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No. 527. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Madnapully, Madnapully Talook, Cuddapah, 2nd September 1870, No. 1,264:—

In returning the accompanying petition from Cothapaukum Veloydum Moodelliar, referred to me for report with your memorandum No. 1,639, of 2nd August 1870, I have the honour to submit a precis of the documents connected with Veloydum Moodelliar's charges against Mr. Supervisor Watkins, and on which I came to the decision to dismiss Veloydum Moodelliar, together with the original documents themselves.

2. As regards paragraph 2 of Veloydum Moodelliar's letter to you, in which he states that I would not permit him to approach my tent unless he was accompanied by his superior officer, I beg to say that his statement is utterly false. I had not the slightest idea during the time I was on tour in the Pennacondah Range that Veloydum had any complaint to make against Mr. Watkins, and would here observe that, if he had wanted to speak to me, he had several opportunities when I was not in my tent or with the Supervisor. In fact, I remember speaking to Veloydum himself near Mr. Master's tent, (the Acting Collector was on Jummabundy and was encamped at about 60 yards from my tent,) when Mr. Watkins was not near.

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of your memorandum, I beg to report that having constantly received letters direct from Overseers and members of the office establishments, which had to be sent back to Range Officers, I, in order to hasten the despatch of business, published in the *District Gazette* a circular (A.), of which a copy is herewith attached. As from Veloydum Moodelliar's name being in the corner of the cover I saw from whence it came, I returned it for transmission through the Range office.

4. As regards Veloydum Moodelliar's previous career, I have the honour to inform you that when he was Overseer in the Darmavaram Talook, Bellary, I had reason to believe he was intriguing with the petty contractor on the Gootloor Tank, but was not able to bring it home; and as he was not getting on with the Range Officer, and a vacancy at that time occurred at Madakseera, I took the opportunity to remove him from Darmavaram. For about six months after he joined the Madakseera Talook he was reported as active and attentive; but since the beginning of 1869 he has not been well reported on, and, as you may observe from my quarterly reports, I have stated that he had become careless, indolent, and inattentive. In March 1869, Mr. Supervisor Watkins reported regarding Veloydum as follows:—"The progress of the works in his talook, which a short time after his arrival was very satisfactory, has fallen off; in addition to which he conducts his correspondence in a very careless manner." On this I directed Mr. Watkins to warn Veloydum. In May 1869, Mr. Watkins reported that Veloydum was a good executive when inclined to work, but that he was always clamouring for an increase of the rates; this with the previous remarks were the tenor of Mr. Watkins' reports since that time.

5. In January 1870 I visited the Range, and had to reprimand Veloydum Moodelliar; and I would draw attention to the remark in my diary of 31st January:—"The repairs on this portion are not done properly, and are due to the neglect of the Overseer in leaving the work to be marked out by the Maistry instead of doing it himself." I directed that the cost of all the corrections should be defrayed by the Overseer.

6. From his constant clamouring for an increase in the rates, I strongly suspected that Veloydum Moodelliar was in some way connected with the petty contractors working under him and had some share, and in this I am confirmed since his dismissal, as work is being now done at the old rates. Besides this I have now reason to believe that, in many cases of repairs of tanks, a man of straw was produced as the nominal contractor, whereas he, Veloydum Moodelliar, was the real contractor, and as Overseer measured and reported on his own work; no wonder then that he was crying out that the rates were insufficient.

7. My opinion has been that Veloydum Moodelliar was for sometime hatching a case against Mr. Supervisor Watkins, as may be seen from his keeping such a trumpety letter as that of 7th September 1868, on which he has based his fourth charge; but finding that Mr. Watkins was discovering his malpractices, he sent in his letter of charges, having at the same time got some one in Mr. Watkins' office to spy and report, and also some one in the Talook Cutcherry to keep an eye on what letters were despatched by Mr. Watkins. As regards this matter, Veloydum Moodelliar has sent a copy of his letter to me, dated 29th March 1870. I made inquiries, and herewith beg to submit Mr. Watkins' original letter (B.) with one enclosure.

N.B.—A copy (C.) of my reprimand to Mr. Watkins is also sent.

No. 528. ORDER THEREON, 30th September 1870, No. 2,360.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 43.

FROM these papers it appears that C. Veloydum Moodelly, late Overseer of the Madakseera Talook in the Penna-

condah Range of the Bellary District, preferred the following charges against the Range Officer, Mr. Supervisor Watkins:—

I.—That in his Diary for May 1869, Mr. Watkins made a false entry of his having inspected the Hummuntunhully Tank on the 1st idem.

II.—That in his Inspection Report of October 1869, Mr. Watkins made a false entry of his having visited Dunmatapully on the 29th, and Madakscera on the 30th, whereas he was at Pennacondah on both days; also that Mr. Watkins antedated the examination of the Overseer's cash book.

III.—That Mr. Watkins charged the pay of Maistry Ramacharry for a year and a half to works upon which he had not been employed.

IV.—That on one occasion Mr. Watkins to suit his own views, ordered him (the Overseer) to alter his diary.

V.—That Mr. Watkins was conspiring to ruin him.

2. The Superintending Engineer, however, after an investigation of all the circumstances, came to the conclusion that although Mr. Watkins had acted impru-

dently and had laid himself thereby open to imputations of an injurious character, there was nothing to show that he had any intention to deceive or, to profit by his irregular proceedings, whereas, on the other hand, the Overseer by the malicious spirit he had evinced throughout, and by the underhand intrigues by which he endeavoured to effect his object, had committed a grave error, which, viewed in conjunction with his indifferent conduct on former occasions showed him to be unfit to be allowed to remain in the Department. The Superintending Engineer accordingly dispensed with his services, and against this decision the Overseer now appeals.

3. After a careful consideration of the voluminous mass of papers submitted by the Superintending Engineer, the Government regret that they are unable to acquit Mr. Supervisor Watkins of having acted in a highly culpable manner especially in entering a false date in an account book and though they are willing to believe that he could not have been actuated by the unworthy motives which might at first sight be imputed to him, they desire that he may be informed that his conduct is viewed by His Excellency the Governor in Council with displeasure, and that he be warned to be more careful for the future.

4. As the Overseer had thus, in the opinion of Government, some grounds on which to base his complaints, notwithstanding that he preferred them in an unbecoming spirit, the Government are not prepared to visit his proceedings with the severe punishment which permanent dismissal from the Department would inflict on him, and they therefore direct his re-employment when a proper opportunity offers.

5. Ordered that the petition of C. Veloydum Moodelly be returned to him with the following endorsement:—
"C. Veloydum Moodelly will be informed, with reference to his petition of the 31st July 1870, that having carefully considered all the circumstances of his case, the Government have directed his re-employment when a proper opportunity offers."

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, with Enclosures.
" Controller of Public Works Accounts.
" Petition Department.

Exd. S. T. Angustin.

P. W. D.

No 1689 of 1870.

From C. Velazquez Mondello
late Auditor in charge of
Madagascar Patez Bellary
District.

Dated 31st ^{July} August 1870
Recd 1st August -

Appealing against the
order of the Superintending En-
gineer J. C. Dunsen dismissing
the Petitioner from the post
of Patez Auditor of Madag-
ascar in the District of Bellary

Referred to the Superintend-
ing Engineer of the J. C. Dunsen
for early and full report.
Will elaborately well explain
his reasons for declining
to receive the petitioner's
Registered letter.

2^d Augt / 70 / Signed C. A. C.

Supdy. Engr's letter No. 1264
 of 22 September 1770 with
 Enclosures A. B. C. and
 Valoyden's petition with
 its enclosure.

1. Mr. Watkins's Letter
 No. 77 of the 26th March 1770
 with 4 Enclosures.
2. Mr. Watkins's Letter No. 1.
 dated 8th April 1770 with
 Enclosures 14.
3. Do — Letter No. 3 of the
 9th April 1770 with 13 Enclosures.
4. Do — Letter No. 11 dated
 9th May 1770 with Enclosures
 No. 1 to VIII Containing
 66 Enclosures.
5. Mr. Watkins's Letter
 No. 12 of 9th May 1770 with
 Enclosures 3.
6. Do — Letter No. 21 dated
 11th June 1770 with 7 Enclosures.
7. Copy of Valoyden's
 Service Register.
8. Precise of No. 1 and 4.

No. 1264
 Cuddalore (District)
 2nd September 1870
 From,
 The Supervising Engineer,
 To The Secretary General
 Public Works Department,
 Madras.

In returning the accompanying petition
 from Valoyden's petition which referred to me
 I do not wish to say that I have not seen the
 1770. I have the honor to acknowledge the
 documents connected with the same. I have
 charges against Mr. Supervising Engineer's
 which I have to forward to the Government.
 Accordingly, together with the original documents, I am
 enclosing.

2. As regards from Mr. Valoyden's statement
 letter to you in which he states that I would not
 permit him to add any more but unless he was
 accompanied by his superior officer, I beg to say
 that his statement is entirely false. I had not
 the slightest idea during the time I was on tour
 in the Ponnammal Range that Valoyden had
 any complaint to make against Mr. Watkins.
 I would here observe that, if he had wanted
 to speak to me, he had several opportunities when
 I was not in any tent or with the supervision.
 In fact I remember speaking to Valoyden
 himself near Mr. Master's tent (the Acting
 Collector was on Gummabandi and was dining
 at about 60 yards from my tent) when Mr.
 Watkins was not near.

3 With reference to your Memo
I beg to inform that, having reluctantly received
letters direct from your numerous correspondents & the
Office of the Standard to stop the publication of
the Range ofices, it was in vain. Having the
hats of business, published in the Standard Gazette
a Circular, of which a copy is herewith attached.
As your Standard & Standard name being in
the name of the Standard, I have no choice but to
discontinue it in transmission through the range
ofices.

4. As regards Talpott's character, previous
 Carey I have the honor to inform you that
 when he was present in the Christiana
 Talpott's behavior it has been to believe he was
 unregarding in the Christiana, but was not able to bring it home, and
 as he was not at home in the Christiana, and
 as it was not at that time considered a
 matter I have the pleasure to inform you
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 he joined the Christiana. He was not
 as active and ardent, but since the
 year of 1869 he has not been active in the
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 I have stated that he has been a careless,
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are not done properly and are due to the neglect
of the Bureau in leaving the work to be made
out by the Spanish mission and himself."
I decided that the "Spain" the Commission should
be betrayed by the Bureau."

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 many cases of reference having a name where
 was attached as the nominal contractor whereas
 he Holroyde & Wood was the real contractor and
 as certain measures were required for the work
 in wonder then that he was arrogant that the
 rates were insufficient.

My opinion has been that Valpyden should
 have been for some time watching a case against Mr.
 Lyburn in Scotland, as long as he saw him in
 keeping such a criminal letter, as that of 7th Sept.
 1868 in which he has been tried & charged,
 but finding that Mr. Wattkins was discovering
 his mal-practices he sent in his letter & charged
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 Wattkins' Office to spy and report and also some

one in the Tenth Volume to which an ^{eye}
 about letters were dispatched by Mr. Watkins.
 As regards the matter of the 10th Volume, I have
 been in the 2nd. The letter to me dated 29th
 March 1870 I have received and forwarded
 to Mr. Watkins original letter.
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I have seen
 A. M. S. J. King
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Proceedings of the Madras Book-
 Read the following.

From the Mys. Inq. 3rd Dec. (H.E. No. 1264 of 2nd Sep. 1870)

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 Muddelly, late Overseer
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and against this decision
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that he preferred them in
an improper spirit,
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proceeding with the severe
punishment which per-
manent disqualification from
the Dept. would inflict
on him, and they will
~~therefore not object to~~
~~his re-employment should~~
~~an opportunity for it be~~
~~found.~~

W.B.

Therefore direct his
re-employment when a
proper opportunity offers.

To the Supergr 30 Dec 70
with enclosures.

Controller, P.W. Dept.

Petition Dept. 30 Dec 70
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Ordered that the
petition of C. Velayudum
Moddelly be returned to
him with the following
endorsement.

C. Velayudum Moddelly
will be informed, with re-
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31 July 1870, that having
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the Government ^{have} directed
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10 (Velayadum Road)

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PUBLIC WORKS.

To the Superintendent Eng.
3rd. Division

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30 Sept 1870 2360.

Nos. 527-528

C. Raymond Headrick.

Refers to the letter from
the City of New York
concerning the location of
C. Raymond Headrick,
late Quercus in the
District, referring certain
charges against Mr. In-
spector Watkins.

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