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No. 3048

Kalamcottah
27th February 1871

From

Captain J. G. Ayres R.E.
Superintending Engineer
in Charge of S.D.

To

Colonel C. S. A. R.E.
Secretary to Government of Madras.

Sir, Supervisor Muniappah Pillay Sinnvelly
Cuelo 8
1 Original letter
from the 2nd Range Officer
with 7 enclosures
2nd Range Officer possesses considerable property
in the Sinnvelly District, greater part of it
being in his own Range, particulars as far as
known are given in the margin. Nevertheless
the annual returns
for 1866, 67, 68, 69
intended by
Government to
prevent Public
Works Officers
and subordinates
holding land
in their Districts
show that Muniappah Pillay
holds no land
and the Super-
visor justifies
this false report
by the reason that
the property was transferred to his wife in 1866
and that since then puttees and title deeds of
subsequently acquired property have been drawn
in her name.

* Thenkurai Talug.

- 2nd Range
- 1. 16 kotays Sinnjay, under Salaneri channiel.
 - 2. 4 2/2 kotays Sinnjay.
 - 3. Thathamputti tank with 12 kotays of Sinnjay.
 - 4. 2 1/2 kotays Sinnjay.

Sinnvelly Talug.

- 1st Range
- 5. Pordocolum tank.
 - 6. Koulumjappuram tank with 17 kotays Sinnjay.
 - 7. House and Garden Kalamcottah.
 - 8. Bandyfellah. Kalamcottah.

Of the above property the 3rd lot was
purchased by the Supervisor in August 1869.

on the 21st of the following month he ordered his
Saloon Oversee to frame an estimate for construct-
ing a sluice in the tank. the estimate was
sanctioned in due course and the work carried
out and completed by July 1870. Tanks Nos 5 & 6
were also repaired in the course of 1870 on esti-
mates submitted for sanction by the 1st Range
Officer Sub Engineer Colquhoun.

3. The Supervisor excuses himself by
the allegation that every body evades the Govern-
ment order in the same way as he has done
and denies that he had anything to do with
the sluice that was built by his Range Subor-
dinate nor knew anything of the repairs to his
tanks in the 1st Range until they were finished.

4. In his written defence the Supervisor
quotes a circular issued by the late Superinten-
ding Engineer in 1866 which does certainly to
a certain extent screen him and others who
are now evading the order in question. But
the intention of the Government order with
regard to land held by Public Officers is
thoroughly well understood by all native
officers in the Government service and no coun-
mentary on it or explanatory memo could
justify the Supervisor's evasion of the order.

5. Supervisor Muncasipah Bellay has
served in Government employ since 1842. he
cannot therefore plead ignorance or inexperience.
his example no doubt has led away many of his
younger brother officers.
It is necessary in my opinion that an
example should be made and taking the most
lenient view of the case I consider that the Super-
visor's offence deserves reduction to the grade of
Oversee. I therefore recommend that Supervisor
Muncasipah Bellay be reduced to the grade of
Oversee, be declared unfit for charge of a Range
and be transferred to another District.

x No. 198 dated
28th May

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I have &c
A. R. S.
Superintending Engineer
in charge of the
District

Public Works Department
 No. 873
 Proceedings of the Madras Government.
 Under date 23 March 1871
 Read the following

From The Supg Engineer in
 temporary charge of 8th Div
 H.E. No. 3048 of 27th February 1871

In this letter the
 Supg Engineer of the 8th Div
 brings to notice that
 although Supervisor Muni-
 appiah Pillay, who is
 in charge of the Range
 of the Sinnerelly District,
 possesses considerable
 landed property, the greater
 part of which is in that
 Range, the annual
 returns of officers and
 subordinates holding
 lands in the Districts
 in which they are em-
 ployed, show that
 since

P.W. 1871
 No. 984
 The Supg Engineer
 in temporary charge of
 8th Division
 To The Secretary to Govt.
 P.W.

Date: 27th February
 Recd: 3 March 1871

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 Submits for considera-
 tion certain papers
 from the 9th Range
 Officer Sinnerelly
 in support of his reason
 for holding landed
 property in his Range
 & recommends that
 he be reduced to the
 grade of Quorser.

No 575
 6 10th March 1871

since 1866 the Supervisor
owned no lands whatever
and that Mooniappah
Pillay alleges in justifi-
cation that in that year
he transferred his property
to his wife. Construing
this into an indefensible
evasion of the orders of
Govt. Capt. Piquet recom-
mends that the Super-
visor be reduced to the
grade of Overseer, that he
be declared unfit for the
charge of a Range, and
be transferred to another
District.

His Excellency the
Governor in Council is
unable to take this dark
view of Mooniappah Pillay's
conduct. It appears that
the

the fact of his purchasing
property was well known,
and that his transference
of it to his wife was regu-
larized by the Chief Engineer
as a perfectly legitimate
mode of meeting the re-
quirements of the Circular
which prohibited lands
being held in the name
of any member of the
Department serving in
the District where those
lands are situated. That
this was an evasion of the
order of Govt. there can
be no doubt, but as it
was not had recourse to
clandestinely, and Moo-
niappah Pillay always
expressed his willingness
to be removed to another
District

District in account of
the possession of the lands
in question. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
considered that in justice
nothing more than a
transfer of the supervision
to individuals necessary.
And it is hereby ordered
that the supervision of the
lands in question be
transferred to the
individuals named in the
enclosed list. And it is
further ordered that the
individuals named in the
enclosed list be
vested with the
supervision of the
lands in question.
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supervision of the
lands in question.

[Signature]

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6 The Superintendents 8th District
5 - Controller P. M. Acet

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To the Superintending Engineer
S.E. Division

Dated

Recd.

G. O. 23 March 1873.

Nos. 575 & 576.

Superior Mooneappa Pillay.

Referring to the letter
from the Inspector of
Dist on the subject of
Superior Mooneappa
Pillay holding landed
property within his
Range.