

*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th September 1867.*

No. 78. Read the following letter from P. MADAVA ROW, late Delta Superintendent, Kistna District, to the Secretary to Government, Department Public Works, dated Bezwadah, 20th August 1867:—

In accordance with your endorsement No. 1,280, of the 27th May 1867, on my Petition dated 11th May 1867, I beg to submit the accompanying Memorial, with its enclosures, in triplicate, to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for India, and I beg most earnestly that you will be good enough to lay this, with its entire correspondence, before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, in order to expedite its despatch to the Home Government.

No. 79. ORDER THEREON, 4th September 1867, No. 2,714.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

Ordered that this Memorial be forwarded to the Secretary of State, and that the Memorialist be advised of its despatch.

(True Extract.)

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

Erd. S. T. Augustin.

In No 1280/67

To

The Right Honorable Lord Canning
Secretary of State for India

The humble Memorial of Paltu
Madava Row late Deputy Super-
intendent in the Krishna District
Madras Presidency.

Respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialist was originally entered
in the service of Government at the age of 18, in January 1837, as
Assistant in the Revenue Department, in the Godavari District
on a salary of Rupees 10, that after serving in this capacity for
6 years and 10 Months, the revenue Department in which he was
employed having been abolished, his services were dispensed with, and
he was afterwards appointed, on account of good character and trust-
worthiness to Assistant Gomastah in the Godavari District, on a salary
of Rupees 16, that after a subsequent service of 5 years and 2 months
your Memorialist was advanced a further step, and appointed as
Head Gomastah in the Krishna District, on a salary of Rupees 20,
that your Memorialist received increments of salary from time to time
until they rose to Rupees 50 after which your Memorialist

was nominated in April 1857 to the post of Delta Superintendent in the same District on a salary of Rupees 70; that during all this time your Memorialist maintained an unimpeachable character and afforded the utmost satisfaction in his power as will be seen from the extract from the Departmental Register hereto annexed vide Appendix A

2 That after your Memorialist had thus served 25 years it was his misfortune to meet a reverse, occasioned by no act of his, no neglect of duty, no impropriety of conduct.

3 The circumstances connected with that reverse arose out of an order which was received by your Memorialist from his immediate Superior Mr. J. N. Kanchiah for the collection of Lime Stone Chunnam stated to be urgently required for the works connected with the Intur and Kuchie Duty for Lucka, your Memorialist exerted himself to the utmost in buying in supplies at the Vadhawaram quarries and purchased firewood at Pedapattinam for burning the stones and he was careful that the cost did not exceed Rupees 1-3 per Panah. In the mean time your Memorialist received orders from the Executive Engineer that Lime Stone for the Aeriut works at Vadhawaram was urgently required, your Memorialist proceeded to Caya, Actmakur where he discovered new quarries from which he dug out 590 (five) of Lime Stones of this quantity 243 (two) were sent to Duggirala by Bauls and Bandis and 110 were conveyed to the main Canal and Appalamma and the remaining portion

5 portion was left at the quarries at Caya. These quantities were measured after a lapse of sometime by Captain Hoisted but the measurement used by that Officer was the measurement, a measurement unknown in the Department for such articles, where, as your Memorialist took account by Panah which is the measurement authorized by the Circular Order of the Department, consequently there was a great discrepancy between the two measurements and your Memorialist was ordered to make good such difference amounting in value to Rupees 480. 2. 9. which your memorialist submits was not just. The full particulars of this case are set forth in your Memorialists letter to the Superintending Engineer of the 2^d Division copy annexed vide Appendix B

4 The next case in which your Memorialist was so unfortunate as to have met with wrong treatment arises out of an order which he received for deepening and widening old Channel between Rammandram Padd and Vellabapuram. The wrong treatment consists in your Memorialist having been represented as having given false measurements, having removed the Grosse bunds before ordered to do so.

5 With regard to these your Memorialist begs to observe that in verifying your Memorialists measurements - Lieut. H. M. Vibart R. E. the Executive Officer in charge of the works did not measure the works from the same points from which

which your Memorialists measurements were taken and consequently Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. was totally unjust in stating that your Memorialists measurements were false. It is the general rule of the Department when any work is to be taken in hand that an Estimate showing details of the various measurements cost of materials and labour should be first prepared and that the levels of the work, or widening or deepening an old channel, should be first taken at the time of the preparation of the Estimate, and such Estimate should be checked by the Major or by personal inspection of the works by the Range Officer and afterwards on completion of the work the result should be checked by the Estimate and if any discrepancies are found there would be just grounds for reasonable complaints, as the Range Officer will be acquainted wholly with the nature of the work by comparing the Estimate with the actual work done but in respect of the work referred to above the case is otherwise. An Estimate was prepared on a by rope measurement and submitted by your Memorialist to Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. this Estimate was not checked in the first instance by Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. nor was the work verified by that Estimate. Your Memorialist was bound by his Estimate and your Memorialist cannot be respectfully submit to be held responsible for any difference arising between his work as points of your Memorialists original measurements or framing the Estimate were altered by Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. in checking work done and Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. measurements of work being and not the actual data entered on the Estimate but have used.

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Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. admits that he had no fault to find with your Memorialists Estimate and if he did not see that Estimate in checking the works your Memorialist would submit whether by any possible reasoning it can be said without such list that your memorialists measurements were false. Besides Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. took his measurements after several heavy falls of rain which causing sitting &c must without doubt have produced great variations in Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. measurements and that taken by your memorialist as the work was progressing.

In deepening and widening referred to it was necessary to leave cross bunds at different places Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. charged your memorialist with having removed these bunds before he had authorized your memorialist to do so. It is necessary for your memorialist to explain here that in works like that under notice it is customary for the labourers employed in deepening a channel to remove the cross bunds without additional charge provided that the removal takes place within a reasonable time. Now after the work had been commenced with and cross bunds had been left orders were received through Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. to stop operations on consequence of the want of funds and the workmen thinking that they would not be paid unless they remove the cross bunds began to remove some of them but without any orders from your Memorialist with whom the fault does not rest but with the Government. However there was a sufficient number of cross bunds left to enable Lieut. H. M. Tibbitts R. E. to make his calculations and to verify the work.

work for out of 175 Cross-bunds 125 were left, corresponding with the number of Pits dug. Your Memorialist admits that the removal of the Cross-bunds was not intentional, was not done with any fraudulent motive but it was merely the result of an accident for which your Memorialist cannot in justice be submitted to be at all held responsible.

With regard to the charge against your Memorialist of having paid labourers more rates of work in deepening the 2^d yard. Your Memorialist would beg to state that the truth can be quite clear if reference is made to the Superintending Engineer's report to the Government regarding your Memorialist's case in which he did not touch the point, thinking it unnecessary as your Memorialist's case is final to the Government.

Your Memorialist would beg to bring one point to prominent notice. That viz. the Channel was closed in 1864 up to the middle of July and in 1865 in which the complaints were made; checked measurements of work at the end of May and ordered immediately to open the Channel, this was done on the 7th June but the complaints against your Memorialist were submitted on the 30th June or more than 3 weeks after the Channel was opened. This alone will show that Lieut. St. M. Vibart R.E. did his work with a malicious motive that no superior Officer or his may be enabled to examine his check measurements which your Memorialist begs to submit were entirely wrong.

Your Memorialist would now briefly run up the circumstances under which the great calamity which has befallen your Memorialist occurred and from which he has suffered.

(1) Your Memorialist's supplies of lime stone and the results therefrom were not taken by the same measure by which your Memorialist originally made the supplies.

(2) The work connected with the deepening and widening the old Channel was not measured from the same places from which your Memorialist took his measurements.

(3) That the work was not checked by the Estimate furnished by your Memorialist nor levelled.

(4) That some of the Cross-bunds were removed through the impatience of the labourers not by any act of your Memorialist and that the number of Cross-bunds left, corresponded with the number of Pits dug and were sufficient for measuring the work.

10. Your Memorialist begs to observe that when Lieut. St. M. Vibart R.E. preferred charges against your Memorialist and his explanations were submitted to the Superintending Engineer for decision that it was, due to your Memorialist and the interests of justice that that Officer should have inspected the work either himself or by means of another independent Engineer Officer and thus to decide the case justly and impartially; but without verifying anything and simply accepting the statements of Lieut. St. M. Vibart R.E. the Superintending Engineer submitted his report to Government dismissing your Memorialist from the service and for future of his deposit money and salary and

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Your Memorialist would beg to bring one point to prominent notice. That viz. Lt. Col. W. E. Vibart R.E. was at the 2^d yard in 1884 up to the middle of July and in 1885 in which the complaints were made; checked measurements of work at the end of May and ordered immediately to open the Channel, this was done on the 7th June but the complaints against your Memorialist were submitted on the 30th June or more than 3 weeks after the Channel was opened. This alone will show that Lt. Col. W. E. Vibart R.E. did his work with a malicious motive that no superior Officer or his may be enabled to examine his check measurements which your Memorialist begs to submit were entirely wrong.

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and your Memorialist begs to state that even the Government, without taking the merits of the case into consideration, complied with the request of the Superintending Engineer and confirmed the dismissal of your Memorialist the day, declared to confirm the other recommendation of the Superintending Engineer. Your Memorialist applied against the order, but Government were pleased to favor him with the endorsement that the Governor in Council are no power to disturb the decision of the Superintending Engineer and to this decision the Government have adhered to the great wrong and injury of your Memorialist from which he prays for relief.

11 To these circumstances your Memorialist respectfully solicits attention as well as to the more particular details contained in Report, correspondence marked vide Appendices C, D, E, F, and he humbly craves that after their merits have been duly weighed and your Memorialist hoped long faithful and efficient services together with his unimpeached character, have been taken into consideration justice may be meted out and your Memorialist restored to his appointment with arrears of salary. For which as in duty bound He will ever pray.

Madras
11th May 1867

P. Madhava Rao
Late Sello Supt.

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Appendix A In No 1280/67

From M^{rs} 48
H. Lee
Assistant Supervisor
in charge Circle District
To
Captain J. G. Pyper
District Engineer District.

Sir,
I have the honor to forward herewith an application from the Delta Superintendent of the Guntoor District for making an application for the vacant Arcot Superintendentship.
In forwarding the application it is only justice to the applicant to state that since he has been employed under my orders I have had every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which he has performed his duties. I have found him very hard working, careful and attentive to his orders. Lieut. Magnay recommended him to me also for his good conduct on my taking over charge from that Officer. I have &c.

(True copy.) [Sig] H. Lee, Asst Supervisor in charge Circle
[Sig] H. Lee, Asst Supt in charge Circle

Forwarded for the information of P. Madava Rao, Delta Supt.

P. Madava Row. Age is when first entertained

Establishment	Appointments	Salary	Period of service in each appointment	Remarks
1. 11th July 1837	Madara Row in Mysore District (Mysore Salag)	10	5 1	8 years, a good character, from the Officers under whom he has labored, and I have every reason to believe in it, he is very trustworthy and diligent
2. 1st August 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	10	1 9	not having had much experience, not the field is very anxious to perform his duties well
3. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	10	5 2	
4. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	30	1 1	
5. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	35	1 5	The District Superintendent has invited himself to pay on his duties during the time. I have held charge of this Range and has performed his duties to my satisfaction
6. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	10	1 7	
7. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	50	5	
8. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	70	5 1	
9. 1st April 1837	Do. Do. Mysore District	70	25 1	

Copy Extract

Range Office
Mysore District
21st October 1862

Chief Officer
Mysore District
1st April 1862

Chief Officer
Mysore District
1st April 1862

Cannada
11th January 1863

This is to certify that P. Madava Row has held the Office of 2nd Accountant at the Godavari Amrut Office for 5 years, and has been a very attentive and efficient man. He seems this on being offered an appointment at Berjwarah. I have every reason to be satisfied with him.

Chief A. Cotton Smith, Esq.
late in charge
Godavari works.

I have known P. Madava Row ever since I joined the District in 1856 and consider him a most trustworthy and intelligent servant. He was for a long time employed in the Amrut and afterwards for about two years as Superintendent of the Western Delta in Gunter where he had the distribution of water which he managed with great success. He is very well educated, and I should think would make a great Revenue servant.

Chief J. Magnay Esq.
1st Assistant Engineer
Godavari

No. 1280/67

To

Colonel J. B. Anderson R. E.

Superintending Engineer 2^d DivisionThe humble Memorial of
P. Madava Rao Delta Div.
Superintendent.

Respectfully Sheweth

That your memorialist most respectfully begs to lay the following four points of his grievance before your benign feet, fully relying on your benevolence for pardon for the intrusion.

2. That your memorialist has entered the Govt. employ in 1836 and from which time up to the present date extending over 24 years, he has been for sometime employed in the Revenue Department, and afterward in Godavery and Kistna Arcuits, and latterly in his present appointment for upwards of 7 years. During the period he has been attached to Department Public Works, he has always displayed energy, industry, and assiduity in procuring supplies for of the various materials required, so as he may merit the good will of Colonel C. A. Orr and a good number of other Officers. A fact which will be established, if a reference is made, to the testimonials in your Memorialist's possession.

3. Independently of all these, exceptionally in the case of limestone, which has been recently determined upon by Captain J. C. Hasted, your Memorialist has been subjected to

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an irreparable pecuniary disadvantage as detailed below:
he begs therefore, that a mature and deliberate consideration
may be made of all the facts and justice rendered.

That Mr. Hopkins on his arrival in the
Range has ordered your Memorialist that as Chunar
would be in large quantities required for Intur and Kuch
judgy & Lechs your Memorialist should exert and exert em-
getic measure in preparing large quantities of Chunar ready,
your Memorialist in conformity to the directions, he has proceeded
to the collection of limestone at Vadhaswarani quarries and
purchased fire wood at Padapaleni & burnt Chunar with
much exertion, so that the Chunar may not exceed Rs. 1. P. 3.
per para, whereas previous to that time it was habitual that
Chunar manufactured at Duggiratala with gratis wood,
procured at the site of main Canal and Purnubatia lands,
had cost nearly Rs. 6. per para. In the mean time orders from
your Office having been received that limestone at Vadhaswarani
would be required for Ancient works and that no quarry sit-
uating to the Range should on no account be visited there,
your Memorialist has proceeded to Gaja. Mahabar and found
new quarries, and wherein 590 gars of lime excavated and
of which 223 gars of limestone, brought in by bullock carts
to Duggiratala and 110 and odd gars of limestone has also
been brought into the vicinity of main Canal and Sphuram
and the remainder is remaining at the quarries at Gaja. your
Memorialist most respectfully begs to submit that from the
commencement of the Ancient, limestone has been excavated, by
daily coolies and on contract, teners by measurement with
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para measured your Memorialist has pursuant to the existing
practice obtained agreements from parties, and thus the lime
supplied. In the course of this long space of time Mr. Hopkins
has proceeded often to the quarries, and inspected the excavation
and measurement of limestone, ultimately when Mr. Hopkins
has had the limestone at Duggiratala measured by one of his
confidential men by name B. Honick 130 gars of limestone
instead of 138. 1. as ought to be according to the accounts has
been found. This measurement is now in the Range Office, but
Captain Hasted on his proceeding to measure up the limestone,
he has measured with tape (a measure which is not ever
known or ever presented to, in this part of the Country, since the
commencement of the original Krishna Ancient construction)
which yielded a return of only 110 gars 59 p. 10. assuming this
to be a genuine one, the limestone in other places has been heaped
and comparatively similarly measured, where, by a good deal
of discrepancy has ensued. Captain Hasted then asked your
Memorialist, to furnish him with an account of the cost for the
quantity of stone actually found with his tape measurement,
your Memorialist then made out an account of the proportionate
cost for such output as per Column H. 6 according to the total
cost in Column H. 5. whereupon, Captain Hasted has allowed
at 15 & 10 per cents amounting to 30 gars 18 Para. in total for
wear and tear, for which the only allowed value of excavation
at Rs. 1 1/4 per garce, instead of the whole cost as ought to
have been the case and on the whole he has arrived at the
final

final judgment of recovering from your Memorialist Rs 180. 2. 9.

5. From the 1st commencement of the Krishna
Ancient limestone was being supplied to Solanagarum from
Vadaswaram quarry, where 7 Paras of limestone measured and
carried on bandies at Vadaswaram quarry, it has been got in at
1 1/2 & 1 1/2 paras at Solanagarum. This has been previously
ascertained by Messrs Scott & Munro, and when it had
got out to the other side of the river, a much more diminu-
tion in quantity was bargained and yet the cartage was
allowed for quantity of lime originally carried on bandies
at the quarries and not on actual out turn yielded at the kiln.

The truth of this statement will be substantiated
if a reference is made to the existing records prepared in
the hand writing of Mr. Woods. If you see, you may
make a reference to the effect to the present. I must inform
and thus it would be manifest that Captain Hasted has
erred in overlooking the permission required as shown in
Column II. For instance, when a large quantity of logs
timber, oil or any other like articles are brought into any
place for which value of the article and cartage charges were
originally incurred and after a considerable period and after
a good deal of expenditure of the original quantity, there has
caused some decrease, which ultimately is usually allowed
as wastage. In doing which, it may be considered whether
original price alone is permitted and permitted with all
charges together.

6. Your Memorialist moreover submits that Captain
Hasted, having erred in taking into his notice 6 1/2 paras

of limestone in measuring the quantities at Apperaint, your
Memorialist has found it and informed to Captain Hasted
and that Officer acknowledged it to be a genuine error but in allowing
it he has added the cost of excavation alone. Hence permission
being charged for cartage of amounting to Rupees 23. 11. 1.
have been overlooked. moreover, in allowing wastage it would
have been imperative on the part of Captain Hasted to allow
wear and tear on the quantity of limestone originally brought
into Duggirala amounting to Rs 21. 3. and of which some
was burnt and some remaining, but instead of this he allowed
for wastage only for the quantity now remaining at Duggirala
and without distinction he also made an allowance of Rs 34. 10.
as for wastage for quantity already used and therefore to this
sum Rupees 130. 2. 1. are required to be permitted and deducting
from which Rupees 31. 10. as shown above, leaves Rs 98. 8. 1.
which is apparently overlooked and on the whole Rs 265. 8. 1.
as per Column III. are legitimately required to be permitted
which are inadvertently apparently overlooked.

If this is deducted from the sum of Rupees 180. 2. 9
adjudged by Captain Hasted to be recovered, leaves only Rs 214. 10. 9.

7. With reference to this Rs 214. 10. 9. your Mem-
orialist respectfully begs that this is due to the discrepancy
between the measurement with para measure and with kist. To
this cause your Memorialist asserts, that 1st 1/2 paras at a
cost of Rs 232. 12. 6. are no doubt to be increased in the quantity
remaining and your Memorialist will therefore be bound responsible
to

respectfully begs that a favorable view of all the above facts may be taken and graciously be pleased to grant the legitimate remission and also order that an agreement may be executed from your Memorialist for difference of quantity between para and tape measurement or order to refund to your Memorialist the 250 Rupees he has already paid and thus support him exonerating himself from obligation of making good of unjust losses

10. That should you consider this to be invalid, he begs that pending measurement of limestone, and the result known of the difference of Rs 214. 10. 9. as shown in Column N-15, he begs that order may be issued to place the money paid by him in deposit without bringing it to the credit of Government.

11. That if your honor would not be willing to concede to any of the above prayers, he begs to say that all the stone remaining may be made over to him, who would purchase wood out of his pocket money, burn out the Churnam and deliver to Government according to the rate yielded for the Churnam prepared by Sanat Superintendent at Thathasuram or 1 Dege rate for all the quantity of limestone now remaining, the price of which may be ordered to be paid to your memorialist after deducting the money now remaining unadjusted, on account of Churnam or he will procure any one to engage with a contract to the effect.

12. In conclusion your Memorialist begs that the limestone was excavated by coolies, but not by any respectable Contractor and the limestone was carted on by handies of very many

5. to show to any one you may be pleased to direct the above quantity with para measurement either in pouring into the pit or in deposit to other place. If your honor would not be pleased to send to the matter, your memorialist respectfully begs to request that he is responsible to deliver the quantity as above to any one in the panna are over and in doing which, if your memorialist would not be able to show the same as above stated being difference between para measurement and with tape he will be ready to bear the extra expense attending on the measurement at the place from his pocket.

8. Independently of all doubts I believe I could give you the numerous persuasions of Mr. Khan in his apparently correct or deciding the matter negatively. I believe should has been mentioned to your memorialist that in the event of his death, he will put on himself in the matter of collection and preserve that all the money as he has advanced may be permitted to the Panna Officer within 12 days which, he will consider your memorialist as decided matter and bring the matter to your notice. Submitting at this your memorialist a public account of more than 12 years standing and who has got a large family of dependents on his provision, that such report would no doubt allow your utter displeasure he has resorted in procuring a loan of Rs 3 and paid to that Officer on the 21 October 1883. Col. Khan. I believe has also ordered that the rest should be paid at 20% and first instalment Rs 50 has already been paid.

9. Under all

many villages and numerous other necessary charges also were incurred. If this is insisted on, not a pie of this money would be recovered from any party and the disobeying subordinates & memorialist would have unjustly bear the loss.

5th October 1863

My dear Sir

Your most Obedt Servant

Sir J. P. Madava Rao

Datta Superintendent

True Copy

Sir J. P. Madava Rao

Late Datta Superintendent

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Appendix C

Range Office
Dooergalla
30 June 1865

Received
15 July 1865

No 75

From Lieutenant H. M. Vibart R.E.
Officer in Charge of 1st Range

To The Superintending Engineer 2^d Division

Sir,

On the 29th, 30th, 31st May and 1st June, I inspected and measured the work done to the widening between Navandruw-padd and Vallabaspuram and I much regret that I am compelled to state that I was very far from satisfied with the work done.

2. In March 1864 the Channel was about 8 yards in width at sole and the late Superintending Engineer directed me to proceed at once with the widening to 15 yards at sole, the work was entrusted to two Contractors. At the end of April I found them to be so much behind hand with the work, that I deemed it advisable that the work should be continued under the Superintendence of Madava Row. Delta Superintendent the work was carried out much more rapidly under him and before the Channel was opened (early in July) the first yard done (or nearly so) and portion of the 2^d knowing that the Channel would have silted up a good deal during the season. I directed Madava Row to take very careful measurements of the depth of the Channel so that we might know

precisely

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precisely what work was to be done, during the present season; this he did, and framed an estimate by making use of the levels previously taken by apprentice Nagarcole.

I intended at first as I had numerous works to inspect, to simply check the work here and there, but on the first day I found such considerable deficiencies that I determined to measure the whole.

I had given very strict injunctions both to the Delta Superintendent and to the Munsif that the crop bands were not to be removed until I had inspected the work. I found on the contrary that in great number of places, the left part of the crop bands had been removed, and only that portion in the 3rd yard left, so that it was in great many instances absolutely impossible for me to verify the breadth with any accuracy. Thus, although I might consider perhaps that the widening in the 3rd yard was only 8 yards, still I was unable to reply to the statement that it was 8½ or 9 yards.

Under these circumstances I carefully measured the depth of each pit through out the Channel and found that out of 112 pits (each 100 yards in length) only eight had been measured correctly (Five pits near Vallabapuram. I omitted to measure) the differences in depths were in some instances small, thus, in 16 pits the differences varied only from 1 to 3 inches, but in 25 the differences varied from 4 to 6 inches, and in 16 cases I found the pits wanting depths from 6 inches to 1 foot and 31 of these the depths fell short by more than ½ yard, for nearly ½ mile, the deficiencies were more than 1 foot and 3 instances the pits were

over measured by ½ yard (altogether 300 yards).

The total deficiency amounts (by depths alone) to the large amount of 11517 cubic yards, and as the rate paid for the 3rd yard was 10.20 this represents a sum of Rs 1058. 8. 6 to which should be added, a sum of Rs 1000 intended for bringing the total deficiency up to 11000 Musses, or about 12½ per Cent, but I have no reason to suppose that the breadth have been measured with greater accuracy, more especially as the crop bands were removed after very stringent orders to the contrary.

No inaccuracies could possibly have occurred with reference to the length of the Channel, as the whole was at the beginning of 1864 carefully measured with the chain by apprentice Nagarcole, when he was engaged in taking the levels of the banks.

I have two more complaints to make with reference to this work, the first as regards the rates and the second concerning corrections made in the pit books.

At the time the Estimate was framed (it was drawn up simply for the satisfaction of the Superintending Engineer) 1 Anna was allowed and thought sufficient, it was found however that although the first yard could be done for that amount, yet for the 2nd unless the rate was increased labour would be procured (if at all) with the greatest difficulty. The Delta Superintendent informed me of this, and as far as I can remember (and I am tolerably confident that my memory is correct) I directed him to pay 1 Anna 1 pie for the

2^d yard and 1 Anna 2 pie for the 3^d. It is impossible for me to prove this, as the order was not given in writing, though the accuracy of my memory is to a certain extent borne out, by the fact that he (Madava Row) actually paid only one Anna 1 pie for work done in the 3^d half yard to the extent of 13000 yards.

11. My notion is that the Delta Superintendent finding that he would have less difficulty in procuring labour and if he increased the rate 1 Anna 2 pie and fearing that if he referred the matter to me I should refuse consent increased the rate himself trusting to the fact that my order was not in writing.

12. In some instances he has paid 1 Anna 8 pie for a certain length of a cut for the 3^d half yard and for the remaining length (which was done subsequently) he has paid 1 Anna 7 2 pie.

13. If he could get so much as 13000 cubic yards done at 1 Anna 1 pie in the 3^d yard. I think he could have done at least the whole of the 3^d half yard at 1 Anna 1 pie.

14. I propose therefore to recover the amount over paid, allowing 1 Anna 1 pie for 3^d half yard and allowing his rate (1 Anna 2 pie for the 1st 1/2 yard. This recovery will amount to Rs 62.

15. Now with regard to the alterations made in the first Books. I enclose them for your information. you will observe that they have been kept in rather a slovenly

manner. I have marked all the places where alterations have been made with a cross (thus) these alterations evince great carelessness to say the least.

16. I am not inclined to recommend that any remedy should be shown to the Delta Superintendent. As this is not the first time that a deficiency has been discovered in his accounts.

17. Just before I took over charge Captain Hasted. Secy. Superintending Engineer's Memorandum No 97 dated 11th December 1863 found a deficiency in the fund account and the Superintending Engineer's order was promissory. Madava Row and directed him to refund Rs 180.

18. In other respects I am not altogether satisfied with Madava Row, on my measuring the clearance between Kuchipudy and Deogiralia. I ordered him to recover 50 or 60 Rs, thinking that he had paid too great a depth for several fathoms and on my examining the Minor Irrigation Channels. I found that in some instances a sufficient number of cross bunds had not been left. Although I had been very particular to give strict orders on the subject.

19. Probably a moderate period of suspension would meet the case accompanied by an order to refund the amount over paid.

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I enclose a Memo. showing the amount I would propose that Madava Now should be required to refund.

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I wish to add that in calculating the deficiency I have invariably compared my measurements with the list of the Delta Superintendent. Thus where the Delta Superintendent has in the same pit of 100 yds. one depth in one portion and a greater in the remainder, I have always taken the smaller to compare with my own; thus in pit No 62 for 75 yards 1' 8 1/2" yard done 1' 11" in
for 25 yards 1' 8 1/2" yards done 1' 11" in
total 7' 0" m 3
my measurement 6' 6"

The difference I have taken in my calculations is 6" only for the whole 100 yards.

I have the honor to be Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant

Sigs/ H. M. Vibart Lieut. R.E.

Assistant Engineer

MEMO.

Deficiency found 11,517 Cubic Yards
in a total of 118,700 or about
12 1/2 per Cent.

Allow 5 per Cent for errors of measurements, the errors in the depths having alone been taken into consideration in the calculations then 1/5 of 11,517 will be number of Cubic Yards for which money should be refunded.

refunded, or 2,310 Cubic Yards at Annas 1.2.

Amount 635 = 1 = 8
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add for unperf. rate for 2 1/2% 65 = " = "
732 = " = " (Sigs/ H. M. Vibart Lt. Asst. Engr)

(True Copy) H. M. Vibart
MEMO.

Forwarded to Madava Now who is directed to send a written reply to the undersigned within 5 Days or to reach this Office on the 10th Instant without fail.

Sigs/ H. M. Vibart Lieut.

By Command of
15th July 1865

Assistant Engineer R.E.

(True Copy)

Sigs/ L. M. devar Now

Delta Superintendent

Appendix D In No 1280/69^{23 1/2 31}
To Lieutenant H. M. Tibart R. E.
Assistant Engineer R. D.

Most honored Sir,

With reference to your foot note No 77
attached to your letter to the Superintending Engineer
No 75 I beg to send my reply as follows:

2 With regard to para 5 about Cross bands
I beg to submit that the Channel widening being in an
incomplete state at the beginning of this season I had occa-
sion of leaving more than 100 Cross bands instead of 125
being the whole number of pits of the length of Channel.
But your honor was not pleased to make time by ex-
amination. I had afraid should I leave numerous number
of Cross bands the men who dug these pits originally, will
not remove them till the whole depth of that pit of the
Channel is completed, and in that case the removal thereof
will incur at least some additional expenses to Government.
I have therefore reduced the number of Cross bands to 125
or at least to six sixths of the whole of the number of 100
yards pits of the Canal. These Cross bands were to the full
depth for the whole work done this year except in a very
few cases, by the time of your examination to illustrate this.
I enclose a list of cost incurred in removing these Cross bands
those dug by the men then remaining there removed thence
without additional expense, while others were paid from the
money

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money withheld, from these men, left the work, and also something paid from my own pocket.

3. Touching the latter part of 5th Para regarding the difference in breadth, I beg to submit that you will observe, that in N^o 18 and 19 only, the breadths were a little in excess of the Estimate while in 2 other cases, the work was carried out in quite accordance with the Estimate in which only the breadths were entered above 8 yards. This is due to the exhibition of breadths for each half yard in feet (locks and) on the average of the total depth and breadth have not exceeded 8 yards. In the former case 57 cubic yards appear to have been over paid and in the latter in the average nothing over paid.

4. As regards para 6 regarding deficiency said to have been found in measurements. I beg to state the reason that I was originally ordered by you to stretch a rope across both sides of Channel, which is 70 feet broad & take measurements of work remaining to be done. Accordingly took measurements of the Channel for each number of fathoms in 3 different places stretching rope across the Channel, and took an average depth and breadth of the 3 places and entered in my estimate, while I was thus doing and finished 20 fms. you have paid

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paid a pint to the work on the 10th January & checked a few numbers of the 20 and you declared, that some numbers are correct and that in some numbers there are slight differences, and therefore ordered me to take measurements of the depth and breadth of each number in 3 or 4 places and take the average for both depth and breadth. I have then acted in conformity with your orders framed out the Estimate. But in my taking the measurements I have stretched the rope on both sides of the Channel on even places, now in your taking measurements you have avoided these places in which I originally stretched the rope across and to the rope stretched in other places you wished for measure, the southern bank of the Channel in many places being some what low than further on and the rope stretched on that side, just at that very low place, the rope was therefore bent there, and as the depth is taken the rope was therefore bent there, and as the depth is taken between the bed of Channel and the rope bent, the deficiency is therefore due in a great measure to this cause, moreover on the northern side from 1 to 35, just from the bank of the Channel for about 3 or 4 yards, the ground was in a slope down to the mouth. At the time of the Estimate it was made, I stretched rope on that high ground and at the time of the work done, the rope was stretched on the proper

pieces, on the same high ground, as you have stretched the rope in Lanka, where the ground is low, the difference is due in most to this. Even supposing you consider that you did not bend the rope, and that you stretched it quite perpendicularly on proper level. I beg to submit as I have originally stretched the rope on even places on both sides in making Estimate without taking into consideration about the level of rope. I have similarly measured the work and paid. By thus doing there is no loss to Government, but the difference between your measurements and my measurements is solely due in changing the places for stretching the rope. I have also represented about the change of the places in 2 or 3 places, you were quite angry with me and did not pay attention to what I represented but completed the measurements in the manner as you pleased. I enclose herewith 3 Sketches of the Channel section. The mark x is the place where I stretched the rope and the mark o is the place where you stretched it. I beg further to submit that if you would have checked my Estimate as soon as it is received in your Office and found my way of measuring, there would have been no necessity for such a difference, as you have not done the same in time and at last you have changed my original places of measurements and took your own way, the same cause of the difference is due

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due to this cause. If levels of the depths of the Channel, completed in comparison of those originally taken by Nagavale, are taken with a levelling instrument, there would have been no necessity for such a complaint, neither of these were done in this case. I beg further to add that this is not a new channel or clearing a old channel in which new cuttings or clearing to a certain depth is required on proper level. In either case it will not be so difficult as the present one to know the exact quantities of work done. As in this, where the Channel is in such an incomplete state, it would no doubt be quite impossible to know the same without proper levels taken or without personal inspection from beginning to end.

5. With respect to the deficiency of Rs. 517 Rupees and that together with Superintendence said to be amounted to Rupees 1100. I beg to state as I have in former particularized my reasons for the measurements alone, I rather consider it superfluous to argue on this point. The Superintendent did not exceed 2 percent on the expenditure and I see no reason why more than 2 percent is added for that item.

6. As respects our rates said to have been paid I beg to state that you have never given me any order, that I should pay 1 Anna 1 Pie. for 2 yards and 1 Anna 2 Pie. for 3 yards. On the 30th January when you came to inspect the work

work, and also when you have examined my accounts and Station Books for February, you have already said that I should pay 1 Anna 2 Pice for 2 yard and as 3 yard is not fully to be cut the same rate of 1 Anna 2 Pice is ample for the said yard of depth.

I beg to state that in January and February it was the 1st beginning of the men collecting and if 1 Anna 2 Pice were paid to men for the third half yard, other people would not agree to excavate the 1st half yard at that rate, if there were who excavate 3 half yard would run away. I have therefore paid 1 Anna 1 Pice for 3 half yard until the end of February or until I have belief that they would uninterruptedly keep on the work and from that time I have paid even for the 3 half yard 1 Anna 2 Pice, the average is a little above 1 Anna 1 1/2 P. a cubic yard even for the third yard. I paid only 1 Anna 2 Pice without any increase though in contrary to the custom heretofore followed.

I beg further to state that in both South Bank and Station Books abstracts if I used to show the distinction between 1st yard widening and silt and 2 yard widening and silt and also 3 yard widening and silt and also the different rates paid for them and you have

have always seen them if you think at any time that I have paid over rates, you would have made a remark in the Cash Book. As you used to do in many similar cases. They moreover to state that both in this Range and in other Ranges, it is usual to pay 2 Pice more to the 2 yard than 1st yard.

If you would have given such an order, the land digger may have made a great profit. For example, the land diggers have not consented to your rate for new Lock excavation and you are aware of this.

With regard to the careless way of the pit Books kept. I beg to state, that these books were used to be with the Gunniastas constantly on the work, and consequently they are not in proper order as they are exposed to the weather. On measuring the work I found in certain places that the depths shown in the Estimate, were not as exact as should be. I therefore altered them in pencil and the Gunniasta in writing made some of them blots. In some places the mistakes occurred in entering Estimate plans in the pit Books which were corrected. The corrections in clearing pit books is due to my originally taking measurements with rope, while there was water in the Channel and subsequently I find when work done that there were some high spots than originally anticipated.

I had occasion to alter them and moreover in the 1st yard the ground was slopy and therefore I have altered the depths of the clearing of 1st yard.

8. With regard to the recovery made for the deficiency said to have been found in lime accounts.

I beg to state that Mr. Hawkins, through the instigation of my enemies (who were his friends) misapplied the lime and took false measurements in contravention of the practice existed in Buzoorah and Vaddaswarum and also to the provisions of the agreements taken by Bandyman &c. according to which the measurements should be with para measure, instead of heap measurement with tape and he has induced Captain Hunter to follow to this course, who has also omitted to allow wastage including carriage here of the lime stone from the quarries. I had at a loss to sustain this. Had I in time appealed this to Government where Colonel Orr who is well aware of all about lime manufacture at the time when the Ancient built, was then Secretary, I had expected, I would get redress. I had however afraid should do so. I will be at variance with the Superintending Engineer, and which would perhaps discourage my interests and therefore collected the money from the Bandyman and Gymastan, who residing in the neighbourhood of this place.

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9. With regard to the recovery of Rupees 50 or 60 made for work done in clearing between Duggirala & Kuchipudi I beg to state that the soil settles when dry will swell and when damp will sink down just before your measurements, rain was fallen and consequently the sides sloped down and on your examination with rope, slight deficiency in depths was found. As at that time workmen being present I received the money from them Rupees 19: 8: 8.

10. With regard to the removal of Crope bands in branch Channels, I beg to state that after they were commenced, orders were given to stop them for want of funds, the workmen thinking that unless they removed Crope bands, they will not be paid and did so. This negligence is due to the Gymastan and subsequently all the Crope bands were well preserved.

11. With regard to the recovery you proposed to make from me, I beg to state that during the time the work in progress, you have inspected the work two or three times. On the 25th March, when you have inspected the widening and clearing the old Channel at 11th 2 1/2 ft. you then asked me, when I have sketched the rope and I pointed out to you the place accordingly in the same place you have sketched the rope, you said there was 1 or 2 inches difference and I then said that this difference is due to the length of the rope sketched from one side to another you have coincided with me, you are aware from the proposal of Cash brot &c that I was making not less than two payments a month and had you had examined the work at any time of your inspection

and behold me.

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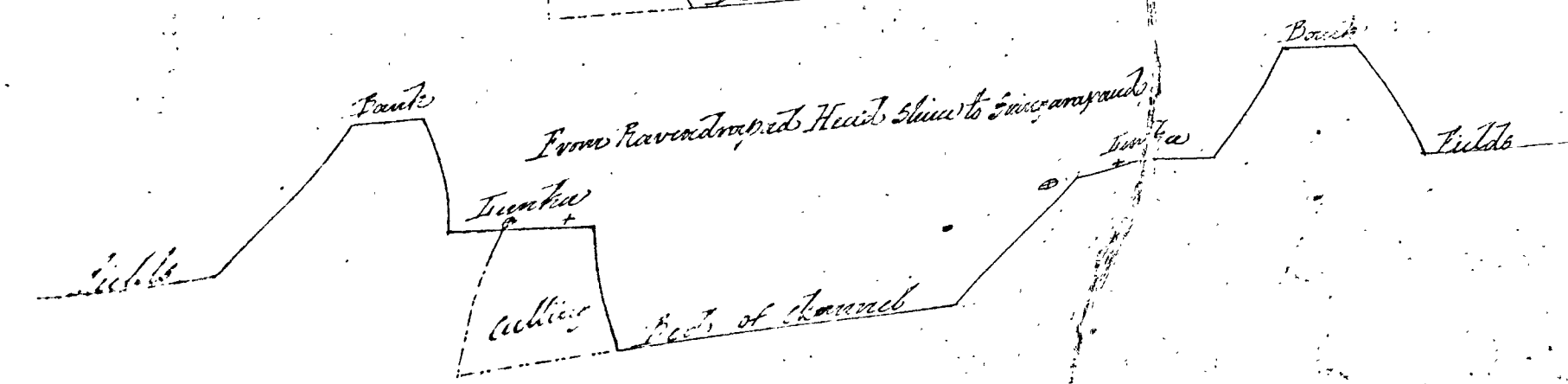
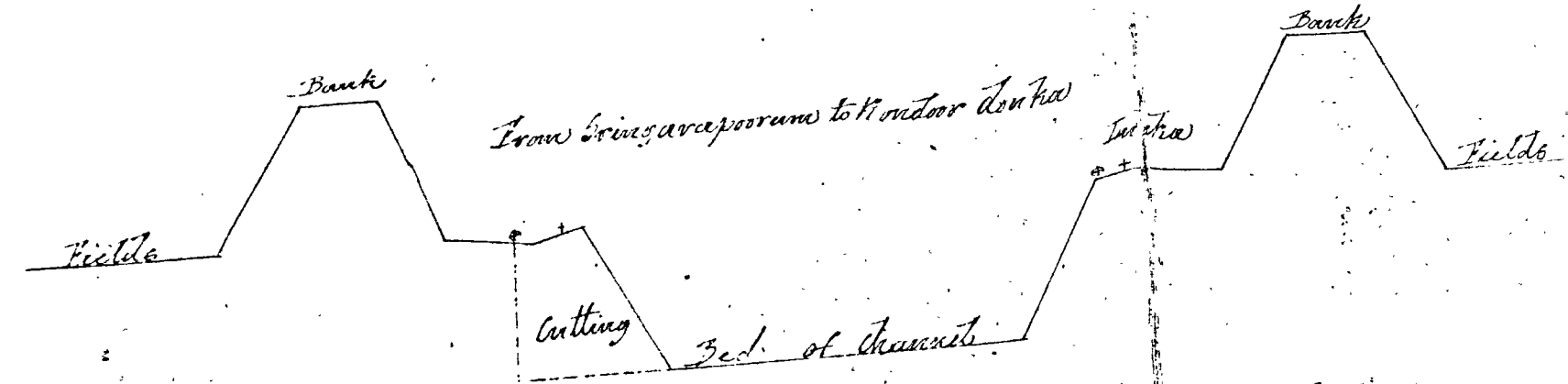
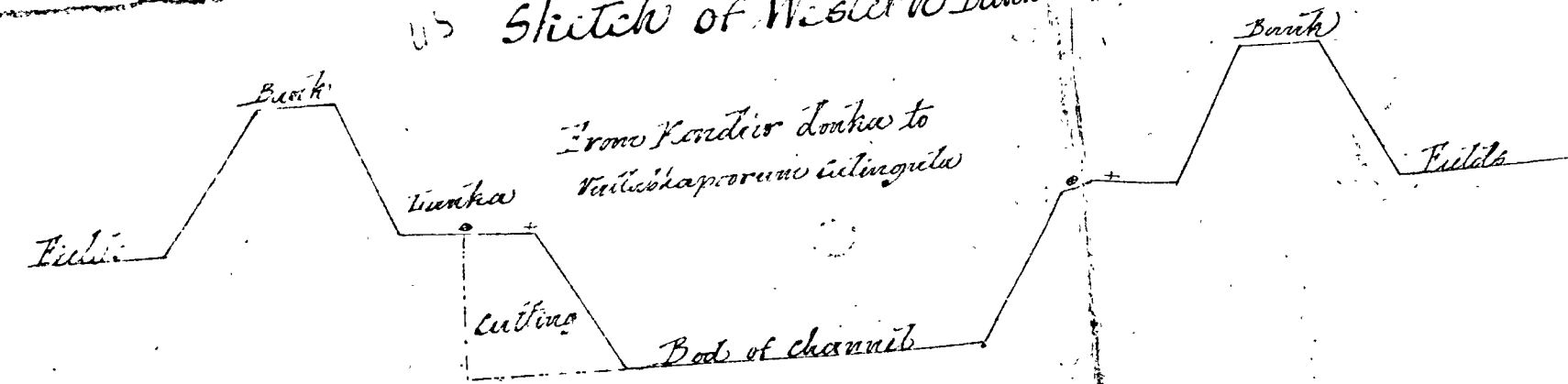
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and let me any difference you may have found I could have recovered the same from the workmen either by recovering in cash and withholding the amount from the next payment. This has not been done. The work was commenced in January and closed at the end of April. During the time in February more than 2. Dozins of rain and in April more than 3. Dozins of 3 times being very heavy fall, which caused the water out and deposited the earth in Channel, you have inspected at the end of May and proposed to recover money at the end of June, you may therefore consider how the money could possibly be collected from any one now. It is only your order that some money should be withheld for the removal of crop bunds, I have done so, when you have given the order to open the Channel, I paid the same money for the removal of these mounds and yet I was obliged to pay Rs. 15. 3. out of my pocket for their total removal as the amount withheld originally being insufficient. If you would have given order about any deficiency I would have withheld the last payment and I see therefore now no way to recover the deficiency now said to be found.

As I am old servant, I had afraid lest any prejudice may occur towards my pension and consequently I am always very careful in my work and obedient to my Superior and you are aware of this and I attribute this complaint to my misfortune. I therefore beg your honor will be pleased to take a favorable view of my case

Sketch of Western Bank



+ Kistavara's measurements
o Dist. V. 10.5

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Statement Showing the Deficiency between work performed and the Estimate of 2 1/2 days

Particulars	Estimate				work performed				Deficiency				Amount	Remarks
	L	B	D	C	L	B	D	C	C	C	C	C		
8	100	3 1/3	1-0-0	333	62	2	1-0-0	124						3 1/2
					38	4	0-1-6	76						3 1/2
					38	8 1/2	0-1-6	161						4 1/2
								368	28	-	2	-	8	
41	100	7 3/4	0-1-6	387	100	8 1/3	1-6	416	29	-	2	1	10	4 1/2
94	100	8	0-1-3	333	50	8 1/3	0-1-3	174						
					50	7 1/2	0-1-3	156						
								330						
									57		4	2	6	

Remarks on Delta Superint. Letter.

The Delta Superintendents assertion in para 2. that he was afraid his leaving the Cross bands would save additional expense to Government is nonsense. As he always assures me that he retains in deposit a sum from each pit for the very purpose of removing these bands. but my complaint was not so much that the number of bands was insufficient. As that the top portions had in some instances been cut away, & as to prevent my measuring the breadth of the 1st yard, and 2^d notwithstanding my repeated and stringent orders to the contrary. I did not recommend that any money should be made on this account but stated simply that the removal of these bands (the upper portion) rendered it an impossibility to me to find out the exact width of the 1st and 2^d yards.

2. In para 4 I made and make no complaint with reference to the Estimate. The Delta Superintendent says in measuring that he stretched the rope in even places - if he means by this that he stretched the rope horizontally, as he should have done, his statement is not true. I took much care in measuring and as I mentioned in my letter invariably compared my measurements with the least of Madava's River. I measured the Channel every hundred yards, nearly opposite to each

peg.

5. Of course no more than the actual percentage paid should be added to the deficiency. my putting it at 5 per Cent may be an oversight easily rectified by examining the Accounts.

6. With regard to this para I have nothing further to add beyond what I stated in my original letter except that perhaps the Delta Superintendent misunderstood me, and he had better perhaps have the benefit of the doubt on this point.

9. On my measuring the clearance between Katurarum and Kuchipudy I made ample allowances for every thing and, I am firmly of opinion that had I recommended it earlier I should have directed the Delta Superintendent to recover a larger sum.

11. Once when inspecting the work while in progress I cautioned the Delta Superintendent when 2 yards should be furnished to measure the depth from the top (so as to include both pits) from which he could deduct 1st yard and thus clearly see that the 2nd yard had really been done to its full depth, this I did, because, I observed several pits supposed to be furnished to 2nd yard, which appeared to be wanting that depth by 2 or 3 Inches. I took my measurements invariably 5 or 6 yards from the lip of the bank, so that there

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might be no pretence for saying that the rain had washed in any earth from the slopes.

The Channel is now nearly 70 feet at top, and as I measured, say 20 feet from edge, with rope horizontal to make a difference of 5' the rope at the other bank would have to be nearly 1. times 5 or 2 feet above the horizontal.

It is hard to believe that he paid money from his own pocket for the removal of Cross bunds, if he did so, he must have over paid the original men for the work they had done or else he would have had in his own hands sufficient for the removal.

From this Memo. regarding Cross bunds I observed that he paid throughout only one anna - per cubic yard, yet these Mounds were almost entirely in the 2nd and 3rd yards.

I did not give any order regarding the withholding money for removal of Cross bunds, it was his usual custom to do so, besides, I am well aware (not to speak of the Delta Superintendent's considerable experience in earth work) would dictate such a step.

The only alteration that I think should be made in my suggestions, or that the Delta Superintendent should have the benefit of the doubt, regarding the rate

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and that the amount of percentage to be recovered, should agree precisely with that charged in the accounts.

The deficiency found by me amounted to about 12 1/2 per cent. I allowed 5 per cent for errors as a margin and I think that margin is sufficient.

1st Range Office
Dugiralla
15th July 1865

Sgt. Yenny. Vibart Lt M.E.
Assistant Engineer M.E.

True Copy

Sgt. M. Madava Rao
Late Delta District

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Appendix F. In No 1280/67
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Memo.

In his letter No 95 of 30th June, Lieutenant Vibart the Officer in charge of 1st Range, brings to notice, the inaccurate measurements of Delta Superintendent to Madava Rao suspected in widening the western bank channel.

This letter having been forwarded to Madava Rao in order that he may explain as far as possible, the alleged inaccuracies he has replied at length in a letter dated 10th July 1865.

Lieutenant Vibart forwards remarks on the Delta Superintendent's letter in a Memo dated 16th July 1865.

I have very carefully read over these documents and duly considered both the charges on one side and the explanations on the other. There is no kind of work, which affords an adequate opportunity for fraud than earth work, and therefore it is most necessary that the executive Officer's orders should be strictly carried out. This Madava Rao has clearly not done and has in consequence rendered it impossible to verify the breadth of his cuttings. With regard to the depths, the statement made by Madava Rao that he measured differently to Lieut. Vibart furnishes insufficient excuse for it. Lieut. Vibart's method of having horizontal measurements given to him in one case, as in that where the bank slopes from the top, it would give the reverse when the ground slopes to the top.

But Madava Now's measurements, are all in excess all to the disadvantage of the Government, and the profit of the diggers or himself. This circumstance in itself is most suspicious, but I am not of opinion that actual fraud can be charged upon him in a Court of Law, unless it could be proved that the sums charged were not paid to the workmen, or that he had again received money from the Widders. It is further to be noted that Scott Tibbatts' measurements, are compared with the least of Madava Now, so that the latter has every advantage afforded him. The deficiency caused by these measurements is Rupees 752. -

5. I further note that this is not the first time Madava Now has been accused by his Stingo Officer Captain Hasted, a great deficiency in his time accounts, and Colonel Anderson, the then Superintending Engineer, ordered him to pay up Rupees 280. 2. 9 the value of Chumant not accounted for by him, which Madava Now did and on his Mand. No 297 dated 11th December 1863. On this matter Colonel Anderson stigmatizes the Datta Superintendents conduct in the matter as very suspicious, and recommends that in future he should be trusted with no work which could not be checked by prompt measurements.

6. I am also aware that Madava Now's reputation for honesty among the Officers of the Department has for long been at a low ebb.

7. Under these circumstances I deem it my duty to dismiss Datta Superintendent Madava Now from Government employ, and request the Orders of Government as to whether his

deposit

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deposit of Rupees 200, amounting now with interest to Rupees 225) shall be returned as a fraction of the loss, which is inefficiency, if not dishonesty has caused. That I have will be decided also to retain any arrears of pay now due to Madava Now, until further orders.

Supt. H. W. Vincent Lieut. Col. R. E.
Superintending Engineer

Manufacturing }
10th Aug. 1863 }

(True Copy)

Supt. Henry M. Tibbatts Lieut. R. E.
Assistant Engineer R. E.

(True Copy)

Supt. R. P. Madava Now
Lieut. Datta Superintendent.

To
Colonel L. A. Orr
Secretary to Government,
Department of Public Works.
Sec. Sec. Sec.

Respected Sir

In accordance with your Envoisement
no 1280 of the 27th May 1867 on my Petition
dated 11th May 1867, I beg to submit the
accompanying Memorial with its Enclosures
in triplicate to the Right Honorable the
Secretary of state for India and I beg
most earnestly that you will be good
enough to lay this with its entire
Correspondence before the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council in order to
expedite its despatch to the Home
Government.

I beg to remain
Sir
your most Obedt Servt

R Madhava Rao
Late Delta Superintendant
Mistna District

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