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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
4th May 1871.*

No. 80 Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 22nd April 1871, No. 214.—

It is with much regret that I have the honour to report that I have considered it necessary to suspend Supervisor Mr. J. P. Martin, in charge of No. 3 Range, Madura, from all duties in this division.

2. During the last three years there have been frequent petitions to the head of this office on the subject of Mr. Martin's conduct of the range duties. And recently these have assumed so serious a shape that I considered it my duty to proceed to Shevagungah and investigate the same personally.

3. The result of a somewhat protracted investigation, which I have now made into the manner in which the duties of the range are at present conducted, is to satisfy myself that gross irregularities are being carried on, and these added to Mr. Martin's intemperate habits prove him to be wholly unfit for the position of trust and importance in which he now finds himself placed as Range Officer.

4. You are aware that, in consequence of the range consisting only of the Zemindaries of Shevagungah and Ramnad, and that as the whole of the irrigation works of the range are comprised in four small Government tanks situated in the Ramnad Zemindary, the work of the range is, as a rule, simply road work, and as the maintenance of the district roads is in the hands of the Revenue Department, the actual work of the range, in spite of its large area, is really trifling, and certainly is not such as, in my opinion, to require or justify the appointment of a substitute to Mr. Martin; but that, on the contrary, the range can with manifest advantage be amalgamated with No. 1 Range, Madura.

5. For these reasons I have deputed Assistant Engineer Mr. G. R. Leggatt to proceed to Shevagungah and take over charge of the range, and to complete the investigations which, highly important as they are, the many other onerous duties connected with my office preclude me from continuing myself.

6. I have no hesitation in saying that anything more scandalous in the administration of a range it would be difficult to conjecture. Among other gross irregularities, for instance, which I have detected, I find that a dummy, or fictitious, contractor is in the habit of submitting fictitious bills, bearing fictitious, *i. e.*, forged, signatures. Indeed, the only thing not fictitious about the whole proceeding would appear to be the Government rupees, which are plundered in the process.

7. I shall do myself the honour of submitting in due course, for the orders of Government, a detailed account of these transactions, and of the present general aspect of the range, and I feel satisfied that the Government will agree with me in considering that caustic measures are required to bring the range into a satisfactory state.

No. 81.

ORDER THEREON, 4th May 1871, No. 1,240.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 8.

UNDER the circumstances brought to notice in this letter the Government

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approve of the suspension of Mr. Supervisor Martin and the amalgamation of Nos. 1 and 3 Ranges of the Madura District, and they will await a report on the result of the investigation into the irregularities practised by Mr. Martin.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
.. Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd S. T. Augustin.

No 214

Madura
22nd April 1871

From

Agent: Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
Actg Superintg Engineer 8th Div

To

Colonel R. A. Orr R.E.
Secretary to Government Mad

Sir,

It is with much regret that I have the honor to report that I have considered it necessary to suspend Supervisor Mr. J. A. Martin, in charge of No 3 Range, Madura, from all duties in this Division.

2 During the last 3 years there have been frequent petitions to the Head of this office on ^{the} subject of Mr. Martin's conduct of the Range duties. And recently these have assumed so serious a shape that I considered it my duty to proceed to Sheringangah and investigate the same personally.

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now made into the manner in which the duties of the Range are at present conducted, is to satisfy myself that gross irregularities are being carried on; and these added to Mr Martin's intemperate habits prove him to be wholly unfit for the position of trust and importance in which he now finds himself placed as Range Officer.

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Your Most Obedient Servt.

Richd. Roberts Lieut. Col. R.
Ag. Supervising Engineer S.D.

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To The Secretary to
Government
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Dated 22nd } April 1871.
Received 26th }

S: 1240-4 May/71

Bring to notice the
conduct of the Supervisor in
charge of 3rd Range Madras
& states that for the reason
herein assigned, he has deputed
a S. of Eng. Mr. Duggan to take over
charge of the 3rd Range & to
complete the investigation in all
matters connected with the Range.
Suggests that the Range be amal-
gamated with the 1st Range Madras.

No 80

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Public Works Department
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Underdate the 4th April 1871

Read the following

From The S. of Eng. } H. E. No 214 of 22nd April/71
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Mr. Chamberlain is
father of Mr. Martin &
the son-in-law of Mr.
Low & Ropes of the same
firm at, I suppose, a dis-
tance on the north of the main
water with the irrigation
conducted by the River
main.