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17th April 1867.*

No. 412. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp Collaganhully, Raidroog Talook, 13th April 1867, No. 129 :—

1. In continuation of my letter No. 39, of the 4th instant, I have the honour to inform you that another charge, on which I had thought of bringing up Baupiah, was for having ordered the Gumastah to make false entries in the Nominal Roll, and then having submitted false Station Books. The correctness or incorrectness of the Gumastah's accounts can be always verified when paying the coolies; but the Gumastah's statement, that he was ordered by Baupiah to enter a number of false names of people in the Nominal Roll, as having worked on the road, is corroborated by the Reddy of Maumalapully, who, on being asked what he knew regarding the matter, stated that he had heard the Overseer order the Gumastah to make the false entries, and further that the Overseer stated that the order emanated from the Range Officer. This order of the Overseer's appears to have been given in October last, for the preparation of September's and future Nominal Rolls.

2. In November the Gumastah being puzzled what to do, wrote to the Head Accountant of the Range, mentioning what was going on, and received a reply to the effect that the subject had been brought to the notice of the Range Officer; who directed him to state that an inquiry would be made as soon as he came to the Durmaveram talook. The Head Accountant does not seem to have attempted to conceal having received this communication from the Gumastah, as he mentioned it to the Second Accountant, with whom he has not been on good terms for some time past; he also mentioned having shown the Gumastah's letter to Mr. Hawkins, and the reply that he said had been given.

3. The Head Accountant informed, in front of Mr. Hawkins, that he had shown the Gumastah's letter to the Range Officer, but that no one else was present at the time. Mr. Hawkins, however, positively denied having ever seen or heard of the letter.

4. From the Head Accountant having mentioned the receipt of the letter to the Second Accountant, and also having sent a reply to the Gumastah, it seems to me that there was no attempt at concealment on his part; if he had not, as he states, reported the circumstance to the Range Officer, his letter in reply to the Gumastah and the Second Accountant's evidence would have been sufficient testimony to have brought punishment on him. Though the Head Accountant cannot bring direct evidence to prove his assertion, that he showed the letter to Mr. Hawkins, and received the reply which he sent on to the Gumastah, yet, I think, what I have stated above is presumptive evidence that he did show the letter.

On Mr. Hawkins taking charge of the Range the records, &c., were at Gollah, where the Range Office is situated, and, as there is no Post Office at Gollah, the custom had been to keep a cooly, on a monthly salary of Rupees 6, to fetch the letters from Calliandroog, and when the Range Officer was away from head quarters a Lascar had always been left to look after the Office and records. Soon after taking charge Mr. Hawkins appears to have had the records fetched to Raidroog, the hire

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of the carts being debited to the Bangalore and Gooty road, without stating for what use they had been employed, and though there was a Post Office at that place, not only was a tappal cooly kept, but the Lascar was taken away from Gollah and the Range Office left to take care of itself. This system appears to have been continued until the middle of December, when the man was taken on as a Lascar in place of one who had resigned. From that date until the 21st January letters were sent out by temporary coolies, who were paid as employed, Mr. Hawkins being then on tour and having all the Lascars with him.

On the 21st January last the Head Accountant left Raidroog to join the Range Officer, and, agreeably to instructions from Mr. Hawkins, had entertained a man on Rupees 3, monthly salary, to look after the records, as all the Range Lascars were with Mr. Hawkins. The Head Accountant also took with him, according to Mr. Hawkins' order, a man to be kept as tappal cooly on Rupees 6, monthly salary; and from that date these two men have been kept on and charged to the works as tappal coolies, although there was no necessity for the charge, Mr. Hawkins having been within a short distance of a Post Office* since the beginning of February.

* Durmaveram.

Another circumstance which I have learnt within the last few days, and which I think should be brought to the notice of Government, is that some months ago Mr. Hawkins took from Somasoondrum Moodliar, the Raidroog Talook Overseer, a rowty or servant's tent, which the Overseer valued at Rupees (20) twenty; but up to this time Mr. Hawkins has neither paid for the tent, nor given any intimation as to when he intended to pay.

I have also lately learnt, that ever since Mr. Hawkins' arrival no regular camp equipage has been kept up, and that there has been a difficulty experienced in moving about the Range: almost from the date of his joining this district, Mr. Hawkins has had a cart belonging to Baupiah, the late Overseer of the Durmaveram talook, but I cannot learn if regular monthly hire was paid or not; since the 29th November last Mr. Hawkins has had a cart belonging to the brother-in-law of Somasoondrum Moodliar, the Raidroog Talook Overseer, but has paid no hire for it. It appears that Mr. Hawkins would not keep bandies and bullocks on monthly hire, and, having no carts of his own, wanted to hire carts, intending to engage bullocks for each march he might make. In the end of November last, according to Overseer Somasoondrum Moodliar's statement, Mr. Hawkins, finding that he could not get a cart at the small village where he was encamped, applied to the Overseer, and said that he would return the cart as soon as he got to a place where he could get another, which he expected would be in a few days. On this understanding the Overseer's brother-in-law allowed his cart to be taken, and that he should get daily hire for the number of days it was away from him, at the rate of 3 Rupees per mensem; but, up to this time, no payment has been made, and on the Overseer's brother-in-law complaining of not having the cart back, or any hire for it, the Overseer has had to tell him that payment would be made when Mr. Hawkins came back in this direction, the Overseer not liking to write to Mr. Hawkins on the subject.

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ORDER THEREON, 17th April 1867, No. 1,205.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 42.

Ordered to lie over, pending the receipt of the defence of Mr. Hawkins, to whom a copy of this letter should be

furnished for such explanations as he may have to offer.

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No 129.

Superintendent Engineer's Office 3rd Div.
Camp Ullaquamilly, Railway Subg.
13 May 24 - 13 April 1867

From

The Superintendent Engineer
3rd Division

To

The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No. 39 of the 4th Inst. I have the honor to inform you that another charge on which I had thought of bringing up Baupiah was for having ordered the Comastah to make false entries in the Nominal Roll and then having submitted false statement books. The correctness or incorrectness of the Comastah's Accounts can be always verified, when paying the Cashes, but the Comastah's statement, that he was ordered by Baupiah to enter a number of false names of people in the Nominal Roll, as having worked on the road, is corroborated by the Paddy of Maunacapally, who, on being asked what he knew regarding the matter, stated that he had heard the Revenue Officer order the Comastah to make the false entries and further that the Revenue Officer stated that the order emanated from the Range Officer. The Order of the Revenue Officer appears to have been given in October last for the preparation of September and future Nominal Rolls.

2. — In November the Dornastah, being puzzled what to do, wrote to the Head Accountant of the Range mentioning what was going on and received a reply to the effect that the subject had been brought to the notice of the Range Officer; who directed him to state that an enquiry would be made as soon as he came to the Durnavaram Taluq. The Head Accountant does not seem to have attempted to conceal having received this communication from the Dornastah, as he mentioned it to the 2nd Accountant with whom he has not been on good terms for some time past; he also mentioned having shown the Dornastah's letter to Mr. Hawkins and the reply that he said had been given.

3. The Head Accountant, informed in front of Mr. Hawkins, that he had shown the Dornastah's letter to the Range Officer, but that no one else was present at the time: Mr. Hawkins however positively denied having ever seen or heard of the letter.

4. From the Head Accountant having mentioned the receipt of the letter to the 2nd Accountant and also having sent a reply to the Dornastah, it seems to me that there was no attempt at concealment on his part; if he had not, as he stated, reported the circumstances to the Range Officer, his letter in reply to the Dornastah and the 2nd Accountant's evidence would have been sufficient.

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On Mr. Hawkins taking charge of the Range the records &c. were at Ballah, where the Range Office is situated, and, as there is no Post Office at Ballah, the custom had been to keep a Cooly on a monthly salary of Rupees 6 to fetch the letters from Calicut, and when the Range Officer was away from Head Quarters a Lascar had always been left to look after the Office and records. Soon after taking charge Mr. Hawkins appears to have had the Records fetched to Pondicherry the hire of the Carts being debited to the Bangalore and Coimbatore, without stating for what use they had been employed, and though there was a Post Office at that place, not only was a Sahpal Cooly kept but the Lascar was taken away from Ballah and the Range Office left to take care of itself. This system appears to have been continued until the middle of December when the man was taken on as a Lascar in place of one who had resigned. — From that date until the 21st January letters were

were sent out by temporary Coolies who were paid as employed, Mr. Hawkins being then on tour and having all the Lacours with him:-

On the 21st January last the Head Accountant left Pondicherry to join the Range Officer, and, agreeably to instructions from Mr. Hawkins, had retained a man on Rs. 3 monthly salary to look after the Records, as all the Range Lacours were with Mr. Hawkins. The Head Accountant also took with him, according to Mr. Hawkins' order, a man to be kept as Tappal Cooly on Rs. 6 monthly salary; and from that date these two men have been kept on and charged to the works, as Tappal Coolies, although there was no necessity for the charge, Mr. Hawkins having been within a short distance of a Post Office since the beginning of February.

Another circumstance which I have learnt within the last few days and which I think should be brought to the notice of Government is that some months ago Mr. Hawkins took from Sundrum Moodliar, the Pondicherry Taluk Oversee, a Powty or Durwani Tent, which the Overseer valued at Rs. (20) twenty; but up to this time Mr. Hawkins has neither paid for the Tent nor given any intimation as to when he intended to pay. I have also lately learnt that, ever since

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since Mr. Hawkins' arrival, no regular Camp equipage has been kept up and that there has been a difficulty experienced in moving about the Range almost from the date of his joining the District. Mr. Hawkins has had a cart belonging to Banupiah, the late Oversee of the Durumamam Taluk, but I cannot learn if regular monthly hire was paid or not. Since the 29th November last Mr. Hawkins has had a cart belonging to the brother-in-law of Sundrum Moodliar, the Pondicherry Taluk Oversee, but has paid no hire for it. It appears that Mr. Hawkins would not keep bandies and bullocks on monthly hire and, having no carts of his own, wanted to hire carts, intending to engage bullocks for each march he might make. In the end of November last, according to Oversee Sundrum Moodliar's statement, Mr. Hawkins, finding that he could not get a cart at the small village where he was encamped, applied to the Overseer and said that he would return the cart as soon as he got to a place where he could get another, which he expected would be in a few days. On this understanding the Overseer's brother-in-law allowed his cart to be taken and that he should get daily hire for the number of days it

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I have the honor to

W. W. S. Major R.E.
Superintending Engineer
3rd Division

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RAS GOVERNMENT.
Under date the 1st of April 1961
Read the following

from the Safe Engineer of
the 3^d Div. (Here enter No. 129 dated 13 April 1917)

Ordered to lie
over, pending the receipt
of the defence of Mr. Har-
kins, to whom a copy of
this letter should be fur-
nished for such expe-
ditions as he may have
to offer.

The Superintendent, 3^d Divⁿ ✓

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Dr. J. H. H. & Co.
 No. 100 St. Louis
 April 23
 Dear Sir
 The copy enclosed
 is a Division
 of the Secretary of the
 State of Missouri
 dated 13th March 1874
 Rec^d 14th do
 No. 129
 P. S. The Secretary of the
 State of Missouri
 has a communication of
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Letter from the
Supy. Engrs. of the 3rd Division
containing further information
relative to the suspension
of Mr. McWhirter Sub-
Engineer, in the Bellamy
District ordered to lie over
with the observation, that
a copy should be forwarded
to the Sub. Engineer, for
explanation.

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