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No. 422. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 30th August 1871, No. 1,972 :—

I HAVE the honour to report that I have dismissed Overseer Balakistna Moodelliar, late in charge of the Meylore Talook, for proved incompetency. I have recently inspected several of the works carried out under his superintendence, and I have no hesitation in stating that they are wretchedly and fraudulently executed, not merely with bad materials, but with materials of the most inferior kind being made to pass for articles of a costly nature, such, for instance, as mud for chunam, etc., etc., etc.; in fact, a style of work which is a scandal to this department. I am perfectly satisfied that, in the interests of Government, he should not be retained any longer in the situation of Overseer, for which he is utterly unfit both mentally and physically.

One copy of Mr. O'Ratigan's letter.

2. When a reference was made to Assistant Engineer Mr. O'Ratigan in 1866 regarding Balakistna Moodelliar's qualifications, Mr. O'Ratigan reported very unfavourably of him, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of that gentleman's letter, dated the 31st January 1866, No. 381.

3. Subsequently, however, when there was a great dearth of qualified men as Overseers, as Balakistna Moodelliar's name appeared in the list of dismissed Sub-Overseers eligible for employment, published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* of the 2nd October 1863, page 627, he was appointed by Captain Prendergast, when in charge of this division, to act as Talook Overseer, and subsequently, on the recommendation of Mr. Colquhoun, he was confirmed by the same officer in that appointment.

4. A gratuity of Rupees 75 was granted to Balakistna Moodelliar for past services when thrown out of employment in 1863 on the re-organization of the Public Works Department, and the amount has not been refunded by him subsequent to his entertainment in 1866.

Vide G. O., 14th November 1863, No. 346.

5. Balakistna Moodelliar was transferred from the Meylore Talook, Madura Range, to Periacolum Talook, Dindigul Range, as reported in my letter of the 17th June 1871, No. 879, printed in G. O. of the 28th idem, No. 1,731; but he has not yet joined the latter talook, although he has not performed any duty in the Meylore Talook since the 10th July 1871. He must therefore be considered as being absent without leave from the 11th idem inclusive up to date. I should also mention that several complaints have recently been made against the Moodelly for receiving bribes and for general corruption; although the evidence has been insufficient to bring these charges home to him, he cannot be said to have cleared his character in respect to the charges in question.

6. As the Madura Talook has been without an Overseer for the past three months, principally occasioned by the delay incurred by the above-mentioned Balakistna Moodelly, and as the services of an experienced passed candidate are not available for the purpose, I have ventured to nominate an unpassed candidate, P. Peroomal Naidoo, Clerk and Examiner in my Office, to act as Talook Overseer,

and I have posted him to the Madura Talook as a temporary arrangement, in anticipation of the sanction of Government, and in the earnest hope that this arrangement will meet with their approval.

7. I consider that P. Peroomal Naidoo is qualified for the post; he understands surveying and levelling, a little drawing and the principles of Estimate-making; and he has a good knowledge of accounts, and I consider that in a short time he will make a very good executive, as he is practically acquainted with the district, having accompanied the Superintending Engineer on circuit for the last six years. I may mention that his general abilities are such as to afford a guarantee that he is likely to rise in the department, should he be permanently appointed, as I would recommend, to the executive branch of the service. He is certainly superior in attainments to several of the permanent Overseers of this division.

8. Although fully appreciating the advantages of a passed Overseer, I submit that, unless that Overseer has a certain amount of experience in the matter of dealing with men, he will have no chance in this division; and to appoint therefore to the charge of a talook, either in this district or Tinnevelly, a young man fresh from the Engineering College is almost safe to lead to disappointment to Government and to be disastrous to the future career of the *soupirant* himself. I have addressed the Principal of the Engineering College, on the 19th instant, requesting him to recommend me an experienced Overseer; but as I have not yet been favoured with a reply, I imagine that the demand must be greater than the supply.

No. 423. ORDER THEREON, 25th September 1871, No. 2,446.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 54.

THE dismissal of Overseer Balakistna Moodelly is approved.

2. In consideration of the very favourable testimony borne to the qualifications of P. Peroomal Naidoo, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to authorize his appointment as a Talook Overseer on probation for one year.

(True Extract.)

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

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

Ed. F. R. Bartleman.

No. 381 2nd Range Office Pulney
31st January 1866

From

The Asst. Executive Engineer
2nd Range,

To

The Superintending Engineer
8th Division,

Sir,

Referring to your No. 2148/25-1-66 I have the honor to inform you that I am of opinion that Balakistna Moodely is not fit to be an overseer.

2. I have had one years experience of him and never saw him exert himself once, in that period.

3. He has had charge of the work on Road No. 2 in the Dindigul Talook and has conducted it very badly- as a rule he was generaley absent from the work-spot, when I inspected it; his average

Superintg Engineer's Office
Madura 30th August 1871

No 1972

From

Lieut. Col R. A. Roberts R.E.

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Superintending Engineer S.P.D.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith for your information a letter from Mr. O'Rorigan Asst. Executive Engineer, Trichinopoly, reporting that the expenditure for the last year would not amount to 100 Rupees per mensem and lately he has not been able to procure coolies good or bad.

I regret exceedingly that my recommendation is so unfavorable to him, and would with all my heart, recommend him for the post, did I think him really competent to fill it.

I have &c

(Signed) Jo. O'Rorigan
Asst. Executive Engineer

(True Copy)

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To
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8th Sept

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To
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Dated 26/9/71

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To The Superintending Engr
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