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No. 80. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bezwarah, 2nd October 1869, No. 96 :—

IN reply to G. O., No. 2,862, 1st September 1869, I have the honour to report that, previous to writing my letter, dated 6th August, I had had no opportunity of discussing with Lieutenants Edgcome and Smith the subject of Mr. Kelly's defalcations. I expressed, however, my opinion on the matter to Lieutenant Edgcome, and he replied in his No. 146, copy of which I forwarded; and, believing that these documents had fully stated the matter, I refrained from remarks which I thought would be trenching on the powers of Government.

Lieutenant Edgcome's letter, No. 200, of 29th September 1869.
Lieutenant Smith's letter, No. 389, of 27th September 1869, with three enclosures.

2. I enclose other letters which I have since received from Lieutenants Edgcome and Smith, and beg to offer remarks from personal discussion.

3. It appears that, at the commencement of the season, the work was regularly laid out; that, as it progressed, both officers had reason to find fault with Mr. Kelly for neglect in keeping up the land-marks and in sending in his accounts, vouchers for advances, &c. Both officers assert that I was wrong in supposing that they did not eventually get the latter—the Government have, however, come to the same conclusion from the same papers.

4. They state that the papers were always delayed, and that much pressure was required to get reports; and that there was the same trouble every month, but it only referred to the papers then due: both officers attributed all these shortcomings to Mr. Kelly's youth and inexperience.

5. The work was being carried out under difficulties depending on the season at its commencement; rain in hollows would prevent any continued digging; afterwards in spots there was exceptionally hard earth, which it was necessary to postpone the cutting of till rain fell; or, in the case of the widening of Ryves' Canal, more or less interruptions occurred by the necessity for passing water in the old bed.

6. In consequence of this, the pits were dug very irregularly; and payments were allowed to be made on account, till the whole line was cleared continuously, the Range Officer could measure, and the balance be paid.

7. With a more experienced Overseer continuing to allow such irregularities, Lieutenant Edgcome would have been more suspicious; but knowing the difficulties of dealing with tank diggers, who can find employment in numerous other places, and feeling that he had a new man, with a limited working season, he was fearful of pressing for too much neatness and accuracy, not having any suspicion of dishonesty.

8. As the season drew to a close, Lieutenant Edgcome commenced the measurements of the pits, rough as they were, to square the accounts; and then Mr. Kelly absconded.

9. From the examination of the work it turned out that Mr. Kelly had entered too large quantities as set forth in Statement A. to a total amount of Rupees 3,392-11-3, and that, for the amount actually done and materials provided,

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he had paid Rupees 1,494-12-2 less than the sums entered in his cash book. In this
Vide Statement C. he had charged Rupees 3,436-0-2; but
only received Rupees 1,941-4-0, and vouchers to only this amount were forthcoming.

10. Statement B. shows advances said to have been made in May; but no
vouchers accompanied them, and he absconded on the 3rd June, when they
became due.

11. Mr. Kelly joined the department with a very high character from the Civil
Engineering College: he had shown considerable intelligence and anxiety to give
satisfaction, and, therefore, both Lieutenants Edgcome and Smith were induced to
be more lenient, and to allow for the difficulties of a young beginner.

12. It is difficult to say how far, under such circumstances, a Range Officer is
to trust an Overseer. Till shortly before the exposure there had been nothing to
arouse suspicion. On the contrary, work was being done cheaply; and there will,
even with this loss, be probably a saving of Rupees 40,000 on the earth-work alone.

13. I hope that with this explanation the Government will be pleased to allow
me to write off the amount deficient. I feel sure that both the officers concerned
will be more careful how they trust a subordinate with even the best of reputations.

No. 81. ORDER THEREON, 4th November 1869, No. 3,528.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9.

In Proceedings dated 1st September
1869, No. 2,862, His Excellency the
Governor in Council deferred passing
final orders regarding the loss to Government arising from Overseer Kelly's
defalcations until furnished with detailed particulars of the case, which the
Superintending Engineer was accordingly directed to submit, with his opinion as
to the extent to which the Range Officers concerned were responsible.

2. In the letter above recorded the Superintending Engineer replies to this
reference, and submits the explanations of the Range Officers. From these papers
it appears that, though Overseer Kelly was very dilatory in the submission of his
reports and accounts, those officers were disposed to attribute this to his youth and
inexperience, and, knowing that the work was being carried out economically, they
entertained no suspicion of his dishonesty. It was only as the working season drew
to a close that Lieutenant Edgcome considered it necessary completely to measure
up in person the work performed, and that, on his commencing to do this, the true
state of matters was at once disclosed by the flight of the Overseer, who succeeded
in evading arrest, and escaped, it is believed, to Calcutta. On examination it was
found that, by the entry in his accounts of a series of measurements in excess of the
quantity of work actually carried out, and of advances which were unsupport-
ed by vouchers, the Overseer had defrauded Government to the extent of
Rupees 3,392-11-3 and 842-7-6, respectively, while, by further entries in those
accounts of payments to workmen in excess of those which were actually made
and for which vouchers are forthcoming, he has left demands aggregating
Rupees 1,494-12-2 which have now to be adjusted, thus exhibiting a total defalca-
tion of Rupees 5,729-14-11.

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3. Although unable to accept, as altogether satisfactory, the explanations which
Lieutenants Smith and Edgcome have given of the circumstances which led them
to place undue reliance on Mr. Kelly's character, and to forbear for so many months
from taking such measures as would have brought his fraudulent proceedings
immediately to light before serious loss had been sustained, His Excellency the
Governor in Council, in consideration of the very careful and zealous manner in
which both officers have been reported generally to perform their duties, is pleased
to overlook their mistake in the matter under reference, and resolves to sanction
the two sums of Rupees 3,392-11-3 and 842-7-6 being written off to Profit and Loss,
and to authorize the disbursement of Rupees 1,494-12-2 to the workmen to whom
it may be due. It is observed that, notwithstanding these losses, it is expected that
the works on which they have occurred will be completed for the estimated outlay.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R. E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Ed. A. S. Rodgers.

No 200

to Fort Bergrader Range Kintua
Bergrader 29th September 1869

From

Sir A. R. Edgemoor R.E.
Executive Engineer 6th Range

To

Sir C. F. J. Moberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2nd Div

Sir,

Since writing my letter No: 178 dated
7th Instant, I have carefully thought over Taling
Oreman Kelly's defalcations, and have a few further
remarks to offer, notwithstanding the numerous
and exhaustive reports that I have already
written on the subject -

2. In the first place, the defalcation has not
arisen, from the Oreman having been permitted
to make large advances which he could not
recover in the month in which they were
made. The advances made by the Oreman
were only supported by vouchers and
subsequently recovered -

3. The defalcation has arisen from the Oreman
showing in his Cash book for several months
in succession a little more work than
was actually done or paid for, and I
would here point out that it is utterly im-
possible to check entries of this kind, until
the whole of the work executed has been mea-
sured pit by pit.

4. Suppose in a work such as the Rymer
new Cut, that a certain number of pits are
completed and certain others are in and

5. The Range Officer would have no hesitation in accepting an explanation of this kind because the Officer must be trusted and believed in to a certain extent - of course when an Officer proves himself to be an utter scoundrel such as taking Officer Kelly was subsequently found to be - the whole foundation upon which the system of Check in this Department is based, is at once destroyed and I would particularly ask you to bear in mind what a change must necessarily result when a man whom one is expected to consider as truthful, honest, and sober, is proved to be false, dishonest and a drunkard -

because of the rates at which I have succeeded
in working the new cut, there will be a saving
in earth work alone of upwards of Rs 40,000 and
that therefore Government will not be troubled
with a Supplemental Estimate, should they,
as I fully anticipate they will, authorize
taking Orreer Kelly's defalcation to be written
off to profit and loss, and the amount due
to work men to be disbursed to them.

8. In conclusion, as I understood that
 Ben Smith has sent his report to you,
 I beg that you will be good enough to forward
 your final report to Government with as
 little delay as possible, for I need not point
 out what a hardship it will be for me
 if my furlough to Europe is postponed
 because of this defaulting -

Yours most obedt servant

J. Moberly. Le Cal RE
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2^d in Baptista Range office
No 389 Charles 27 September 1889

From
Lieut. H. L. Smith R.E.
Asst. Engineer R. D. D.
To
Lieut. Col. J. I. Macberly R.E.
Superintending Engineer 2^d D.D.

Sir
With reference to your memo
No 902 under O. No 2862 of 1st September
1889 I have the honor to report as follows.
I took over charge of the 6 Range on
the 21st December 1888 from Lieutenant
A. P. Edgome R.E. during the transaction
he informed me that Mr Kelly taking
charge had been repeatedly called
upon to submit certain vouchers prin-
cipally having reference to certain sums
of money advanced on various works.
Owing to my visiting other portions of the
Range and to Mr Kelly's uneasiness
at W. D. D. early in January 1889.
I did not see him until 21st of that
month. I then immediately spoke to

5 Lieutenants
in letter No 96
of 22 September 1889
from the 2^d D.D.
to the 1st D.D.
to the 2^d D.D.
to the 3^d D.D.
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him about the missing vouchers and
he gave as his reason for not having
submitted them before that at the
time he made his first advances
he was not aware of the necessity
of forwarding to the Range Office
vouchers or receipts in support of such
advances. This reason I afterwards
ascertained was false however to
get over the difficulty I ordered him
to obtain receipts at once from the
parties and to ante-date the time of
advance (not that of the receipt) to
the days on which such advances
were made. I must say at this time
I had my suspicions that all was not
right, but when the receipts duly came
to hand, certainly after some delay,
I concluded that the money had been
really advanced and that Mr. Kelly was
merely to blame for excessive negligence
to screen what he had told me was
above falsehood. These vouchers.

were submitted to the Controller of
Public Works Accounts with the monthly
accounts for January (Schedule on at
any rate for February). —
My suspicions of his dishonesty
were thus killed but still looked upon
him as a bad workman and also
was certain that he was given to drinking.
2. With regard to the beehive work
Ryder had said I treated it as I generally
do all bee work; I inspected it on one
or two occasions merely to see the general
progress of the work and therefore I
measured one or two pits occasionally
I never made a thorough examination
of the whole, because the work was
not regularly finished, that is whole
stations at a time, owing to some of
the pits being filled with spring water
which would later in the season dry
up; and I repeatedly ordered the Queen
to make a complete job of these portions
so soon as the water got dry —
3. On the 15 and 16th March I by

myself (for reasons given in accompanying
Copy of letter to Mr Kelly) & assumed the work ^{he 1968 of 10th}
on Ryper's channel widening and I ^{March}
found the work so irregular that I
at once wrote the letter in question.
The report called for the same was rendered
me for on the 24th March 1889 I handed
over charge again to Lieut Edgecumbe
I enclose copies of this report and Lieut
Edgecumbe's letter thereon as per margin ^{Mr Kelly's let}
4th of 29th April
to advise you made during Lieut Edgecumbe
the time I held charge except the ^{he 14 of 24th Oct}
ones which were worked off during the
month in which they were made
I had for a moment suspected
Mr Kelly of downright dishonesty I
would of course at once have ex-
amined the new work minutely
but I merely looked it up as
careless and negligent for which feelings
I repeatedly warned him and as he
was comparatively a young man I
did not like to bring his conduct
to your notice

6 If you think me to blame for
not looking more sharply after Mr Kelly
won't I beg you will take into con-
sideration that it is difficult to believe
that a young man with a good character
from and a good place in the Civil
Engineering College is an utter villain
and also the fact that it is most
difficult to check accurately new work
when not carried out regularly, by
stations at a time; for unless the pits
were sunk and all measured by
the office it would be impossible
to tell whether the amount of work
actually done tallied or not with the
entry in cash book; but of this but
supposing the above minute because
meets to have been made by the
Officer at his own time (which might
be in an ordinary case some days
before the end of the month and closing
of the accounts) and supposing
that he found a deficiency of work
one as per measurements when

Comparing it with the accounts, the
Commissioner would easily explain this by
saying that the other expenditure was
entered after the examination by the
officer and was for work done since
that date or he might say it was
back payment of incomplete jobs.

7 It was in this manner that Dan
Kelly defrauded the Government
and because he was trusted and
believed in for some time, no ordinary
steps were taken to check
the correctness of his work, and he
was able to cheat to the extent that
he did, but at the same time he
must have known that he must
be detected some day when the
work was in a more complete state.

As it is the crisis was brought
about sooner than he expected -
because he by his conduct, laid
himself open to suspicion, and hence
Lieut Edgemoor's careful examination,
and the detection by that officer.

of Dan Kelly's defalcations -
I have the honor to be
Sir

Yours most obt servant
Alfred W. W. W.
Arthur R. W. W.

A. M. C. Kelly
Sup. of Grd. Division

No 1968. Is

Memos.

Mr J. P. Kelly
Saluz Quierin

The Range Officer has inspected the
Rymer Canal widening on 15th & 16th instant
and has the following remarks to make.

1st There was no Jumiasta nor lascar
on the works who appeared to know much
about it and the Jumiasta on the morning
of the 15th attended without pit Books or
measuring rod.

2nd There were hardly any pegs on the works.

3rd Much less has been done than the
Officer was led to suppose.

4th The work done was in many cases
short and badly executed.

5th The earth instead of being thrown away
well outside the bund is thrown
on top of the bund and over it.

With regard to the 1st point the Officer
excused the Quierin himself from attending
on a plea of sickness on the 15th morning,
and was assured that the Jumiastahs
would be ready with pit Books, lascar
measuring rods &c. but yet on arriving at
Comateguita, the only person who made his
appearance was a Jumiastah who was
utterly useless.

With regard to the absence of pegs, this
is a proceeding that will not be allowed
as it gives an opening to any amount of fraud.
The Range Officer is not expected nor
can he spare time to measure all the works;

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this is the Overseer's duty and he should have his work so neatly arranged and his pits also numbered and marked out that the Officer can point to any pit either in the Book or on the ground and check the measurements thereof. If an Overseer neglect to do this he lays himself open to a suspicion of purposely creating confusion; by making the parties to whom the pit is given responsible for the due preservation of the peg therein little or no loss would ensue.

No. 3. Regarding this point the Range Officer was certainly led to suppose that the whole length of channel was almost if not quite completed to a depth of one yard, whereas on inspection he found that almost 2 miles of the 2nd half yard were commenced, and this counting scattered pits just begun. This is very unsatisfactory.

No. 4. Most of the work at Comatequinta end was short of $\frac{1}{2}$ half yard in depth and in some places less than a foot and yet on reference to the Jumbastah's pit Book $\frac{1}{2}$ yard is the constant figure for the depth here. Mr. Kelly should report how this discrepancy has occurred when he measured the work and how much he has paid for it. Very few of the pits at this end had a level bottom surface.

5. The earth is now being piled on the bund so that if it is found necessary to remove portions of the bund for the

Slope of the Channel as will in many cases be required, the new earth will again have to be moved. The Overseer was cautioned regarding this on last inspection by the Officer as he has paid no attention to instructions any additional expense will have to be paid by the Overseer.

In conclusion the Range Officer wishes to remark that he will on handing over charge of the Range bring the above memo. specially to the notice of Lt. Rogerson, who will doubtless take the whole matter into consideration and it will rest entirely on the future conduct of Mr. Kelly whether or no his negligence will be brought to the notice of the Superintending Engineer.

Weymouth
15th March 1893

1893

A. Smith Lt. Col.
Adj. to Engineer

(True Copy)

A. Smith Lieut. Col.
Assistant Engineer

12, To The Officer in charge of
in the Barua Range

Sir,
With reference to your letter of 19.6.68
I most respectfully beg to state, that what I now
affirm is the truth & nothing but the truth so help
me God -

1st There was no Gumnasta on the Barua on the
1st who appeared to know much about it & the
Gumnasta on the morning of the 15th attended without
pit Book or measuring Rod. I am sure I was not in
the least aware, that you were going to measure the
work till Saturday night, when I attended you at
Yanakeepand regarding the delivery of Shro Cut
slaves, which the Superintending Engineer accused
me of not giving you, & to get a letter from you to
the contrary effect, which you very kindly gave me.
You then advised me to meet you, at Dabri better,
Sub Komateyanta Kalingulab on Monday
morning the 15th instant. Previous to my coming,
the Gumnasta on Shro Cut wrote to the Gumnasta
on the Widening of Ryies Channel, to be present
at Komateyanta Kalingulab when you arrived
there, so as to procure the necessary supplies which
are rather difficult to get in this village as it is
composed of three huts inhabited by Brahmans
who do not subsist on the same varishment,
as a Gentleman. However I ordered the
Gumnasta on Shro Cut to write a Yadast
who was to my writer to inform both Gumnastas on
at Wagon the Widening to be ready with pit Books measuring
Rod & all the necessaries required, Besides
ordering the Gumnasta to write, I told a person
to inform these men (Gumnastas on the
Widening) the same, whether he did or not

I cannot say, but it appears he did not. I came to Kintrepaud on Sunday evening and all that night was ill so that on meeting you next morning, I requested you to excuse me, which you very kindly did, on your asking me about the work, I was so certain that my instructions had been fully carried out, that I assured you they (the Gummachas) were ready with every thing; I had not the least idea you would have been disappointed, but I regret that your time was lost that morning, which Sir I assure you was not through neglect on my part. As regards Gummachas there are only two one has got charge of the widening from Yagunrapaud to Kometegunta six miles in length and construction of Bridge at Kavaracolla the other has got charge of the Collection of materials for the Bridge at Churruada & that of Yagun widening of Bridge & River Channel to Agunapaud & so that there are no no way idle. However they should have attended when ordered -

2. There were hardly any Pegs on the work. That the Channel was marked with pegs at every 150 feet is a fact which cannot be disputed, but I find it to be a custom among the workmen to cook their meals on the work so that the inference drawn from this is, when they are hard up for wood, & since necessity has no law they so not scruple to misappropriate Government property. However since you ordered me to pay only for half the quantity of work done to those men whose pits are deficient of pegs, I will try my best to enforce the rule. It would have been some lapse, but not the slightest doubt they (the workmen) would have reported me & perhaps the Range Officer would then have found to suspect a practice of fraud on my part, which I am glad to state does not exist at present -

3. Much less has been done than Range Officer was led to suppose on this point they state that when giving out work, the Sank diggers offer, that they have about 5 or 10 times the number of men than their batch is really composed of, and that they must 8 or 10 Pits, which, as they state, would be completed in 15 days the work and create a terrible row if this quantity of work be not given them which must be done although it is a well known fact that this tribe of natives is awfully prone to lying. The only reason I can assign to this, is, that these men do not wish to be continually moving, so that, if a large quantity of work be given them, they make sure of remaining in that place for a long time. This, as you may be already aware, is a rule among them that when one batch breaks down another party cannot take that ground even on a higher rate except the former party had thought it prudent to give away. I was fully sure Sir, that the work would much with your approbation, but am sorry to find you are displeased with it. A great number of men have gone away during the last month for sitting purposes a circumstance of which I was unaware. Consequently I informed you that the work was or nearly completed throughout to the full yard in depth -

4. The work done in many places was short and badly executed -

That the pits are in some places less I admit but then it must be considered the ground is "sid o long" so that although it is less in some places it is greater in other places. But as a rule it will be found to be correct throughout. I am sorry I must trouble you for an explanation as regards the work being badly executed, which when I received I shall make it my duty to carry out -

5. The earth instead of being thrown away well out
 side the bin is thrown on top of the bin & with
 the tank diggers were warned by me to throw
 the earth on the other side of the bin, & in some
 places a drainage channel runs parallel to the
 bin, they were told to throw the excavated earth
 on the other side of this. The Grumastus were
 directed to see this order carried out, but I regret
 to state they neglected to do so however the work
 men will not be paid for removing it & they
 state it is no neglect on my part.

In conclusion I am sorry to observe your illness
 you found it essential to deal so hard with me
 but I assure you sir it was not on a pile of
 of illness that I did not accompany you on
 the 15th but it actual illness & if a medical
 man were there he would have noticed
 you of the same. Trusting you will excuse
 all errors & I beg to remain
 Sir

Your most obedt servant

/Sd/ J. B. Kelly
 Salary Overseer D.P.W.

9th April 69
 Weymouth

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J.B. Kelly

11th

Repts to Salary Overseer Kelly
 letter 12th of 9th inst.

2. The Overseer is informed that
 the style of his letter is offensive and
 the explanation offered very unsat-
 isfactory.

/Sd/ R. Engman Esq
 Executive Engineer

Barnard
 2nd April 69

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Secretary to Government
D. P. W.
Madras.

Sir
In reply to G. O. No 2862
1st September 1869, I have the honor
to report that previous to writing my
letter 6th August, I had had no
opportunity of discussing with
Lieutenants Edgcome and Smith the
subject of Mr Kelly's defalcation.
I expressed however my opinion on
the matter to Lieut Edgcome, and
he replied in his No 146, copy of
which I forwarded, and believing
that these documents had fully
stated the matter I refrained from
remarks which I thought would
be trenching on the powers of Government.

Lem C. Dyson
 letter 6290 of
 29.4.18.18/69
 2nd letter
 6289 of 29.4.18.18/69
 with 3 enclosures

4. They state that the papers were always delayed, and that much pressure was required to get reports; and that there was the same trouble every month, but it only referred to the

5. The work was being carried out under difficulties depending on the season at its commencement rain in hollows would prevent any continued digging; afterwards in spots there was exceptionally hard earth, which it was necessary to postpone the cutting of till in rain fall; or in the case of the widening of Ryves Canal, more or less interruptions occurred by the necessity for raising water in the old bed.

6 In consequence of this, the pits were dug very irregularly, and payments were allowed to be made on account till the whole line was cleared continuously. the Range Officer could measure, and the balance be paid -

7. With a more experienced
overseer continuing to allow such
irregularities, Lieut. Edgcome
would have been more suspicious,
but knowing the difficulties of
dealing with Irish diggers, who
can find employment in numerous
other places, and feeling that he
had a new season, with a limited
working season, he was fearful
of pressing for too much neatness
and accuracy, not having any
suspicion of dishonesty.

8. As the season drew
to a close, Lieut. Edgcome com-
menced the measurements of the
pits, rough as they were, to square
the accounts, and then Mr. Kelly
absconded.

9. From the examination
of the work, it turned out that
Mr. Kelly had entered too large
quantities as set forth in statement
A to a total amount of
Rs.

Papers 3392-11-3, and that for the
amount actually done & materials
provided he had paid Rs. 1494-12-2
less than the sum entered in his
Cash book. In this he had charged
Rs. 3436-0-2 but the Creditors
Vice Statement C asserted that they had only received
Rs. 1941-4-0 and vouchers to only
the amount were forthcoming.

10. Statement B shows
advances said to have been made
in May, but no vouchers accom-
panied them, and he absconded
on the 3rd June, when they became
due.

11. Mr. Kelly joined
the Department with a very
high character from the Civil
Engineering College; he had shown
considerable intelligence, and
anxiety to give satisfaction, and
therefore

therefore both Linkman & Edgcome
and Smith were induced to be more
lenient, and to allow for the
difficulties of a young beginner.

12. It is difficult to say how
far under such circumstances, a
Range Officer is to trust an overseer.
Till shortly before the exposure, there
had been nothing to arouse sus-
picion. On the contrary, work was
being done cheaply; and there will,
even with this loss, be probably a
saving of Rs 40,000 on the earthwork
alone.

13. I hope that with this
explanation, the Government will
be pleased to allow me to write off
the amount deficient. I feel
sure that both the Officers concerned
will be more careful how they trust
a

a subordinate with even the best
of reputations.

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I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

J. Macomber. Lieut Col R.R.
Superintendent 2^d Division

Public Works Department
 No 3528
 Proceedings of the Madras Govt
 Under date the 4th September 1869

Read the following
 From The Supg: Engineer
 2^d Division } Here enter No 96 of 2^d Oct 1869

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In Proceedings dated
 1st September 1869, No 2802, His
 Excellency the Governor in
 Council deferred passing final
 orders regarding the loss to
 Government arising from
 Overseer Kelly's deprecations
 until furnished with detailed
 particulars of the case, which
 the Superintending Engineer was ac-
 cordingly directed to submit
 with his opinion as to the ex-
 tent to which the Range
 Officers concerned were
 responsible.

In

Received
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The Supg: Engineer
 2^d Division
 To the Secretary
 to Government
 Public Works Dept

Dated 2^d October 1869
 Received 8th "

No 96
 Encl 5

Reports further on
 the deprecations of
 Overseer Kelly, with
 explanations required
 and requests for
 remission of the amount
 to credit of the account

delivered
 No 3528-4 - 11/10/69

2/10/1869 2.22m

No 88

thus exhibiting a total de-
falcation of Rs: 5729. 14-11.

Although unable to
accept as altogether satis-
factory, the explanations
which Lieutenants Smith
and Escome have given
of the circumstances which
led them to place undue
reliance on Mr. Kelly's charac-
ter and to forbear for so
many months from taking
such measures as would
have brought his fraudulent
proceedings ^{immediately} to light before
serious loss had been sus-
tained, His Excellency
the Governor in Council,
in consideration of the
very careful and zealous
manner in which both
Officers have been reported

Generally

generally to perform their
duties, is pleased to overlook
their mistake in the
matter under reference,
and resolves to sanction
the two Buns of Rs: 3392. 11-3
and 842. 7-6 being written off
to Profit and Loss, and to
authorize the disbursement
of Rs: 1494. 12-2 to the work-
men to whom it may be
due. It is observed that
notwithstanding these lapses
it is expected that the
works on which they have
occurred will be completed
for the estimated outlay.

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To Supergr. 2^d Div. ✓
" Controller, P. & A. ✓

Desp^d 5/11/69.

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CJ

Ce 4242
Govt. of 1869 Madras.

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The Superintending Engr.
2nd Division

Dated

Recd

G. O. 11-11-1869 No. 3578

Nos 80-81

Overseer Kelly's defalcations

Copy orders on the letter from
the Super Engr of the 2nd Div for
checking the information called
for in connection with Overseer
Kelly's defalcations.