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28th March 1866.

No. 651. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Coonoor, 16th March 1866, No. 295 :—

1. Under all the circumstances recorded in the accompanying report from Mr. Sub-Engineer Fernandez, I have the honor to request permission to write off to "profit and loss" the sum of Rupees 160-5-8 from the timber stock account of the Poottoor Range of South Canara.

Enclosure 1.

2. I agree with the Sub-Engineer in acquitting Mr. Overseer Rodrigues of any dishonesty, and think him only blamable for not making out a fresh list of the timber after the flood of the 4th July above alluded to, and which was a most exceptional one. I have not the slightest doubt but that several logs were carried away by it. No blame can be attached to the Range Officer in the matter, considering that for seven months, from June 1865 to January 1866, the three Ranges of South Canara were worked by Mr. Fernandez single handed. And having lately made an inspection of great part of the District, I must say, in justice to him, that the Public Works establishment in it was in better working order than when I took charge as District Engineer in May 1862,

From the Acting Sub-Engineer No. 3 or Poottoor Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division, dated Uppinangady, 10th March 1866, No. 24.

1. I beg to report, for your information, that a deficiency of 264½ cubic feet was discovered in the quantity of timber appertaining to the stock of the Poottoor Range, while transferring the same in December last from the charge of Mr. Overseer M. Rodrigues to that of Mr. J. M. D'Mello. Immediately this circumstance came to my knowledge, I called upon Mr. Overseer Rodrigues for an

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explanation on the cause of the deficiency, and herein I beg to enclose for your perusal the original letter* received from him in answer.

2. From January last, I left the above matter unsettled as I had not since then sufficient time to check the account of the timber in question personally, which having done now, I beg to forward herewith a list† of the logs which I have actually found in stores at this place.

† No. 2.

These, which are 54 in number, instead of 61, give a total of only 1,600½ cubic feet instead of 1,865, as they ought to be as per Range accounts.

3. Mr. Overseer Rodrigues in his letter above referred to states that he never took charge of the timber in question, but that he was given by Lieutenant Filgate a list of the timber with instructions to remove therefrom such timber as he required for the Kadjecaur bridge. Upon this authority, and having at the same time in his possession the said list,‡ which contained the

‡ No. 3.

measurements of the whole quantity of the timber purchased for the Range, and which is herein enclosed, Mr. M. Rodrigues has evidently removed what timber he required not only for the afore-said bridge, but also for all other works for which he wanted the same, marking in the said list

§ No. 4.

with his own hand such of the logs as he used, and forwarding at the same time to the Range Office Returns§ for the same.

4. Mr. Rodrigues also states his inability to account for the deficiency in question, owing to portion of the said timber having been used during his absence also by Overseer Ramappah and the Store Gumastah. This blame he has no reason to throw against these individuals as not more

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than four logs were used by both of them during his absence, and the same were accounted for by them to the Range office immediately, as per list No. 5.

5. Mr. Rodrigues in his letter under reference further states that during the heavy monsoon floods, which occurred on the 4th July last, the shed which covered the timber in question had tumbled down, that most part of the logs were scattered, and that after the inundation had subsided he had gathered the logs, but in his letter dated the 6th July* and his Inspection Report† for that month, both of which are also herein enclosed for your perusal, no mention was made by him of the loss of any of the logs in question.

6. In bringing the above to your notice, I have no grounds to complain of Mr. Rodrigues' dishonesty, but have every reason to believe that he has neglected to account correctly for the timber that he has used for Public Works from time to time, as two logs Nos 5 and 25 out of those marked by him as used are now found amongst the remaining ones. I beg, therefore, to request that I may be permitted to recover from Mr. Overseer M. Rodrigues and the Store Gumastah, who was his immediate subordinate in charge of the stores in Uppinangady, the sum of Rupees 103-6-9, which is the value of the said deficiency, or to write off the same to "profit and loss," together with Rupees 56-14-11, which is the value of the existing logs marked by me in list No. 2 as being rotten, as no use can possibly be made of them owing to their decayed state nor any sum realized by their sale on auction.

No. 652. ORDER THEREON, 23th March 1866, No. 1,013.

ACCOUNT, No. 82.

† Rupees 160-5-8.

and loss" in the accounts of the Pootoor Range of the South Canara District.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 7th Division.
,, Accountant General.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustiq.

Supr. Engineer's Office 7th Div.
No. 295.
Comr., 16 March 1866,
From
Lieut. Col. G. W. Walker R.E.
Superintending Engineer 7th Division
To
Colonel C. A. Orr, R.E.
Secretary to Government M.S. Madras

Encls: 1.

Sir,
Under all the circumstances recorded in the accompanying Report from Mr. Sub-Eng. Fernandez, I have the honor to request permission to write off to Profit and Loss the sum of Rupees 160-5-8 from the Timber Stock Account of the Pootoor Range of South Canara -

2. I agree with the Sub-Engineer in acquitting Mr. Overseer Rodrigues of any dishonesty, and think him only blamable for not making out a fresh list of the timber after the flood of the 4th July above alluded to, and which was a most exceptional one - I have not the slightest doubt but that several logs were carried away by it - No blame can be attached to the Range Officer in the matter, considering that for 7 months from June 1865 to January 1866 the 3 Ranges of South Canara were worked by Mr. Fernandez single handed. - And having lately made an inspection of great part of the District I must say, in justice to him, that the Public Works establishment in it was in better working

Yours most obed. Servant
M. Walker. South Cal. A. C.
Superintendent Y. D.

Public Works Department.

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PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT

Under date the 28th March 1886.
Read the following

The Superintendent Engineer
of the 1st Division

(Here enter No. *295* dated *16th March*) *1866*.

Under the explanations which are contained in the papers above recd. and your Council grants authority for the value of the timber in question being written off to profit and loss in the accounts of the Potlatch Range of the Little Falls St

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Proc. of Govt. for March
No. 1013

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT. *of the*

Dated *28 March 1866*

Authority granted
for the sum of Rupees
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off from timber stock
account of the Portor
Range South Canada Lt.

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