

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th March 1864.*

No. 318. Read the following Endorsement of the Officer in charge of the 5th Division, dated Salem, 29th February 1864, No. 2,103.

Read the following letter from S. W. PAYNTER, Esq., Assistant Engineer in charge of the Oossoor Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, dated Darampoory, 26th February 1864, No. 293 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to send you the explanation called for in the Orders of Government, No. 215, dated 20th January 1864.

2. I am unable to state now how often or when I inspected the Nundial and Chagullamarry road, but as often as I could I did inspect it; and I always found the measurements agree with the accounts. Captain Beatty, the late District Engineer, inspected the road when the greater part of the work was done, and I think he also was satisfied that the accounts were correct. On one of my last inspections I found nearly the whole length of the side channels almost filled up with material washed away from the road by the rain, and as Colonel Hemery visited the work during the latter part of the rainy weather, it is very probable a considerable quantity more had been washed away by that time, which would account for his having found the road less in height and breadth than the dimensions entered in the Estimate. I do not now recollect how the excess of expenditure on account of earth-work was caused, but I know the road was breached in several places and afterwards repaired, which was not provided for in the Estimate, and also no allowance was made for raising the road near the tunnels.

3. When the gravelling was first commenced the Estimate rates were considerably exceeded owing to the work being done by daily coolies, but afterwards it was done by petty contractors according to the rates allowed in the Estimate. I generally reckoned the heaps before they were spread and only paid for the quantity collected, but I could not do so always as a great part of my time was taken up in superintending the construction of the Koonda bridge and other works in different parts of the Range. I had a strong suspicion the Overseer took some of the gravel from the side channels, but he always denied having done so to me. I was unable to prove the fact, as his vouchers were all correct; and it would be of little use measuring the pits, as some of them, to the best of my recollection, had been used before. I told Captain Beatty about the matter, and requested him to inspect that part of the road himself and pass orders on the subject; he promised to do so, but did not as he was soon afterwards transferred to another District. When I gave over charge of the Range to Mr. Plummer, I pointed out to him from what portions of the side channels I thought gravel had been taken, and told him the Overseer was not, in my opinion, to be trusted. At Kurnool in June last, I told Colonel Hemery I greatly suspected Iyavoo Moodelly's honesty; but I did not send an official report on the subject, as I had no proof of his dishonesty. I could only give my opinion.

4. For the tunnels, the rates were very low and no good stone procurable in that part of the country, but I was very dissatisfied with the work and reprimanded Iyavoo Moodelly, for it. I did not report the matter to Colonel Hemery, as Captain Beatty had inspected them when nearly if not the whole were completed, and I pointed out to him the defects in construction of some of the tunnels. Captain Beatty inspected a part of the road when I was not present, so I had no opportunity to draw his attention to every tunnel.

Submitted to Government, with reference to paragraph 2 of their Proceedings, dated the 20th ultimo, No. 215.

(Signed) T. E. GAHAGAN, Captain, R. E.,
In charge of the 5th Division.

No. 319. ORDER THEREON, 12th March 1864, No. 765.

The explanation submitted by Mr. Paynter is by no means satisfactory. He will be informed, through the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, that, as a Range Officer, he is

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strictly responsible for the exercise of an efficient check over the proceedings of his subordinates, and that the Government will take serious notice of any failure on his part to see that the works lying within his charge are satisfactorily and expeditiously carried out.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
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Ed. S. T. Augustin.

5th Division D. P. W.

No 293... Cojloor Range Office

From... Tarampore 26th February 1864

The Assistant Engineer
in charge of the Cojloor Range

The Superintending Engineer
5th Division

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Sir,

Your most obedient servant

A. W. Puffer.
Assistant Engineer.
in charge of the Copoor Range

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Submitted to Government, with request
to have of their proceedings of No 2006
Volume No 215.

Sup's Engineer's office
Calcutta, 29th February 1864

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at charge of No 5th Division.

To
The Secretary to Government

W. Puffer

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5th Division D. P. W.

No 293

From the

Assistant Engineer
in charge of the

Range
29 Feb, 1864
to the

Superintending Engineer
5th Division D. P. W.

Dated 26 February
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An Explanation Called for
in the Orders of Government
No 215 dated 20 January 1864
regarding the Sundial and
Chagullamarry road in the
Kurnool District

W. E.

Supd Aug 25th on
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Mr. Paynter, is by no means satisfactory - He will be informed, that the papers of the Govt, which, as a Deputy Officer, he is chiefly responsible for the exercise of an efficient check over the proceedings of his subordinates, and that the Govt will take notice of any failure on his part. to see that the same be kept within his charge as required by the rules and regulations issued on the 12th March 1864.

W. H.

4th W 1864 Dept
No. of Govt for March
No 985.
From Capt. Wm J. R.
Sahagun R. 3.
in ch: 5th Qu

Dated 29th Feb
Recd 4th March/64

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No. 765 - 12th March/64.

Forwarding letter
from Mr. Paynter furnish-
ing the explanation, called
for, regarding the lax super-
vision exercised by him over
the Post Overseer Chyaua Kood
in connection with the Kundi
and Chagullamarry road in
the Kurnool Sub.

W. H. Order
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