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for the month of January 1860.*

No. 135. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer :
to J. D. BOURDILLON, Esq., Secretary to Government, dated 22nd December 1859,
No. 8603.

I have the honor with reference to the orders of Government as per margin, to submit the
accompanying report* from the District Engineer of Coimbatūr, of his investigation of the charges preferred by the Col-
lector of that district against Assistant Supervisor Krishna-
naya.

July 25th 1858, No. 1474.
November 19th 1859, No. 125.
December 6th 1859, No. 202.
* Letter from the District Engineer, Coimbatūr, No. 202, dated 6th Dec. 1859, with 6 enclosures.

2. Agreeably to the first order above quoted, the District Engineer of Tanjūr was instructed to send the Assistant Supervisor to Coimbatūr to be present at the enquiry into the truth of the charges to be conducted by the District Engineer of Coimbatūr. But before arrangements for the inquiry could be made, the great floods of October and November 1858 occurred in Tanjūr, and it being impossible to spare the Assistant Supervisor from his duties in that district, the District Engineer of Coimbatūr was directed, under date the 1st of December 1858, to conduct the investigation without waiting for Krishnaya's attendance.

3. Mr. Fraser's inquiry was conducted at the end of 1858 and beginning of 1859; and no explanation being given why his report was delayed for 11 months, he has been called upon to supply one. The subject was lost sight of in the Central office, owing to the defective arrangements for sending reminders. These I have endeavoured to rectify.

4. The District Engineer's report is, however, very clear and satisfactory, and requires little comment from me.

5. Assistant Supervisor Krishnaya was accused of omitting to open a manual culway or sand passage of the Tudapully channel, and of falsely informing Mr. Leggatt that he did open it; of not making proper arrangements for conveying the water of the same channel to the Perindalayoor karry, and of remaining at Sattiyamungalam instead of attending to his field duties; of causing from bad motives, false charges of improperly opening sluices to be made by his subordinates against particular rayats; of causing the true "water receipts," or memoranda of the depths of water in the same channel to be destroyed and false receipts to be prepared, for the purpose of concealing the true reason of the omission of cultivation under the Perindalayoor karry and other works of irrigation; and finally, of taking bribes from rayats.

6. Mr. Fraser's investigation shews: 1st; That the manual culway in question could not be opened because it had been recently re-built under the orders of Captain Francis, after being neglected for four years, and that the Assistant Supervisor did open another sand passage lower down the channel, and may be supposed to have meant this one in his report to Mr. Leggatt.

2nd. That though a sufficient supply was not sent down to the Perindalayoor karry, and though the Tudapully channel did not receive its due share of attention from Krishnaya, it is admitted that one cause of the bad supply was the unusually low state of the Bhovani, while it is not proved that the Assistant Supervisor's inattention to the channel was avoidable with reference to other demands upon his time, and it is proved by his inspection lists that he did not loiter at Sattiyamungalam as was supposed.

3rd. That the alleged false charges against particular rayats were made against the head men of the villages, which were implicated in the accusation, these head men being considered as responsible for the other villagers.

4th. That the evidence touching the false "water receipts" is contradictory, that several of the true receipts alleged to have been destroyed were found in the range office, where they had been deposited by the Assistant Supervisor himself, and that none of the false ones were forthcoming.

5th. That with regard to the charge of bribery, which is not made by the Collector, but rests, I observe, altogether upon the hearsay evidence of one Moorty Iyen, contained in No. 5

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The report on these charges is as satisfactory as could well be, considering the length of time that has elapsed since they were made, & that the enquiry took place in the absence of the accused.

There was evidently much ill feeling at the time between the District Engineer & the Collector, & when the enquiry was commenced, the District Engineer was on the other hand very weak, & there has been leaning towards the accused; but his enquiry

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of the depositions made to Mr. Thomas, there was no consistent testimony adduced at the investigation.

7. Thus it appears in Mr. Fraser's judgment and also in mine, that none of the charges against Assistant Supervisor Krishnaya are proved. I must, however, observe that a few months ago in Tanjore he was accused by other natives of improper practices, of which he was acquitted by the District Engineer, but not without some suspicion attaching to him from the disappearance of certain papers through the agency, as was believed, of a person in his interest. His answer also to these accusations, like the one which he made to Mr. Thomas' allegations and which is commented upon in Colonel Lawford's letter of the 1st of July 1858, No. 1565, was not of a satisfactory character. I have considered it right to mention these particulars in order that the Government may be fully informed of the subject of the Assistant Supervisor's character; and I have only to add that he has long been known to myself and many other officers as an able and efficient servant.

No. 136. ORDER THEREON, 28th January 1860, No. 223.

In this letter the Chief Engineer reports with his opinion, the result of the inquiry instituted by the District Engineer of Coimbatore into the charges preferred by the Collector, Mr. Thomas, against Assistant Supervisor Krishnaya in March 1858.

2. The report is as satisfactory as it could well be considering the length of time that has elapsed since the charges were made, and that the inquiry took place in the absence of the accused.

3. Mr. Fraser deserves much praise for his careful inquiry, which, as also the report, bears, as it seems to Government, all the marks of fairness. It is to be regretted, however, that he delayed his report so long. It might not have been received yet, if it had not been called for by the Government office.

4. Krishnaya appears to have been moved to the Tanjore district in deference to the feeling against him among the ryots and Revenue servants, and without any investigation. The Government do not think this course was calculated to strengthen the Public Works administration in the district or the locality. It gave a triumph to the accusers which they would not fail to use against Krishnaya's successor if he displeased them. It may be doubted whether that successor, unless very well supported by his immediate superior, was very staunch against the stealing and wasting of water.

5. The worst feature in the matter as respects Krishnaya's character is that he was accused of malpractices in his new district a few months ago, and did not in the opinion of either the District Engineer or Chief Engineer clear himself satisfactorily. The correspondence on the subject, which was obtained from the Central office, leads to the belief that there is systematic fraud in the department in Tanjore. There seems to be much laxity on the part of the Executive officers in regard to enforcing the rules respecting the keeping of accounts and a neglect of some obvious precautions against fraud. Captain Oakes will no doubt do all he can to correct these evils. The Government observe that he has already issued orders to the Executive officers which, if duly observed, ought to have a good effect.

6. In the only case now before Government, Krishnaya appears to have cleared himself; but with reference to the remarks in the preceding paragraph the Chief Engineer will be requested to inform Captain Oakes that the Government is strongly impressed with the necessity for the subordinates in the Tanjore district being well looked after.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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all the marks of care & fairness.
I say and that there certainly
was no special view for ill feeling
towards the Government on the part
of the Regent of the village written
by the Trustees of the Church, New York,
on the 10th of the month of the 11th.

(May 1882, see Feb. 1882, Feb. 1882) had
been in the line of meeting the bank
whereas the plan was to visit
some committee of women to go to
Ketchikan to arrange for the
return to the bank, etc.
- being a letter, but apparently,
number of many others.
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Central Office of P. & F.

Leggatt of the C. & F., though in the way
of apology not of accusation, shows
the evil of placing money in the
- mind was in fact a further
of control - the point of fact is
Can we see in the context, but
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 by circumstantial evidence, were strong
 enough against a man of
 integrity of mind.

The worst feature in the
weather for both summer & winter was
a record of uniformity in the
evening a few minutes ago, & did not clear
himself into function - The U. S. was to have
been in the house - I have sent for them. ~~Still~~

Central Office of B. N.

R. S. The Tientsin papers have been obtained & are put at
Kistner's disposal. He does not concern himself in the opinion either of the
British Legation or the British Consulate. And
Cecil's letters, & the papers
generally lead to the belief
that there is explanation
found in the Tientsin papers.
There seems to be much
coming out of the
Executive. It is a matter
to confirm the work, including
the keeping of records, a matter
of our own discretion.

Central Office of P. W.
Fort St. George
22nd December 1859.

N^o 8603

From
The Chief Engineer
To
The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Sir,

July 28th '58 P. W. 1174
Nov 17th '59 P. W. 125
* Dec 6th '59 P. W. 202.
Enclosed are
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with 2 enclosures

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Fort George
22^d December 1859

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

J. D. Smith
3^d Lt. Eng. Regt.

W. B. Smith Lieut. Colonel
Chief Engineer

To
The Secretary to Government.
P. M. D.

W. B. Smith

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J. W. P.

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dated the 28th July 1858.

And the following
letter from the Chief Engr.

In compliance with this order
the report of the Chief Engr. of Com-
bator on his investigation of the
charges preferred by the Collector of the
District against the Assistant
Superintendent Trishnaya.

W. 223
C. M. B. 1858

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with his opinion. The result
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Dec. 17 Nov. 1859 A. 12.

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Passing orders on the
report of the District Engineer
of Hyderabad of his in-
vestigation of the charges
against a Assistant Supervisor
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