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No. 14. Read the following endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Madura, 12th November 1872, No. 3,744 :—

From the Executive Engineer, Southern Range, Tinnevelly, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Palamcottah, 14th October 1872, No. 553.

I regret to have to report that a level in use by Overseer Sears has been, as he states, blown over the parapet of a bridge, and although it has been recovered it is seriously damaged, the bubble glass being broken and several screws lost.

2. I propose to send the instrument to Madras at once to be put into thorough order. This is the second level that has been blown over this season; a level in use by Overseer Murray was blown over, but in this case only one of the screws was bent, and I have sent the lower plate to Madras where it can be put right; but this is a much more serious accident, as perhaps the level is permanently damaged. I therefore think it right to report the matter for any orders you may think it necessary to give.

3. I enclose for your perusal a letter from Overseer Sears to Mr. Wiffen giving an account of the accident.

One letter from Mr. Sears.

SUBMITTED to Government for information.

2. The undersigned cannot but attribute the blowing over of a level to great carelessness on the part of the individual levelling.

3. In the present instance as Gunner Sears was at considerable pains in diving to recover the level, and as he is no longer in the department, Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts would suggest that the cost of repairing the damaged level be carried to Profit and Loss.

(Signed) R. A. ROBERTS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,
Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.

No. 15. ORDER THEREON, 2nd December 1872, No. 2,816.

ACCOUNT, No. 3.

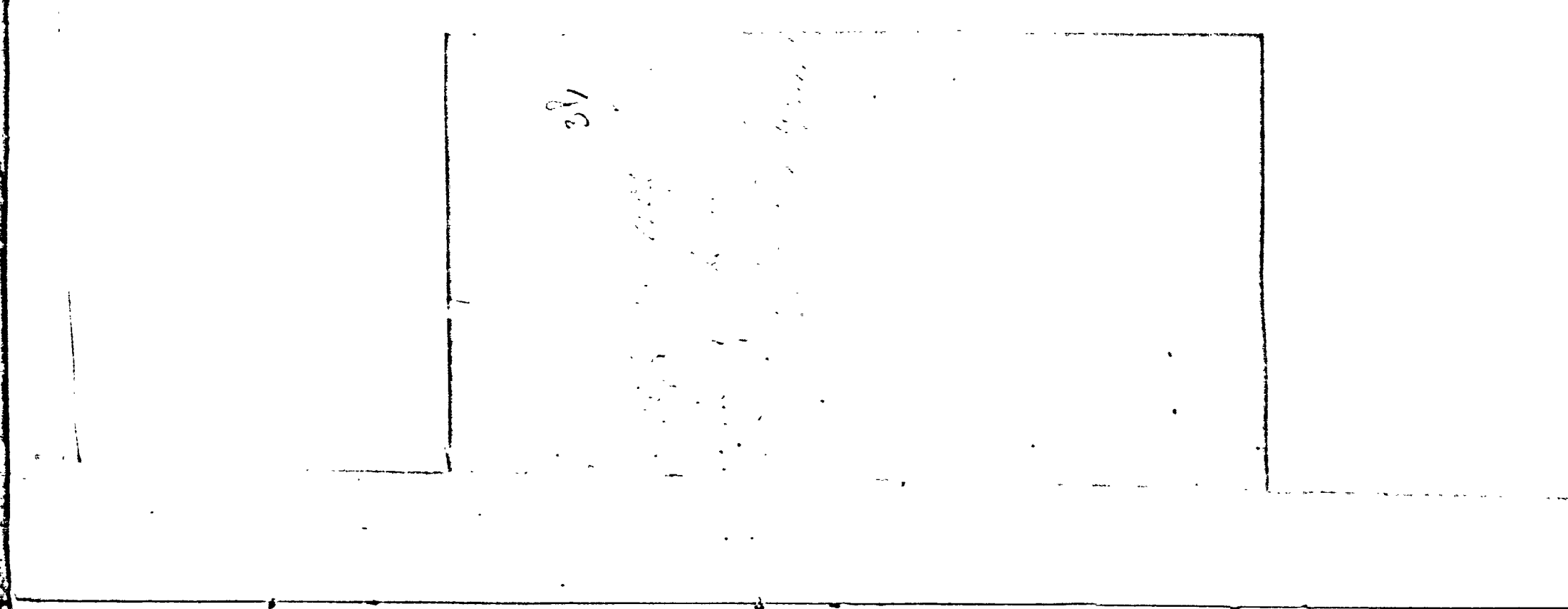
UNDER the circumstances reported the Government authorize the damaged level being replaced by one from the stores if the former is so seriously injured as not to admit of repair.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division.
,, Officer in charge of the Store Department.

Exd. S. T. Austin.


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My dear Sir

I am sorry to have to inform You of a most unfortunate accident that has happened to my Level.- I was out yesterday morning and finished off the survey of all that jungle that lies about Kanadien ancient. I went again in the evening with intention of running my last line from the one-arched bridge near the head of the channel to the other side of the river over the ancient tank. ing the longitudinal and cross sections of the ancient as I

ment along. I set up the instrument on the bridge and having taken the bearing of my line told the lascar to remove the instrument while I aligned the chainmen. Immediately afterwards I heard a crash and to my horror saw the level toppling over the east parapet into the water. I stripped in a moment and went in with the lascar and a man who was standing by. I got the chain through me from the bridge and holding the handle tried to get to the bottom of the water where it lies under the bridge but the force of the water was so great that I was knocked about like a piece of driftwood on the surface - indeed the strongest man could not make head against the current even

twenty yards below the bridge. We did our best for an hour but could not find the level. The current was then sucking and as I was unable to remain in the water any longer I offered a reward of twenty rupees for the recovery of the instrument to a man who undertook to bring it to me next morning. But I am sorry to say that it has not yet been found although my lascars with half a dozen other men searched all the morning from five o'clock a long distance down the channel. It appears to me that it must be stuck at the bottom near where it fell and that the only way to get at it is to dam the water near the ancut which I will try to get the tahsildar to let me do. — The way this unfortunate accident is advised is

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Fiji Islands
Suva Harbour
1st Oct. 1872

J. B. Lewis

Palamcottah
14th October 1872.

No 553.

From,

The Executive Engineer
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To

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In a letter
from the Supt Engineer
8th Dn No 3744 dated 12th
November 1872.—

To
The Secretary to
Govt PWD.

P.W. 5638/72.

Letter from Overseer
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I have &c

Signed J. W. Rundall

Executive Engineer

No. 744. (True Copy)

Submitted to Government for information.— Enclosures 1. 1. Letter from Mr Sears—

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Madura
12th November 1872.

Nico. H. Roberts Lieut Colo RE
Superintg Engineer 8th Dn

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From the Supt Engr

8th Div / Forecuter 16374 of 12th Nov 1872

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O.K.S.

Engr

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S.K.S. Bd

Officer in charge of the Store Dept

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The Supt Engineer

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To the Secretary to Govt

P.W.D.

Dated 7th Nov 1872.

Rec'd 18th Nov 1872.

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To The Superintending Engr.
5th Division

Dated

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Nos. 14415

Lieut - Authority granted for the damaged bund of the Overseer Lower being replaced by one from the stores if the former would not admit of repair -