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No. 219. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madras, 4th August 1871, No 1,943 :—

WITH reference to G. O, No. 1,595, dated 1st June 1864, I have the honour to report, for the information of Government, that I have dispensed with the services of Talook Overseer Streenevassooloo Naidu of the Trivellore Talook, No. 1 Range of the Chingleput District, under the following circumstances :—

On the 2nd June last I received a petition in which, amongst other charges, the Overseer was accused of having submitted a false bill for constructing a new sluice of ten yards body in the Rallapundy tank, whereas, in point of fact, only an old sluice of six yards tunnel has been repaired and improved.

2. In the usual course I sent the petition to Mr. Goodchap, and received the following report.

3. That in April 1871 he received a contractor's bill for constructing a new sluice of ten yards body at a cost of Rupees 95, and containing the usual certificate (*vide* margin) at foot duly signed by the Overseer.

"Certified that the preceding claim is correct; "that the measurements have been made by "me, and the work has been satisfactorily "performed"

4. That on examination he found that the sluice was only six yards long, and appearances led him to suspect that it was not an entirely new construction as represented.

5. After this the Overseer sends in another completion report, with the usual certificate as above, for a six-yards sluice, costing Rupees 57, including the foundations. The Executive Engineer reports, from inspection, he has little doubt that the sluice thus billed for has been built on the old foundations. So that a fraud is even shown in the second bill, on charging for foundations when the old ones were used.

6. The Overseer's explanation is that he was very busy superintending the Casaveram Anicut Works and in closing the accounts for 1870-71 at the time, and that in the press of business he signed the first certificate without examining the work, believing that everything would be as stated in the bill.

7. Mr. Goodchap admits that the Overseer was engaged as he represents, and the Executive Engineer is therefore inclined to believe the defence set up, inasmuch as it is just possible that not having time to test the accuracy of the bill, he signed it, confiding in the integrity of the contractor.

8. This is no defence at all, in either case the Overseer signed the certificate of having measured the work when he had not done so, which is quite sufficient to merit dismissal.

9. Overseer Streenevassooloo Naidu's previous character is not good. He was frequently reported, and Colonel Boileau found it necessary to warn him in the following terms :—

"The Superintending Engineer hereby gives him a last warning, and informs "him he will be dismissed on the next occasion."

10. Mr. Goodchap, the Executive Engineer, has also recorded the following remarks against the Overseer:—

"Rupees 16,969-10-2 have been expended on this road* up to March 1869. "If any demands are made against the "road, Overseer Streenevassooloo Naidu "should be made answerable for them, inasmuch as nearly all the work in 1868-69 "was executed under contract in an underhand manner by the Overseer, and "station books were submitted leading the Range Officer to believe, until he found "out to the contrary, that *bona fide* distressed poor had been employed on the "road.

* Velliyoor Road

"There is not one work carried out from special fund by Overseer Streene-"vassooloo Naidu, where money was disbursed by him, but some irregularities "have been found out.

"It is my opinion that this Overseer should not be entrusted to make cash "payments."

11. There is further the fact that the estimate for the sluice in question was sanctioned in May 1870, and was given by the Range Officer to Contractor Alwar Chetty for execution. The Overseer reported this contractor as dilatory, and obtained permission for doing the work departmentally. He however eventually, and without authority from his superior officer, gave the work to his own contractor.

12. I have written to Mr. Goodchap, the Executive Engineer, finding fault with him for not bringing these irregularities to notice, and warning him that he must be more cautious in future in allowing an Overseer, or any one under him, to sign two such very different certificates for one work without bringing it to my notice.

No. 220. ORDER THEREON, 18th August 1871, No. 2,122.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25. ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

Captain, R.E.,
Under Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 4th Division.

Exd. S T. Augustin.

Rec'd 1st June 1871 at 19-20

Ans. 2nd Sept.

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From Salisbury

No. 3734

Sir

I do the Secretary to War

Dated 4th August 1871

Rec'd 7th August 1871

No. 1943.

Reporting that the services of the Salisbury Riflemen Steamer Pocotaligo Hecate of the Quartermaster Salisbury N.C. Navy will hereafter be dispensed with for attempting to found.

Ans. 2nd Sept. 1871 accordingly

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To The Superintending Engr. 4th Division

Dated

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Streeneevasalas Raidas,

Taluq Avereeeer, Chingleput Dt. Subengrs Report

Wre dismissal of Streeneevasalas Raidas, recorded.