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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
for the month of February 1860.*

No. 99. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. BELL, Chief Engineer ;
to the Secretary to Government, dated 21st January 1860, No. 9418.

With reference to Proceedings No. 2620, dated 8th November 1859, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government, the accompanying letter from the District Engineer, Malabár, No. 338, dated 16th December 1859, giving cover to one from Mr. Sub-Engineer Bailey, reporting that the timber purchased for the Skittle Alley at Malliápuram by Sub-Overseer Carter (alias Whitney) consisted of large beams, and that these were deposited on the bank of the river at the foot of the hill on which the Skittle Alley was built. There being no means at Malliápuram for moving the beams to the site of the work, they were cut up into scantling at the place where they were deposited, and quantities of the timber as sawn, were taken up by coolies to the work, where it was found deficient. On enquiry being made, one of the coolies stated, that the timber on being taken from the bank of the river to the site of the work, used to be hidden in the gardens on each side of the pathway, and was conveyed away therefrom at night. This individual, however, on being questioned by the Tahsildár, said that he merely heard such was done, but never witnessed it himself.

2. The Sub-Engineer expresses his opinion, that the maistry who was appointed by the Sub-Overseer (the former incumbent having resigned his post) was dishonest, and that the timber was stolen with his cognizance, although no positive proof could be adduced in support of his suspicions.

3. Under these circumstances, and considering that Sub-Overseer Whitney was only a short time previous to the robbery placed in charge of the work, and was ignorant as to the sort of people he had to deal with, I have the honor to recommend, that the amount of the loss Rupees (220) two hundred and twenty, included in the bill for Rupees (391-10-6) three hundred and ninety-one, annas ten and pice 6, submitted in list, dated 4th November 1859, may be sanctioned by Government.

No. 100. ORDER THEREON, 7th February 1860, No. 305.

With this letter the Chief Engineer submits in accordance with the order of 8th November 1859 No. 2620 a report from the District Engineer of Malabár of the circumstances of the robbery of timber of the value of Rupees 220, being a part of that provided for the Skittle Alley lately constructed for the European detachment at Malliápuram.

2. The timber, it is stated, was stolen in its passage from the bank of the river to the site of the work by the kúlis employed to transport it, who concealed the wood in the intermediate gardens and removed it during the night.

3. The Chief Engineer submits as an excuse for Sub-Overseer Whitney that he had but just received charge of the building when the robbery occurred, and consequently was ignorant of the character of those about him. The Government cannot admit this plea. The circumstance should have made the Sub-Overseer more than ordinarily careful and it could not have been difficult to exercise the necessary degree of check. The robbery could hardly have occurred

without the connivance of the maistry, to whom, it is observed the Sub-Engineer, Mr. Bailey alludes as a "thoroughly dishonest" man. The Chief Engineer will consider whether the employment of this person on any other public work ought not to be prohibited.

4. With these remarks, the Honorable the Governor in Council sanctions the bill of Rupees (391-10-6) three hundred and ninety-one, annas ten and pice six submitted by the Chief Engineer on the 4th November 1859 No. 6861.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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Central Office of Public Works
Tepakkam 21st January 1860

N^o 9418.

From

The Chief Engineer

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Military.

Sr.

With reference to Proceedings N^o 2620, dated 8th November 1859, I have the honor to forward for submission to Government the accompanying letter from the District Engineer Malabar N^o 388, dated 16th December 1859, giving cover to one from M^r Sub Engineer Bailey reporting that the Timber purchased for the Skittle Alley at Malliapuram by Sub Overseer Carter (alias Whitney) consisted of large beams, and that these were deposited on the Bank of the River at the foot of the Hill on which the Skittle Alley was built. There being no means at Malliapuram for moving the Beams to the site of the work, they were cut up into scantling at the place where they were deposited, and quantities of the Timber as sawn, were taken up

near by from the river

up by Coolies to the work, where it was found deficient. On inquiry being made, one of the Coolies stated, that the timber on being taken from the Bank of the River to the site of the work, used to be hidden in the Gardens on each side of the pathway, and was conveyed away therefrom at night. This individual however, on being questioned by the District Officer, said that he merely heard such was done, but never witnessed it himself.

2. The Sub Engineer expresses his opinion, that the Maistry who was appointed by the Sub Overseer, the former incumbent having resigned his post, was dishonest, and that the timber was stolen with his cognizance, although no positive proof could be adduced in support of his suspicions.

3. Under these circumstances, and considering that Sub Overseer or Whitney was only a short time previous to the robbery placed in charge of the work, and was ignorant as to the sort of people he had to deal with, I have the honor to recommend, that the amount of the bill Rupees 220-0-0, be

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Two hundred and twenty, included in the Bill for Rupees 391-10-6, three hundred and ninety one, Annas ten, and Pice six, submitted in List dated 4th November 1859, may be sanctioned by Government.

Central Office of P. W.
Sephakram
21st January 1860.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant
J. A. Bell Lieut. Col.
Chief Engineer.

W. C. B. Lt. Colonel.
D. Chief Eng. & District

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No. 305

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 7th January 1860.

Read the following
letter from the Chief
Engineer.

With reference to order
of Govt. No 2620, dated 8th Nov^r
1859, submits letter from
the District Eng^r Malabar
on the subject of the alleged
robbery of timber at Mallin-
puram and recommends
that the Bill for the Skittle
Alley be sanctioned.

(Here enter 21st January 1860
No 948)

With this letter the
Chief Engineer submits
in accordance with the
order of 8th Nov^r 1859 No 2620
a report from the District
Engineer of Malabar of the
circumstances of the robbery
of timber of the value of
Rupees 220, being a part
of that provided for the
Skittle Alley lately con-
structed for the European
detachment at Mallinpur-
ram.

The timber, it is
stated, was stolen in its
passage from the bank of the
river

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Order 10 November 1859. No 104-105.

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Order of Govt. No 2620
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From
The Chief Engineer
to
The Secretary to Government
General and District
Engineers

Order of 21st January 1860.
No 948.

Enclosure to
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With reference to order of
Government No 2620, dated
8th November 1859, submits
letter from the District Engineer
Malabar on the subject of the
alleged robbery of timber at
Mallinpuram and recommends
that the Bill for the
Skittle Alley be sanctioned.

No 305. 7. 566

Copy to Mr. B. S. S. S. S.

Public Works Dept
New York City

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From the Secretary
of the Board of
Public Works

From the City Dept
of Public Works
New York City

Bill for the City
of New York
to amend the
City Charter
in relation to
the Board of
Public Works

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