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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
14th August 1872.*

No. 239. Read the following letter from the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Camp at Masulipatam, 8th July 1872, No. 56 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring to notice some grave irregularities committed by Taluq Overseer Sergeant Butler of the Eastern Delta Range, Kistna District.

2. This Overseer, at the end of March last, entered three incomplete works as completed in his Progress Report for that month, and charged the full amount for them in his cash-book, although, immediately after the payments were made, Rupees 55-8-0 were collected from the people with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Butler. This money it seems was to be retained by the Gumastah until the completion of the works in question, as a sort of security from the tank-diggers for the due performance of the unfulfilled part of their task.

3. The total cost of the works having been charged in the cash-book, false entries were necessary in the station-books to support the fictitious payments, and these appear to have been deliberately made by the Gumastahs with the sanction of the Overseer.

4. In bringing this serious charge against Sergeant Butler, I must state that, as far as I can learn, he had no intention of defrauding Government; but I think it very likely that, if a timely inspection of the works had not been made by Mr. Assistant Engineer Peters, some party or parties would have benefited by the reprehensible and irregular proceedings of the Overseer.

5. In conclusion, I beg to submit the documents marginally noted for the consideration of Government, and to solicit early instructions regarding Sergeant Butler as I have suspended him until further orders. The Gumastahs concerned in this case have been reduced in rank and pay,* and the Overseer's Writer has been transferred to another range. Trusting these measures will meet with the approval of Government.

- A copy of Captain Smalley's letter, No 78 of 18th June 1872
- B copy of Mr. Peters' letter to Captain Smalley, No 35, dated 8th May 1872
- C one Comparative Statement
- D Mr Butler's Progress Report for March 1872.
- E, F, and G, three pit books
- H, I, and J, three Station books
- K, and L. two Telugu lists.
- M, Mr. Butler's defence

* 2 Rupees monthly each.

No. 240. ORDER THEREON 14th August 1872, No. 1,935.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 17.

THE Governor in Council regrets to learn from the above letter that notwithstanding the Order No. 7, dated 4th January 1872, another instance has occurred of the irregularity there so strongly animadverted on.

2. Assuming that the Superintending Engineer and the Range Officers duly impressed their subordinates with the gravity of the offence and of the determination on the part of Government to suppress it, it is inexcusable that a Taluq Overseer of Mr. Butler's standing in the department and apparent intelligence should have ventured within two months to commit the same irregularity; the

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Government would not hesitate in this instance to dispense with the services of Mr. Butler but for the fact that his honesty is unimpeached, and that it has lately transpired that the habit of retaining money in deposit at the end of the official year obtains to very great extent in several, if not most, districts.

3. The extent of an Overseer's charge cannot in any way justify the procuring of receipts from contractors for money withheld, or the entry in accounts of figures and statements not founded on fact. In the present instance it would appear that measurements were entered in the pit book and in Mr. Butler's memorandum book for work that had never been done. Mr. Butler offers no explanation as to the entry in his measurement book of figures agreeing with those in the pit book instead of representing work actually done and measured by himself. The motive inducing this entry is not apparent, and the Superintending and Executive Engineers are both silent on the point. The Government cannot but conclude that Mr. Butler never actually measured the work at all. The extent of his charge to some extent may be held to account for this fact, but in no way for the attempt to conceal it.

4. The Superintending Engineer will call upon Mr. Butler to make good the deficiency said to exist owing to the excessive measurements of the Gumastahs, and will relieve him from his suspension, warning him that a repetition of such misconduct will entail dismissal. If, as would appear from the records, the Gumastahs entered measurements in excess of work actually done as ascertained by Mr. Peters, the season of the year and the circumstances of the case rendering detection improbable, they should both, as suggested by the Executive Engineer, be summarily dismissed. The transfer of the Taluq Overseer's Writer, directed by the Superintending Engineer, meets with the approval of Government.

5. Superintending Engineers will at once report what steps were taken to communicate the views of Government as expressed in their Order No. 7, dated 4th January 1872, to their subordinate establishment; and will now warn all disbursing agents that the Government will not in future accept any explanation in defence of the irregularity therein treated of.

(True Extract)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Superintending Engineer, 2nd Division
To all other Superintending Engineers.
To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.
To Major R. B. Kennedy.

Exd S T. Austin.

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Superintending Engineer

Office 2nd Division

Camp Nasubpatam 8th July 1872

From

P. Smith Esquire

Offg. Superintending Engineer
2nd Division

To,

Colonel J. W. Walker, R.E.
Secretary to Government
Public Works Department.

Enclosures

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To the Secretary of State
Washington

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advised at 11.45 a.m. 1872
replied to letter No. 11
Wm. H. H. H.
14th Jan'y 1872

16 June 1952

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