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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,

15th August 1865.

No. 375. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. FOORD, R.E., Superintending Engineer, 5th Division, to Colonel C. A. ORR, R.E., Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Bangalore, 27th July 1865, No. 985 :—

SIR,

1 Copy of letter from Captain Tulloch, No. 266, dated 13th July 1865.
1 Memorandum of payments to Iyasawmy.
1 Memorandum by Captain Wood, dated 19th May 1865, with Captain Tulloch's letter, No. 73, dated 22nd May 1865.
Correspondence with Judicial Commissioner, Iyasawmy's receipt for timber and contract for Hospital.

To be returned.

1. I have the honor to forward the documents noted in the margin, supplying the further information relative to the accounts of the late Contractor Iyasawmy, called for in the Order of Government of the 4th of July 1865, No. 1,858.

2. Since the receipt of the above order, I have examined the records in the Executive Engineer's Office, but with the exception of the receipt given by Iyasawmy (copy of which is now forwarded) I cannot find any document relating to the sale of the timber, and there is nothing to show that any recoveries have been made, or how they were to be made. Iyasawmy had the contract for the Hospital at the New Dragoon Barracks, and in the specification for that work it is stipulated that he is to pay for all materials supplied to him, at the rates which stand against them in the books of the Executive Engineer's Office, but there is no particular allusion to the timber for which he has given a receipt.

3. The timber became the property of the Contractor on his giving the receipt for it. The timber in the work yard, at the time of the Contractor's death, is valued at Rupees 7,435, and that near the buildings on the Race Course at Rupees 6,250; but in the valuation of the timber at the work yard is included, not only some of the timber to which the receipt refers, but timber and stores which had been previously purchased by the Contractor from the Executive Engineer, and paid for in cash.

4. I forward a list of all payments made to Iyasawmy subsequent to the date of the receipt given by him for the timber. The amount paid to him by Captain Wood is Rupees 33,186, and by Captain Tulloch Rupees 2,293. The latter states that he was not informed, at the time of taking charge of the office from Captain Wood, that any money was due from a Contractor, on account of timber supplied to him.

5. For the work done at the married quarters for the Artillery a sum of Rupees 1,100 was paid to the Contractor by Captain Wood on the 21st of November, and a further sum of Rupees 1,000 on the 6th of February, making Rupees 2,100 in all. I presume the work could not have been inspected when the second payment was made. The work at all the married quarters is of a somewhat inferior description, the estimate only providing for stone in clay and brick in clay, but the work done by Iyasawmy was very bad for the rates allowed.

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7. As Captain Tulloch states in his letter that Captain Wood left Bangalore without any transfer being effected, I may mention that in the transfer certificate three clauses were omitted. Captain Tulloch states:—

1st. That there was no proper list of the machinery, and he could not say, until the greater portion which was about to be returned to Madras, had been examined there, whether it was correct or not;

2ndly. That there was no Register of office records; and

3rdly. That until the report regarding deficiencies on the work, which were known to exist, was forwarded, it was impossible to say whether the accounts were correct or not.

8. I also forward, as requested, Captain Wood's explanation of his proceedings in the matters of the sale of the timber, but the greater part of his Memorandum will be found in my letter of the 19th of June 1865, No. 563.

No. 376. ORDER THEREON, 15th August 1865, No. 2,269.

ACCOUNT, No. 59.

1. These papers clearly show that the responsibility for any loss that may accrue to Government from the sale and

delivery to the late Contractor, T. Iyasawmy Moodelly, of a quantity of Teak timber without payment, or any security for payment, rests entirely with Captain Wood. It appears that, on assuming charge of the Executive Engineer's Department at Bangalore, Captain Wood found 556 logs of Teak timber of the value of Rs. 18,197 on his books, not as stock, but charged to the Hospital of the New Dragoon Barracks, and that, when about to take steps for verifying the measurements of the logs, a proposal was made by a large Contractor, Iyasawmy, to take over the whole, without further trouble, at the lump sum at which the timber stood charged for in the books.

2. This being a convenient arrangement, the offer was accepted, and on the 21st of October last delivery of the timber was completed by Iyasawmy signing a receipt. As the man had large dealings with the Department in fulfilment of various building contracts, and was about to enter into an agreement for the erection of the Hospital on the Race Course, involving payments to him of a lac of Rupees, the transaction, so far, under the circumstances, would have been sufficiently regular had security been taken from him for payment. Unfortunately this was not done, and there is nothing to show the nature of the transaction or the mode in which payment was to be made, nor why no recoveries were made on account of the timber from the large payments which it is seen were made to the Contractor by Captain Wood subsequent to its delivery. Those payments aggregate no less a sum than Rupees 33,186-11-3, and that such large sums should have been fully disbursed in cash while so large and unsecured a debit stood against the Contractor, is but another example of the careless and irregular manner in which executive operations have been managed at Bangalore, and of the extent to which the accounts have been neglected, and exhibits an amount of carelessness and absence of habits of business which is far from creditable.

3. The receipt, however, states that the timber was to be used for the Hospital, and the intention no doubt was that its value was to be recovered from any monies that might from time to time become due to the late Contractor as the work

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proceeded. Had he lived to carry out his undertaking this would doubtless have been done, but having suddenly died before the Hospital had made much progress, the Contractor's account at his death showed a large sum due to Government, of which the value of the timber formed the greater part.

4. To save the Government from loss as far as possible, Captain Tulloch, who had succeeded Captain Wood, seized all of the timber which remained in his yard and on the site of the Barracks on the Race Course, and, under the supposition that he can keep possession, he submits a statement to show that, after deducting its value from sums due to the Contractor, a balance will remain of Rupees 4,002-14-10. This, under any circumstances, it will be difficult to recover if the contracts which have been entered into with the late T. Iyasawmy are not continued to his representatives. Captain Tulloch is opposed to this being done, on the ground that, as the late Contractor failed to give satisfaction and scamped his work by the employment of inferior materials and bad workmanship, it is not advisable to trust his representatives further, especially as one of them is the Overseer who is answerable for all the bad work performed under the contracts entered into by the deceased.

5. These, however, appear to be totally insufficient reasons for declining an arrangement by which the difficulties that have arisen from the unexpected death of so large a Contractor as the late T. Iyasawmy may be got over, for the contract which he has signed for the erection of the New Dragoon and Artillery Hospital seems to be drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Code, and contains all that is necessary to give the Executive Engineer complete control over the work while it is in progress. He may reject any materials that he may not approve of, and may condemn any of the work that he may consider inferior. It can, therefore, be only the Executive Engineer's fault if either bad materials or workmanship be allowed to pass; and these the Government are confident Captain Tulloch will be in a position to check with the experience he has had, and the foreknowledge which he now possesses.

6. Considering that it is very doubtful whether the Government have any legal right to retain possession of the timber which Captain Tulloch has seized, and which he relies up on as a set off to a large portion of the sum due to Government by the Contractor, and, moreover, that the terms of the contract for the Hospital stipulate for compensation being awarded for any breach of its provisions, it seems to be politic, as well as desirable, to prevent loss and uncertain legal proceedings, to encourage the representatives of the deceased to carry on his undertakings. Captain Tulloch will accordingly, unless he deem it absolutely impracticable, enter into negotiations with these parties to continue T. Iyasawmy's contracts, on the equitable condition that they make good from monies that may become due to them, all sums owing by the deceased to Government at the time of his death.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 5th Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

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N^o 266.

Executive Eng^r's Office
Bangalore 13th July 1865.

to

The Superintending Engineer
5th Division.

Sir,

In reply to your Memo N^o 800 of the 8th July, I have the honor to furnish the information called for in Proceedings of Government N^o 1858 of the 4th July.

In my letter N^o 73 of 21st May, I took the 14th of December (the date on which Ayasammy Pillay signed the Contract for the Hospital) as the date on which he had bought the timber from Captain Wood, but on looking over the papers today I find the timber was made over to Ayasammy Pillay as early as the 21st of October. The accompanying statement shows the various sums of money which have been paid to Ayasammy Pillay since the 21st October, and the dates on which the payments were made. From this paper it will be seen that the total sum paid by me, as stated in my letter N^o 73 of 21st May, is 2293 Rupees. In that letter I also informed you that this payment was made by me in absolute ignorance of the fact that the timber on the Race Course had been given to Ayasammy Pillay and that he owed a large sum to Government for it. Had Captain Wood delivered over

over charge of the works to me in the manner pointed out in the Code of Regulations for the Department I should have become aware of this fact, but as you know Captain Wood left Bangalore without any transfer being effected, and I reported at the time to you that on account of his having gone to Madras "I considered it advisable to carry on the work as well as I was able."

The total sum paid by Captain Wood to Ayaswamy Pillay since the 21st October is Rupees 33,186. 11. 3.

With reference to the 2nd point on which Government require information, I beg to say that the timber was handed over to Ayaswamy Pillay by sale and delivery, but Ayaswamy Pillay was never debited with its value on the books. Enclosed is a copy of his receipt for the timber. He had absolute power over the timber, and this is the reason why there is so large a deficiency on it. In fact he used it for other works. No recoveries were made, as I have already in a previous letter informed you, although Captain Wood paid Ayaswamy nearly 6000 Rupees on the Hospital itself.

It is wrong to suppose that the timber in the Work yard was not delivered to Ayaswamy. It was altogether given over to him, and if he had chosen

he could have removed every cubic foot of it from the yard for all the power that the Executive Engineer had to prevent it. The Executive Engineer had no control whatever over Ayaswamy's transactions in the yard. I think it necessary to be very explicit on this point as if the Government Law Officer's opinion is based on the supposition that the timber in the yard at least was not altogether the property of Ayaswamy, their judgement of the case will, I think, be erroneous.

The value of the timber ~~in~~ in the yard is about Rupees 7435. 8. " and the value of the timber on the Race Course is about Rupees 6250. 2. "

I enclose copy of the correspondence which has taken place between the Judicial Commissioner of Mysore and myself.

As far as I can learn it would appear that the Executors appointed by Ayaswamy Pillay refuse to administer to the Estate. The will is now before the Court of the Superintendent of Bangalore District.

With regard to the payments made to Ayaswamy Pillay for the Married Quarters (Artillery) Race Course Barracks (the work which has been rejected by Colonel Wilkinson and yourself, I beg to inform you that 11000⁰⁰ were

were paid by Captain Wood on the 21st of November 1864 and 1000 Rs on the 6th of February 1865, making the total 2100 Rupees.

With my letter No 73 of the 21st May I forwarded you copy of Captain Wood's Memorandum explaining the transaction in regard to the timber so far as it concerned him. I conclude this is the paper referred to by Government in their Order.

I take this opportunity to forward you copy of correspondence which has taken place between myself and two individuals; named J. Alagappillay and J. Sivaswamy. You will see that what I anticipated in my letter No 73 of the 21st May (with which I forwarded Captain Wood's Memorandum of explanation) has taken place. J. Alagappillay (Sivaswamy's brother-in-law) are virtually claiming compensation for the advances which they allege Sivaswamy Pillay made on account of the works he had in hand at the time of his death. They have forwarded me no answer to my question. "What authority they had to act on behalf of the estate of Sivaswamy Pillay."

I have &c
Signed H. Tulloch Capt. R.E.
Exe. Engineer Bangalore
[True Copy.]

Ed. And. Lt. Col. R.E.
Supg. Eng. 5th Div.

No 985.

Superinty. Eng. Office 5th Div.
Bangalore, 27th July 1865.

From

Lieut. Col. E. A. Ford R.E.
Superinty. Engineer 5th Div.

To

Colonel C. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government A.W.

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Yrs,

Your most Obedt Servt.

E A Ford Esq. M.
Superintg. Engineer Sth Ath

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P. 72 1866, 2^d letter
Pr. of Co. 25th in August
from 1865 to 1867

The Amper. Review
of 5th & 18th Dec
to the Secretary of
Government H. W.

Written 29th July 1865
Recd 1st Aug 65 - "

1865 with
8 Enclosures.

Transmitting further in-
formation regarding
Sydney's accounts
with documents.

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From 121
The Executive
Bangalore

To The Secretary to
Government P. M. D.

11th Aug 1865
Recd.

No 341

Submitting a copy
of the Account
Current with the
late Contractor
T. Dyasawamy Pillay
for Work on the
Raid Course

Bangalore
August 25/14
Dear Sir,
I have been down there
this morning, and this is what I
found.

My dear Sir, I only received your
letter on Saturday afternoon, and
yesterday was a holiday, and so I
could not get at any
of the books; I have been down there
this morning, and this is what I
found.

An account current was
opened by you for the Hospital work
in the same manner as for other works;
the first entry on the debtor side of
this account is

"To value of Peas supplied, which was
received from Major Morrison - 18196-14-"
after which follow the cash required,
as made.

The figures "18196-14-" are

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written in pencil. I questioned
Macnamara as to the reason of this,
and he told me that at the
time the account was opened, a
proper account current had not
been received from Major Morgan,
and the estimate showing the value
of the timber (in the ~~gap~~ between ~~Spalding~~
and the ~~Ex. Engr~~) was therefore left
blank until Major Morgan's account
was received. This account was
received in February last and
showed the value of the timber which
had been allotted to the Hospital at
No 10196-14-0, but a further recovery
of about \$1750 had still to be made
from Major Morgan, and this would
reduce the value of the timber the
figures were therefore only entered in
pencil, so as to be altered when
Major Morgan's account was finally
adjusted. It seems evident from all
this, that an entry of the transaction

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Supernity Engr Officer on
Salem 15th August 1865
No. 1179.
Submitted for the
information of Govern. the
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Lt Col R E
Supernity Engineer & Dir
To the Secy to Govt. D. P. W.
Enclosures three

No 341

Executive Engineer's Office
Bangalore 11th Sept 1865

From Captain H. Lallech R.E.
Executive Engineer Bangalore

Enclosed
Bangalore

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department
Madras

(10)

Sir,

Enclosed
1 Copy of
Account
Current

In reply to your Memorandum No 147
of the 9th August 1865, I have the honor
to forward for your information an
exact transcript (in ink and pencil)
of the Account Current kept with the
late Ayahsawmy Pillay with reference
to the work of the Hospital on the Race
Course Barrack.

As none of the payments were made
by me, the entries in this Account Cur-
rent, which are in ink, were made
while I was not in charge of this
office.

When Colonel Ford, Superintending
Engineer of the Division, was lately in
Bangalore inspecting the accounts of
the late Ayahsawmy Pillay with this
Office, his attention was drawn to
this same subject, and he there ex-

audited the Account Current, copy
of which is now submitted by you.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your most ob^d. Servant
E. D. L. 2 B. 11

J. Miller ~~Mr~~ Captain R. E.
Executive Eng^o Pacific

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 and hope you are getting better.
 I have been thinking of you
 and wondering how you are getting on.
 I have been very busy lately
 but I have managed to find some
 time to write to you. I hope
 you are feeling better now.
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Madras Club

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take a draught of
the undersigned
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(W.D.)

In adras.

August 1865

Amul S. M.

Secretary to Government

P.S. Whilst the foregoing was in the hands
of the copyist, the undersigned learnt, during a

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Conversation with Capt. Wood, that the latter
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under reference to Government. Capt. Wood
stated that had he, while at Bangalore, been made aware of what has been doing in
the matter he would have been able to give
more satisfactory explanations than he has now
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of the late Contractor. A note from Capt. Wood
on the subject is herewith circulated for the
information of Government.

Charles A. M.

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not taken up
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Public Works Dept

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Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 15th August 1865
Read the following

From the Superintending Engineer
of the 5th Division

Forwarding further information,
regarding 'Iyasawmy' (See order of 27th July 1865
No 985)
accounts with documents.

These papers clearly show
that the responsibility for
any loss that may accrue to
Government, from the sale to
delivery to the late Contractor,
J. Iyasawmy Broodelly, of
a quantity of teak timber
without payment, or any security
for payment, rests entirely
with Capt. Wood. It appears
that, on assuming charge of
the Executive Engineer's Depart-
ment at Bangalore, Capt. Wood
found 56 bags of
teak timber of the value of

Rs 18,197 on his books, not as
stock, but charged to the
Hospital of the New Dragoon
Barracks, & that, when about
to take steps for verifying the
measurements of the logs, a
proposal was made by a large
Contractor, Iyālammy, to take
over the whole, without further
trouble, at the lump sum at
which the timber stood charged
for in the books.

This being a con-
venient arrangement, the offer
was accepted, & on the 21st
of October last delivery of the
timber was completed by Iya-
lammy signing a receipt.
As the man had large dealings
with the Dept in fulfilment
of various building contracts,
& was about to enter into
an agreement for the erection
of the Hospital on the Race Course,
involving payments to him

of a lot of money, the trans-
action, so far, under the
circumstances, would have been
sufficiently regular ~~had it been~~
~~at once debited with the value~~
~~of the timber and his receipt,~~
~~had security been taken~~
from him for ~~the~~ ^{this} payment.
Unfortunately ~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~done~~, & there ~~is~~
~~nothing~~ ^{nothing} ~~to show~~ ^{nothing} ~~the nature of the transaction~~
or the mode in which payment
was to be made, nor why no
recoveries were made on account
of the timber from the large
payments which it is seen
were made to the Contractor
by Capt Wood subsequent to
its delivery. These payments
aggregate no less a sum than
Rs 33,185-11-3, & that such
large sums should have been
fully disbursed in cash while

so large and unsecured a debt
stood against the Contractor, is
but another example of the
careless & irregular manner
in which executive operations
have been managed at Bangalore,

& of the extent to which the
accounts have been neglected, and exhibits an amount of carelessness
and absence of habits of
business which is far from
creditable.

The receipt, however,
states that the timber was to be
used for the Hospital, and the
intention no doubt was that
its value was to be recovered
from any monies that might
from time to time become due
to the late Contractor as the
work proceeded. Had he lived
to carry out his undertaking
this would doubtless have been
done, but having suddenly died
before the Hospital had made
much progress, the ^{Contractors} ~~Contractor's~~
account at his death showed
a large sum due to Government
of which the value of the timber
formed the greater part.

To save the Government
from loss as far as possible, Capt.
Tulloch, who had succeeded
Capt. Wood, seized all of the
timber which remained in his
yard & on the site of the
Barracks on the Race Course,
and, under the supposition
that he can keep possession,
he submits a statement to
show that, ^{if} deducting its value
from sums due to the Contractor,
a balance will remain of
Rs 4002 - 14 - 10. This, under
any circumstances, it will
be difficult to recover if the
Contracts which have been entered
into with the late J. Jyasingh
are not continued to his
representatives. Capt. Tulloch
is opposed to this being done
on the ground that, as the late
Contractor failed to give satis-
faction & scamped his work
by the employment of inferior

materials & bad workmanship,
it is not advisable to trust his
representatives further, especially
as one of them is the Overseer
who is answerable for all the
bad work performed under the
Contracts entered into by the
deceased.

These, however, appear
to be ^{reasons} totally insufficient for
declining an arrangement by
which the difficulties that have
arisen from the unexpected death
of so large a Contractor as the
late J. J. Isaacson may be
got over, for the Contract which
he has signed for the erection
of the New Dragoon & Artillery
Hospital seems to be drawn
up in accordance with the
requirements of the Code, &
contains all that is necessary
to give the Ex. Engineer complete
control over the work ^{while} it is
in progress. He may reject
any materials that he may

not approve of, & may condemn
any of the work that he may
consider inferior. It can, therefore,
be only the Ex. Engineer's fault
if either bad materials or work-
manship be allowed to pass;
and these the Government are
confident Capt. Tullock will
be in a position to check
with the ^{he has had} experience & ^{now proposes} foreknowledge
which he ^{has} ~~has~~ ^{now} ~~has~~ ^{proposes} ~~has~~.

Considering that it is
very doubtful whether the Govt.
has any legal right to retain
possession of the timber which
Capt. Tullock has seized &
^{which he} relies upon as a set off to a
large portion of the sum due to
Government by the Contractor,
& moreover, that the terms
of the Contract for the Hospital
shipments for compensation
being awarded for any breach
of its provisions, it seems to be
policy, as well as desirable, to

present loss and uncertain
legal proceedings, to encourage
the representatives of the deceased
to carry on his undertakings.
Capt Lulloch, will accordingly,
unless he deem it absolutely
impracticable, enter into ne-
gotiations with these parties
to continue J. Jyasaung's
Contracts on the equitable con-
dition that they make good
from monies that may become
due to them, all sums owing
by the deceased to Govt at
the time of his death.

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The Executive Engineer
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enter into negotiations with
the representatives of the
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with a view to their being
induced to carry on the
ceased's undertakings
at that station.

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