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No. 426. Read the following letter from the Acting Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 4th June 1872, No. 537 :—

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2. As regards the first of these, I would simply remark that the blame must rest with the Revenue Authorities, as admitted by Government in G. O., No. 2,755, of 16th November 1870.

3. The tank was repaired on *emergency* in virtue of a requisition from the Tahsildar, such requisition being certainly tantamount to an acknowledgment that the tank was one which should be repaired. Had Mr. Hudson been himself able to inspect the tank before the work was commenced, he *might* have become cognizant of the real circumstances of the case, but from illness it appears he was unable to do this.

On the whole, I cannot see the smallest grounds for making Mr. Hudson responsible for this amount.

4. In regard of the second item also, namely, the charge for tappal coolies, Rupees 158-2-2, I do not think Mr. Hudson can be held answerable for this, as he points out in his letter to Government, dated 4th April 1872, the tappal coolies were entertained by his predecessor, and he merely continued the practice.

5. The end might have been attained more cheaply by other means; the entertainment of the coolies may have proved unnecessary, but Range Officers must be allowed some discretion. Mr. Hudson apparently acted to the best of his judgment so that unless there was a specific order from the Superintending Engineer against the entertainment without sanction of such establishment—and such order I am informed does not exist—Mr. Hudson cannot, in my opinion, be required to make good this amount.

Enclosures.

Appeal petition, dated 4th April 1872, from Conductor F. Hudson, Sub-Engineer late in charge of Cumbum Range, Kurnool District, with four enclosures.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 28th June 1872.

No. 427. ORDER THEREON, 28th June 1872, No. 1,572.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

Rupees 240-2-0.

UNDER the views expressed in this letter the Government authorize the Controller of Public Works Accounts to arrange for the payment to Conductor Hudson of the amount retrenched from his salary for January and February 1872.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Acting Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Exd. S. T. Augustin,

Madras 4th April 1872

From

Conductor H Hudson
Sub Engineer.

To The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort St George.

Sir

I beg to forward the enclosed correspondence, from which it will be seen that the Superintending Engineer of the 3rd Division has confiscated a portion of my pay which was due to me on leaving Cambum. In my reports to Col. Moberly I have shown most conclusively that I ought not to be made to pay the amounts in question, and as a last resource requested that the matter might be referred for the decision of Government; to this Col. Moberly

Respts, pay the money first and appeal afterwards,- but this rule can only apply to cases where the public money has been wasted or the work has not been authorised.

2. The first amount is Rupees Eighty two, for closing a breach in the Ambawaram Tank, which work I carried out on emergency upon a requisition from the Revenue Authorities; it turned out afterwards that this Tank is but a paltry affair and hardly worth the outlay upon it, hence Col. Priberly argues that I should be made to pay for the work; but I had no opportunity of seeing the Tank before commencing the work, nor was there any Irrigation Register in the office at that time, by means of which I could ascertain the value of the Tank: if the Tank was not worth repairing the Overseer should have made the discovery before putting the work in hand, which he did not do. This Tank is the only one that the village has, and the Revenue Department has not recommended to give it off to the Ryots under the order in force on this subject, and if this Department is not to keep it in order, the Tank is in a bad way: it will now be seen that if there is any fault it is the Overseer's; and if the Superintending Engineer can make me pay for the work, I can make the Overseer pay for it.

3. The second amount is the cost incurred for taffpal coolies.

With regard to this I beg to state that I inherited these Tappal Coolies from my predecessor, Lieutenant Taylor, and that I was told by Overseer Shurfordeen that it was the Superintending Engineer's orders that they should be employed, that there might be no excuse for employing the Bile Coolies for Tappal purposes; and while I was away on three months privilege leave, two different Officers had charge of the Range and they did not discover that there was anything wrong in having these people employed, as I found them at their post on my return. Col. Moberly demolishes these arguments in the

following fashion

"2. It is nonsense Mr. Hudson bringing up pack and excise as that as he was told by Overseer Shurfordeen that they were employed by my order - he should have asked if there was any sanction in writing." With regard to the asking, such a step was hardly necessary as the Establishment was made over to me by a Commissioned Officer; and the reason that was given for the employing of it, was a very good one; moreover I have reason to believe, that these Tappal Coolies are very generally employed; and when the matter was noticed by the Controller in one of his reports, Government did not object to it. Now come to what Col. Moberly advances as his principle reason for making

me pay, that is, that I present so much of my time at head-quarters: Coffee Coolies are as much required for taking out Coffee to Overseers, as they are for bringing out Coffee to the Range Officer; and it is impossible that I could have foreseen from the first that I would remain in Cambum so long, and get to and discharge the Coffee coolies; on the contrary I expected to be going away on sick leave, but one thing and another occurred which prevented this; and if I may be excused a little self-assertion my Report on the Irrigation under the Cambum Tank will show that I spent my time in Cambum to some purpose.

Col. Moberly in his Circular prohibiting the employment of Coffee Coolies on monthly pay, says that a Range Officer may use a Sale Coly as well as employ a Coly occasionally, for Coffee purposes: on the score of economy this change is a doubtful measure, and the subject is one that had better be left to the Range Officers themselves.

4. In conclusion, I beg to state that I have represented the cases fairly and given the substance of all that has passed regarding them, as will be seen should the correspondence be called for; and I confidently trust that Government

will do me justice and that
speedily, by ordering my money
to be paid to me at once.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant,
T. Ricard
Sub Engineer

Recd 28th Feb 72

No. 537 Superintending Engineer's Office

P. W. Contractors, out of which the following deductions have been made as exacted by the Superg Engineer of the Div and a Copy of the Superg Engineers receipts herewith the Superg Engineer's receipts herewith inclosed for information

	Deductions	
Embankment Pauk	Rs	82—0—0
Paffal Cooly	"	158—2—2
		240—2—2.
Income Tax per January & Quit February 1872	"	3—0—0
		243—2—2

Requisition has this day been forwarded to the Officer in Charge of Treasury Range to pay the Balance Amount of Rs 104—8—3 Ign Sub Conductor

Superintending Engineer

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Esqr

P.W.712/72

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No. 2965 — of 1872.

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Commander M. Studdert

The Overseer in charge of Sub Engineer

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Superintendent

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Sub Engr

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Conductor H. Hudson

Sub Engineer

Station - Delany -

Date - 29th February 1872.

No - P.W. 2815/72.

Subject matter Contr.

Your letter No 2206/

of 9th February 1872

Requesting that the

Superintending Engineer's Office

Submitting the Monthly

Bill

Contr Hudson Engr Jones states

that under Clause 3 of Contract No

1601 of 24. November 1871 is allowed

the amount of Rs 82 Chains therefore

he attends the duties of

Conductor Assistant Salary and

is entitled to the Contractor's

further Delay.

Rs [illegible] Monthly Rs

[illegible] Engr

1 Copy

Station Superintending

Office of Works

Forwarded for the information of

Conductor Hudson Sub Engineer.

Bill No

Superintending Engineer's Office.
3rd Division.

No. 537

Bellary 4th June 1872

From,
The Superintending Engineer
3rd Division,

To,
The Secretary to Government
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James Cuttle Captn. R.E.
Offg. Supdg. Engineer 3rd Div.

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P. W. 1872-73 [illegible]

From,

No. 2815.

The Superintending Engineer

3rd Division.

To,

The Secy: to Government

P. W. Department

Fort St George

No. 537

Dated 11 June 1872.

Received

Enc. 5.

Remarks that in his opinion Mr Hudson is not answerable for more than certain deductions made from his pay.

No. 157 Audit & Exp. 72

Rec'd 16th June/72 Pp 302-303.
" 15 Aug/72 — 123 Pais

Rs 240-2. Hudson & the amount retained from his salary for January & February 1872

Rs [illegible]

Rs [illegible]

Rs [illegible]

No. 2805

Govt. of [1872] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The Accountant General

Dated

Recd. Encl. 5

G. O. 28 June 1872.

Nos. 4268 & 77

Conductor Hudson, Sub

Subject. The Collector of P. Accts authorizes the assignment for the payment to Cond. Hudson of the amount retrenched from his Salary for January & February 1872.