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No. 253. Read the following Endorsement of Colonel W. I. BIRDWOOD, Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Chepauk, 29th January 1862, No. 9,965.

Read the following letter from Captain J. G. RYVES, District Engineer of Madura, to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Southern Circle, dated Madura, 20th October 1861, No. 917 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit herewith a supplemental estimate, amounting to Rupees 320, for the completion of the Moottooragoonadapatam Salt platform, the original estimate amounting to Rupees 915 was sanctioned by Government on the 18th August 1859.

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2. In the column for "*reasons, &c., for the works*" Mr. Dudgeon who prepared the supplemental estimate stated in the first instance that it was rendered necessary by increase of rates and difficulty in procuring coolies; but this does not appear to be the true reason, and I believe it is to be ascribed solely to (taking the most favorable view) gross mismanagement on the part of Assistant Overseer Drane or Sub-Overseer Tumbájee, and certainly in any case to unpardonable neglect of duty on the part of the former.

3. The work was commenced in December 1859 under Mr. Drane, and that Assistant Overseer continued in charge, with a Sub-Overseer superintending the work, till July 1860, up to which date Rupees 826-13-6 was expended; nothing appears to have been done from July 1860 to April 1861, when Rupees 40 was expended making a total of Rupees 866-13-6, which allowing for superintendence and at the estimate rate $1\frac{1}{4}$ Anna per cubic yard ought to have given 10,000 cubic yards; but when the work was measured by *Overseer Evans* on the 29th November 1860, he found only 4,466 cubic yard earthwork done; and *Overseer Dudgeon* who examined the work by my order after he had submitted the supplemental estimate made the quantity 4,811 cubic yards, and valued the work done at Rupees 448-2-9.

4. Referring to Bill No. 26, 1859-60, for this work, I find 4,835 cubic yards entered and valued at Rupees 302-3-3, and besides this measured earthworks Rupees 357-12-0 is charged for hired coolies, the total expenditure being put down as Rupees 732-4-3. Now the measured work entered in the Bill tallies very nearly with the quantity found by Messrs. Evans and Dudgeon to have been done; and if these examinations were correct, it would seem that the work done was charged for twice over, viz, in hire paid to the coolies who did it, and afterwards as separate task work at so much per cubic yard.

5. I can find no record of Assistant Overseer Drane's having reported that a supplemental estimate would be necessary, and the original measurements alleged to have been taken by him and by the Sub-Overseer are not forthcoming; and the Assistant Overseer's explanation on this point is unsatisfactory.

6. On the whole it appears to me that this is a case in which the executive agents, viz., the Assistant-Overseer and Sub-Overseer should be held pecuniarily responsible, and I have the honor to recommend that the amount of loss to Government which may be assumed to be equal to the amount of the supplemental estimate be recovered from the above individuals in shares proportioned to their monthly pay in eight monthly instalments.

7. If the course recommended be adopted, it will be necessary to cancel the Bill No. 26 of 1859-60, and frame a new one in accordance with the examination of Overseer Dudgeon; the difference remaining as balance outstanding until recovered from the above subordinates.

8. I forward herewith documents as follows :—

Copy of original estimate.

Supplemental estimate, dated 24th May. Report by Mr. Dudgeon, dated 22nd June.

Two reports by Mr. Drane, 3rd April and 16th April; and one measurement list, enclosure in letter No. 166, dated 16th April 1861.

One explanation, do. 15th May.

One copy of Bill, 1859-60.

One monthly expenditure Progress Report Abstract.

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Proceedings of the Lieutenant Governor under date the 17th March 1862.

Submitting Supplemental Estimate of 320 Rs. for the completion of Mooloogunadapatnam Salt platforms.

(Read the following letter from the Sy. to Govt. in Cruel).

M. C. 29th January/62 No. 996.

Mr. Ellis

The repair of the Mooloogunadapatnam Salt platforms in the Madura district

A general estimate of 8520 Rs. for repairing Salt platforms in that district, which was sanctioned in Proceedings of Govt. dated 18 Aug/59, No 1979. From the papers submitted in the foregoing endorsement, it appears that work was commenced on the platforms in question in Dec/59 under Assistant Overseer Crane, with a Sub Overseer as the num-

You is very unsatisfactory it would seem that the District Engr exercises but very little check upon his subordinates - or such a flagrant case of overcharge could hardly have occurred

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to profit and loss that portion of the amount which may be found to be recovered from the late Mr. Drane, putting the Govt Overseer / Tumbajee / Rawoo, under obligation for the share to be made up by them, as proposed by Capt Hayes. X The reasons alleged in para 4 for not earlier submitting this case to the notice of Govt cannot be admitted as a valid excuse. The Budget was sent in to Govt the first week in Dec^r the date of the 29th Jan^y letter is 29th Jan^y/62.

Supplemental Estimate of 320 Rs for completing the Coorapanadapadavu Salt platform, Madura district

X what this share amounts to should be reported for the information of Govt as it is no where stated in the papers now before them.

Ld Y. P.

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& A.G. to report the Amount Payable
by Sub Overseer Tumbajee on
account of the above overcharge.

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