1. With reference to En. Enns. Cons. No. 153, dated 17th August last, I do myself the honor to submit for the information and orders of Government, the accompanying copies of correspondence, on the subject of Supervisor Drake's accounts.

2. In Extract Proceedings No. 235, dated 26th July 1858, Mr. Drake was suspended from his duties, and in the En. Enns. Cons. above quoted, the Government were pleased to accord their approval thereto.

3. With the view of adjusting the outstanding balances remaining against the Supervisor up to 30th April last, Mr. Brock, Head Clerk in the Superintending Engineer's Office Central Office, was directed to proceed to Arocl, and enter upon the work in question, the completion of which he reported on the 25th September.

Through

Enclosed in a letter from
the Chief Engineer
to the Secy to Govt P.W.D.

Dated 26th Feb
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Copies of correspondence
on the subject of
expenses
for Drake's suspension
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through the Acting District Engineer, but as Mr. Dopping declined to countersign certain Bills prepared for incomplete works, in consequence of his suspicions as to the correctness of the Contractors Statements from which they were drawn up, Mr. Dick's suspension was not removed until the 21st October following.

The results of Captain Francis' investigation into Mr. Dick's accounts, will be seen in his letter dated 7th December last, which is herewith forwarded. One of the enclosed there is a Report from Mr. Assistant Executive Engineer Biggers, prepared in accordance with instructions received from Mr. Dopping, after a personal inspection of the works mentioned below, for which it was suspected, the Contractors had presented false bills to Mr. Dick, and the results of his examination was as follows.

Excess over Bill prepared.		Deficiency	
1	3 12		
2		42	10
3			
4	10 8		
5		30	
6	5		
7	5 4		
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9		30	
10		35	
11	29 1		
Total Receipts 53 9		137	10

5 Of this deficiency, Mr. Dick is only held accountable for Receipts 95 (Items 5, 9, 10, advances made to his Contractors, acknowledged by them to have been received, but not worked out; the balance of Receipts 12 10 (Item 12) belongs to the expenditure incurred by one of the Sub Overseers, now in the North Arctic District.

6 Captain Francis reports, that security has been taken for the deficiencies alluded to, and that there will consequently be no loss to Government on the incomplete works, for which money had been advanced; and further observed, "that no suspicion of dishonesty has attached to Mr. Dick, and no claims have been brought against him for money paid."

7 On the receipt of the late Superintending Engineer's letter, to which reference is made, that Officer was requested to report the degree of culpability in his opinion, resting on the Supervisor, and the proper degree of punishment to be awarded for remissness in keeping his accounts. Captain Francis

in reply, stated as his opinion, that Mr Dick
should receive the undrawn portion of his salary,
during the period of his suspension, after deducting
the expenses incurred in bringing up his accounts.

Accordingly, the Acting District Engineer North-West
was instructed to report what extra expenditure had

been incurred on that account; his reply of 1983,

dated 3rd ultimo, is herewith enclosed, from which it

will be observed, that no other agency besides that

detached from the Central Office, was employed

in the preparation of the suspended Supervisors Bills

8 It appears therefore, that Mr Dick is
charged with arrears of accounts, and with the
incorrect preparation of the 4 Bills above described,
solely on the statement of his Contractors, without
any personal inspection of the works to which they refer.

9 In reply to the 1st of the above charges,
(arrears in accounts) Mr Dick explains in his letter
dated 1st December last, that the Bills subsequently
drawn

drawn up by Mr Brock for 1857/58 & 1856/57

were prepared by him self sometime previously to
his suspension, but they were returned by the District
Engineer for revision; because their amounts did not
correspond with those entered in his progress reports
as having been expended.

10 In reply to the 2nd charge, Mr Dick states
that he was precluded from inspecting his Contractors
works (as he was wont to do) in consequence of being
absent from his Division, at the time (August 1858)

Mr Bills for 1857/58 were prepared, by Mr Brock
(having been called away himself by the District
Engineer in May 1858) thus therefore he had no
alternative whatever, but to accept the Bills as they
were presented by his Contractors, and to deal with
them as with correct vouchers, or the only ones he
could obtain.

11 In his general defence Mr Dick brings to
notice, the very great disadvantages, under which

he laboured in his Division from defective Subordinate Agency. Two Sub-Overseers only were placed, & under his orders, one of whom has been repeatedly reported as a dishonest and worthless character, in regard to whom, I purpose addressing Government in a separate communication; and the other is so far from intelligent; so that he derived little or no assistance from these parties. Moreover Mr Dietz observes that a great portion of his time from May 1857, was taken up in the investigation of certain projects in the North West District, which prevented his affording as much attention to his accounts as he would otherwise have done.

12. Taking into consideration the whole of the circumstances connected with this long protracted business and also the high estimation in which Mr Dietz was held by the Officers (Messrs Collyer, Johnston and Mayne) under whom he had been employed, I recommend
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for the favorable consideration of Government that Mr Dietz be permitted, agreeably to the recommendation of Captain Francis, to receive the undrawn portion of his salary, Vizt. Rupees (150) one hundred and fifty per mensem, from 26th July to 21st October 1858. A thorough scrutiny into his accounts, has fully shown, that they were only in arrears but that no taint or suspicion whatever of dishonesty attached itself to any of the Superintendent's transactions.

13. Finally moreover Captain Francis placed clearly before Mr Dietz, the evils likely to result from arrears in account and from the preparation of Bills without previously personally testing by examination of work performed, the correctness of the statements presented by his Contractors. It thus may be reasonably hoped, that the Superintendent Engineer's admonitions in regard to

to the future conduct of his duties, will
endure punctuality, and that suffering most heavily
from former misfortune, he will do credit to
Malabar, the new District, to which he was
transferred by the late Officiating Chief Engineer.

In conclusion, I have to express my regret
at the delay which has inadvertently taken place
in submitting this report.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort Saint George,
26th February 1859
W.B.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your most Obedt Servt.
Wm. Lister Colonel.
Chief Engineer.

To
The Secretary to Government
P. W. D.

No. 587

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation Under date the 15th March, 1859.

Read the following
Letter from the Chief Engineer.

(Here enter 26th February 1859. 18167)

The Governor in
Council approves of the Chief
Engineer's proposal that the
salary of Mr. Superintendent Dicks
during for the time that he
was under suspension shall
be paid to him without de-
duction. The Government
have been obliged to incur a
very much heavier outlay for
the adjustment of the accounts
of the District Engineer's Office,
and while the late District
Engineer Captain Mayne and
the present acting District

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Engineer, Mr. Dipping, both
of them responsible for that
discreditable state of the office,
are free from pecuniary imputations
on that account, the Governor
in Council cannot consent so
to punish the Supervisor, whom
he regards as less culpable. He
trusts that the difficulties into
which Mr. Dick has been
brought by want of exactness
in keeping his accounts will
serve as a useful lesson
to him. The Government are
glad to observe that no suspicion
of dishonesty attaches to Mr. Dick,
and that no claims have been
brought against him for money
unpaid.

2 The Chief Engineer
will report further on the allega-
tions in paras 2 & 4 of Mr. Dick's
letter of December 1st 1855, and
adverted to in paras 10 & 11 of
his

Trans. Capt. Francis to Distt
Engin. Decemb 1st 1855. Para 3.

his own present letter. It
seems hard that Mr. Dick should
have been detained on duty out
of his Division, and there-
blamed for not verifying by
personal inspection the work
done in it.

Colonel Filer will
also explain who are the two ^{persons}
alluded to by Mr. Dick in para
4, whether they are still in
the Department, and if so
where ^{and how} they are employed and
what character they now bear.

J. D. H.

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Extracts from the
Diary of 1859

1. from Chief Engineer of T. S. July 59.
 2. from 1968 vol 8 76 of Dr. Wilson's MSS.
 3. with the MacCall's Museum and to be allowed
to return to MacCall's Museum.
 4. from Dr. 1968 vol 8 76 of Dr. Wilson's MSS.
 5. from 1968 vol 8 76 of Dr. Wilson's MSS.

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the officers of the service and
of the increased preparation
of letters brought against
the said

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