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21st September 1871.

No. 349. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 28th August 1871, No. 1,923:—

One copy of Supervisor Mr. Martin's letter.

In reference to paragraph 2 of G. O. of the 19th July 1871, No. 1,907, calling upon me to report what action has been taken on the receipt of this G. O. towards deputing a person for the collection of such evidence as is necessary for a successful criminal prosecution against Supervisor Mr. Martin, I have the honour to report that I have delegated this duty to Assistant Engineer Mr. H. Lyons, for the following reasons, and I trust that my proceedings will meet with the approval of Government.

2. The party alluded to in paragraph 2 of my letter of the 29th June 1871, No. 1,052, printed with the G. O. above quoted, is Acting Overseer Nagalingum Pillay in charge of the Meyloor Talook, Madura District. But on account of several circumstances that have transpired since I wrote the above-mentioned letter, I have been precluded from detailing Nagalingum Pillay to inspect and report upon the works in the 3rd or Shevagungah Range carried out during last year under Supervisor Mr. Martin's orders; and I had in consequence selected for this duty, in his stead, the Accountant of my office, V. N. Soobah Naick.

3. It will be seen, however, from the accompanying copy of his letter of the 8th August 1871, that Mr. Martin deprecates the nomination of Soobah Naick to the duty in question, and I have, therefore, refrained from deputing him for the work, and have delegated the task to Mr. Lyons, sending Soobah Naick in company with that gentleman to assist him in his investigations.

4. I may mention, in conclusion, with reference to the last paragraph of Mr. Martin's letter, in which he states that he is "in utter ignorance of the charges "which have been preferred against him, and consequently that he has had no "means of offering any explanation, etc., etc., etc.," that this statement is all pure fiction. Mr. Martin was called upon by my orders to give any explanation in his power with regard to certain charges preferred against him. These charges, with his explanation, were forwarded at one and the same time to the Government with my letter No. 778, dated 8th June, embodied in G. O., 19th June 1871, No. 1,639.

No. 350. ORDER THEREON, 21st September 1871, No. 2,407.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 42.

THE proceedings of the Superintending Engineer, as reported in this letter, are approved.

(True Extract.)

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

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

Exd. E. C. Shunker.

Sheraguagah
8th August 1871

To

Lt. E Leggatt Esqre
Assistant Engineer
in ch: of Madura Range

Sir,

With reference to your endorsement on an extract from a letter from Soobah Naidoo Accountant in the Superintending Engineer's Office directing me "to meet him at "Sheraguagah with the late "Overseer Swagoorroonatha Pillay "and to make the late Maistries "and Contractors of Roads No. XIII & "and XXI as well as those of the "Road between Sheraguagah "and Tondy to be present at "their last years work" I beg to state that I respectfully decline to have any communication whatever with Soobah Naidoo for the following reasons:-

I That he being only an Accountant in the Superintending Engineers Office is not qualified for the task of examining works executed under my supervision in my Range.

II That he is my avowed enemy in consequence of my having refused to favor his relatives and friends with heavy contracts.

III. That he has instigated a Lascar and a Ministry discharged by me to prefer complaints against me to the Superintending Engineer.

IV That having once been recommended for the post of Supervisor it is to Soobah Naicks interest to have me dismissed from Office.

V That he being a ministerial Officer and as such inferior to me in the D P W establishment, it is not fair that he should investigate charges against me, which duty is invariably allotted to an Executive Officer.

VI That Soobah Naidoo's general reputation in Madura disqualifies him for a fair discharge of the duties if it is sought to entrust him with.

2. Under these circumstances I would beg that this letter may be forwarded to the Superintending Engineer for submission to Government so that I may be allowed the benefit of a fair and unbiassed Inquiry. I claim this, the more especially as the Superintending Engineer has refused to allow me a copy of his report to Government on my case, so that I am in utter ignorance of the charges which have been prefered against me

and have consequently no means of offering any explanation which might have the effect of clearing up my conduct in the sight of Government and my immediate superiors.

I have &c

/Signed/ J. P. Martin
Subervisor D-P-W

/True Copy/

Rich.d Roberts Lieut: Col. R.E
Superntg. Engineer & Dr.

Comptd
1850

Encl: 1 Ins/l letter from
Asst Supt Engr 8th Div to
Asst Secretary to Govt PWD
date d: 28th Augt 1871

S.P.W. 4096/71

Asst Engrs
letter

No 1923 Superintg Engineer's Office S.D.
Madura 28th August 1871.

From

Lieut. Col: H. A. Roberts RE
Superintg. Engineer S.D.

To

Colonel J. Carpendale RE
Secretary to Government P.W.D.

Sir,

Encl: 1
1 Copy of Supervisor Mr. Martin's letter.

In reference to para 2 of G.O. of the 19th July 1871, No 1907, calling upon me to report what action has been taken on the receipt of this G.O. towards deputing a person for the collection of such evidence as is necessary for a successful criminal prosecution against Supervisor Mr. Martin I have the honor to report that I have delegated this duty to Assistant Engineer Mr. H. Lyon for the following reasons, and I trust that my proceedings will meet with the approval of Government.

2 The party alluded to in para 2 of my letter of the 29th June 1871, No 1052, printed with the G.O. above quoted, is acting Overseer Nagalinguem Pillay in charge of the Meyloor Talook Madura District. But on account of several circumstances that have transpired since I wrote the above mentioned letter, I have been precluded from detailing Nagalinguem Pillay to inspect and report upon the works in the 3rd or Sheroagunjah Range carried out during last year under Supervisor Mr. Martin's orders; and I had in consequence selected for this duty, in his stead, the Accountant of my Office - V.N. Soobah Naick.-

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forwarded at once and the same
time to the Government with
my letter No 778, dated 8th June
embodied in Gr O 19th June 1871.
No 1639.

I have the honor to be
Sir
your Most Obdt Servant

Rica. f. Roberts Lieut. Col. RE
Superntg Engineer &c &c

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No. 1871 Light
From No. 1923
No. 4098.
The Superintg Engineer
Gun Dn
To
The Secretary to
Government Dpt.

Date 28 August 1871
Received 31st —

Encl. 1.

States that for the reasons assigned he has delegated to Mr Lyon the duty of collecting evidence for a successful criminal prosecution against Mr Supervisor Martin
No Letter 21 Sept 71

The proceedings noticed in this letter are approved.

Sd/ W. Huddleston
Secy to the Govt of Bengal
Pro 22/9/71.

To The Superintg Engineer Gun Dn
No. 2475 dated 6th Sept 71.
Sir,
I am directed to forward herewith a letter from the Collector of Customs, No. 1871 dated 28th ultimo, and to request that you will be pleased to submit a report on the subject for the information of Government.
I have &c
Sd/ W. Huddleston
Secy to the Govt of Bengal

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To The Superintending Engr
& The Surgeon

Dated.

Rcd. 1 Jul.

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