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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 239. Read the following Endorsement of the Chief Engineer, dated Chepauk, 8th December 1860, No. 7,757:—

Read the following letter from Captain G. W. WALKER, District Engineer, North Canara, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Northern Circle, dated Sedashegur, 15th November 1860, No. 133.

SIR,

1. I have the honor herewith to forward an original letter from Mr. Overseer Laskey, reporting that Sub-Overseer Sheik Esoof had been robbed of Rupees 158-7-3 of public money.

2. In my late inspection of Supa Range in September and October last, I was utterly dissatisfied with every particular of Mr. Laskey's and his subordinate's work, as reported in my own Inspection Lists, in my notes on his Inspection Lists, in my List of Examination of cash chests for September, and in letter No. 122 of 20th October. Roused by my reproaches, Mr. Laskey seems to have thought of checking his subordinate's proceedings; and in two letters, dated 17th and 20th October, reported to me his having inspected his *Rosters* and pay lists, several of which he enclosed in proof of "disgraceful attempts to defraud the work-people." It would appear that to cover an omission of one man's name in the pay list, an enforced subscription of about an Anna per head had been made by the Sub-Overseer; that coolies were kept at his own quarters on pretence of there being tools to look after, but really for his own convenience and service; that young lads, were employed on the works to favor certain parties from whom he received some equivalent in kind; and that he falsely asserted his having been present on his works when he was not. Mr. Laskey winds up his second letter by stating "my confidence in Sheik Esoof's honesty and diligence has been entirely shaken, and I find him to be a man filled with an immeasurable degree of cunning."

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6. I must own that I share Mr. Laskey's opinion in paragraph 4, that the Sub-Overseer's procedure altogether "gives the matter a strange tinge." But I cannot agree with him in paragraph 5 that he could not have ridden over to Supa (21 miles only by my new trace via Oosoday, the general line of which he might at least have had the curiosity to inspect) and there made all square himself. He has been for months making abortive attempts at contracts for bricks and chunam, ingenuously enough detailed in his various Inspection Lists, and has done nothing but ride to Dharwar and back on fool's errands (vide Inspection List for 23rd October). By erroneous traces as reported in my communications quoted in paragraph 2, he has thrown away Rupees 720 of Government money, to which this sum of Rupees 158 odd is now added, and, in fact, has shown his utter incompetence for charge of a North Canara Range.

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From Mr. J. W. LASKEY, Overseer, Department Public Works, to Captain G. W. WALKER,
District Engineer of North Canara, dated Camp Supa, 3rd November 1860, 123.

Sir,

1. I beg leave most respectfully to report that Sub-Overseer Sheik Esoof has been robbed of public money, to the extent of Rupees 158-7-3, which sum had fallen into his hands by Mungeshya's* gross carelessness, and utter inattention to my orders.

2. Mungeshya was dispatched to Supa with a draft for Rupees 200, and was distinctly instructed to make the payments himself, and to deposit the balance under the custody of the guard, but he unfortunately failed to execute my orders to the end he made payments at Supa on the 26th, and came up to Jugglepett on the 27th, to pay those that were there on leave, and after this much of the business was settled, he gave the balance to the Sub-Overseer, to deposit it under the custody of the guard at Supa, and returned to Hallial the same noon, while there was nothing, in my opinion, calling him so urgently in there; he should have gone down and seen it deposited himself, for the draft was made payable to the Accountant, and not to the Sub-Overseer.

3. The Sub-Overseer comes down to Supa the next day, that is the 28th, and proceeds on to his "Budar" near Sumsoda, and keeps the money rolled in his bed, until the evening of the 29th, when a sudden alarm of its being lost was given to the Police.

4. The Sub-Overseer's excuse for not depositing the money under the custody of the guard, while on his way to his "Budar," is very inadmissible, he says, the guard refused to receive a sealed bag, this is a frivolous excuse; had the Sub-Overseer a wish to act in accordance with my instruction, given in a Memorandum No. 87, dated 27th August, anent the safe preservation of public money, a copy of which I herein enclose, from which you will see, that I have given numerous methods for substituting a cash chest, the practice of putting money in a small pot, or a bamboo cut for the purpose and tied up with cloth, and sealed, is a thing well known in Canara, and the Sub-Overseer not doing so when he was so distinctly ordered, gives the matter a strange tinge in my opinion.

5. As my time at the close of the month was completely engaged in disposing contracts, and making arrangements for the supply of materials, for the construction of bridges, I was compelled on that account to entrust the Accountant of my office, with the discharge of the little task in which he has so utterly failed in performing it to my satisfaction.

Memorandum from Captain G. W. WALKER, District Engineer, to Mr. J. W. LASKEY,
Overseer, Department Public Works, North Canara, dated Sircy, 25th October 1860,
No. 297.

1. With reference to his letters No. 118 and 119, dated Dharwar 17th and Hallial 20th instant, both of which reached the District Engineer together this morning, Mr. Overseer Laskey is desired to report what precautions he took to guard against frauds in the payment of Sheik Esoof's coolies during the current month. If he has allowed the Sub-Overseer to make a single payment after he had made up his mind as to his character, Mr. Laskey has made himself clearly answerable for any money embezzled.

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2. Until further orders, Sheik Esoof's cash book will be taken from him (sent to the District Engineer as formerly ordered) and he will not be entrusted with the outlay of a single Rupee, Mr. Laskey visiting his parties and paying them himself every month.

(True Copies.)

(Signed) H. W. RAWLINS, Captain,
Asst. to the Chief Engineer.

Submitted to Government for information; a full report on the subject of the fraud noticed by Captain Walker will be forwarded immediately on the receipt of information of the result of the inquiry instituted regarding the robbery referred to in paragraph 7 of the above letter. The District Engineer has been instructed to suspend the Sub-Overseer pending the result of the investigation by the Police.

(Signed) W. H. HORSLEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Chief Engineer.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON, 18th December 1860, No. 2,597.

1. The Chief Engineer submits for the information of Government a letter from the District Engineer of North Canara with its enclosures, reporting a robbery of public money to the amount of Rupees 158-7-3.

2. It appears that Mr. Laskey, Overseer of the Supa Range, sent his Accountant with a cheque for 200 Rupees, with instructions to make certain payments in that Range and deposit the balance under charge of the guard at Supa. The Accountant paid about 42 Rupees and handed the balance to Sheik Esoof, Sub-Overseer of the Range, who reports that he was robbed of it, but is suspected of complicity at least.

3. The Accountant is answerable, if as is stated, he made over the money to the Sub-Overseer in violation of his instructions.

4. The District Engineer further considers the Overseer Mr. Laskey responsible, as he might and ought to have made the payments himself.

5. The Chief Engineer has ordered Sheik Esoof to be suspended, pending inquiry into the alleged robbery by the Police, and promises a full report hereafter. No further orders seem therefore necessary at present on this part of the subject.

6. But the District Engineer's letter contains three other points, not noticed by the Chief Engineer, viz :—

(1.) The promotion of such a man as Sheik Esoof, "illiterate and ignorant in the extreme," recommended by Captain Walker in 1856 as a Sub-Foreman on 7 Rupees, but holding in 1859 the office of Sub-Overseer with an income of Rupees 40. The Government request full information as to the circumstances under which this individual was appointed to the last mentioned post.

(2.) Captain Walker's complaint that he has been frequently checked by the Central Office in his control of his lower subordinates. On this point too, an explanation is requested.

(3.) Mr. Laskey's own unfitness for the office of Overseer, it seems from Captain Walker's letter, that Mr. Fernandez will shortly have the range, but nothing is said of Mr. Laskey's future destination. It is desirable that the Department should now be systematically cleared of all the inefficient agents, whose employment at the outset was almost a necessity. The Chief Engineer should give his attention to this matter.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Acting Secretary to Government.

N^o 123.

Supa Range Office North Canara
Camp Soopa November 3^d 1860

From,

Mr J. W. Laskey,

Overseer D. P. W.

To,

Captain G. M. Walker,

District Engineer of North Canara.

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No 29/
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North Canara Siry 25 Oct/60.

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Dist Eng^r of N. Canara.

To,
Mr J. M. Laskey
Overseer D. P. N. N. Canara.

/True Copy/

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Dist Eng^r of N. Canara.

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W. Robbins. Captain
Asst. to the Chief Engineer

Northern Circle.

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To,
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H. Dy. Chief Eng. S.C.
To,
Lieut Colonel
Chief Engineer D.P.M.

J. D. Sim Esq^r
Off. Secy to Government P.M.D.
Fort St George.

E. P. M. Harper

Note.

M^r Laskey, Member of the Soda Range in N. Canara sent his Account with a cheque for 200 Rs to make certain payments in that range and deposit the balance under charge of the guard of Soda - He paid about 42 Rs and handed the balance to Sheikh Esraf, Sub Overseer of the range, who reports that he was asked of it - but is suspected of complicity at least.

The Accountant is answerable, if as stated, he made over the money to the Sub-Overseer, in violation of his instructions.

The D^r Eng^r further considers the Overseer Mr Laskey responsible - as he might be supposed to have made the payments himself and as he knew that the Sub Overseer, Sheikh Esraf was untrustworthy - / 17th Nov^r 60 of D^r Eng^r.

The Chief Eng^r has ordered Sheikh Esraf to be suspended, pending enquiry into the alleged robbery by the Police and provides a full report hereafter.

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II. The D^r Engineer's complaint that he has been superseded by the Central Office in his control of his lower

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Wm. L. Adams Esq.
New Chief Engineer
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Money to the amount
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