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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department, 12th December 1872.

No. 242. Read the following endorsement of the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Cockracolum, 19th November 1872, No. 3,882:—

From the Assistant Engineer in charge of Madura Range, to the Superintending Engineer, 8th Division, dated Madura, 2nd November 1872, No. 654.

In reference to your memorandum No. 3,410, dated 26th ultimo, on Chief Engineer's No. 157, requesting explanation as to the cause of delay in the submission of the plan of the Tumkum and hand-sketch of its grounds, I have the honour to submit the following.

Your first order calling for this service, dated 2nd March 1871, was received in March 1871. In April following I was put on special duty in addition to the charge of my own range to inquire into the irregularities in late No. 3 or Shevagunga Range; the Taluq Overseer of Madura was at this time removed to the charge of Shevagunga, and the Madura Taluq was without an Overseer for six months afterwards; all this time my office establishment had their hands full of work of two ranges (the Shevagunga establishment having been dismissed) so that I had no subordinate available to undertake the duty.

NOTE.—This is not correct. The Overseer was in joint charge.

R. A. R.

In June 1871, Palace Overseer Soobroyaloo Naidoo was ordered to submit the plans, etc.; he submitted one in August 1871, which was not prepared in conformity with instructions given him, so it was then sent to Overseer Permaul Naidoo, who had been in the meantime put in charge of the Madura Taluq, *vide* my letter No. 404, dated 13th September 1871; after repeated calls for it, this Overseer reported he was unable to prepare the plan, as the Tumkum was occupied by Mr. Smith, Executive Engineer—*vide* my letter No. 210, dated 16th July 1871.

From April to June Mr. Smith was on the Pulny, and we had no access to the house. On his return, I got Mr. Smith's permission allowing the Overseer to enter the premises from 12 to 4 P.M. daily; but even after this the Overseer failed to submit the plans, giving as his excuse that he had a great deal of out-door work.

As reported to you in my letter No. 771, dated 2nd February 1872, I had put Soobroyaloo Naidoo again on this service, as he had little or no work in the Palace; but he failed to submit the plan (though repeatedly called upon to do so) till 28th September 1872, and it was then only owing to your threat to suspend him that the plans came in, and the same was forwarded to you with my letter No. 535, dated 29th September 1872.

I must admit the delay in furnishing this service has been very great, and must express my very great regret at it. My own draughtsman has had his hands full of work since April 1871, so that I could not spare him to undertake it, and besides Soobroyaloo Naidoo I had no one else qualified for the duty, and you are well aware of the great delay there always is in getting anything done by him.

COMMUNICATED to the Chief Engineer, with reference to his memorandum No. 157, dated 17th October 1872.

2. In the last paragraph of his letter, Mr. Leggatt states that besides Overseer Soobroyaloo Naidoo he had no one else qualified for the duty. Admitting this

to be the case, and as the Overseer has been in the town of Madura itself during the whole of the long period that has elapsed since the ordering and furnishing of the plan of the Tumkum, it is difficult to understand how, if Mr. Leggatt had exerted only ordinary energy, so great a delay as has happened would have been allowed to occur.

3. The hand-sketch of the grounds has not yet been received, nor, as it will be seen, does Mr. Leggatt even allude to it in his letter.

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

No. 243. ORDER THEREON, 12th December 1872, No. 2,937.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 18.

THE explanation given of the great delay that has occurred in the submission of the papers relating to the Tumkum bungalow at Madura, called for in G. O., No. 289 of 16th February 1871, is not satisfactory. The Superintending Engineer considers the Madura Range Officer chiefly to blame for it; but the conduct of Soobroyaloo Naidoo in charge of the Palace works appears deserving of severe censure. It is observed that the Range Officer states that this is not the first occasion on which Soobroyaloo Naidoo has shown want of proper zeal and activity.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura.
" Revenue Department.
" Consulting Architect.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

Madura Range Office
Madura 2nd November 1872
Despatched 4th November 1872

No. 654.

From,
The Assistant Engineer
In ch. of Madura Range.

To,
The Superintending Engineer
8th Division.

Sir,

In reference to your Memo No. 3410 dated 26th Ultimo on Chief Engineer's No. 157 requesting explanation as to the cause of delay in the submission of the plan of the Tumkum and hand sketch of its grounds, I have the honor to submit the following.—

Your first order calling for this Service dated 3rd March 1871 was received on 8th March 1871. In April following I was put on special duty in addition to the charge of my own Range to enquire into the irregularities in Tank No. 3 or Shevaginga Range, the Talook Overseer of

of Madura was at this time removed to the charge of Shevagenga, and the Madura Talook was without an Overseer for 6 months afterwards; All this time my office Establishment had their hands full of work of two Ranges (the Shevagenga Establishment having been dismissed) so that I had no subordinate available to undertake the duty.—

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As reported to you in my letter No 771 dated 22nd February 1872 I had put Soobroyaloo Naidoo again on this service as he had little or no work in the Palace but he failed to submit the plan (though repeatedly called upon to do so till 28th September 1872 and it was then only owing to yours thereat to suspend him that the plans came in and the same was forwarded to you with my letter No 535 dated 29th September 1872.—

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I have &c.a

(Signed) C. R. Leggatt Assist. Engineer
In charge of Madura Range.

(True Copy)

No: 3882.

Communicated to the Chief Engineer with reference to his Memo No: 157 dated 17th October 1872.—

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Soobarayaloo Naidoo he had no one else qualified for the duty. Admitting this to be the case, and as the Overseer has been in the Town of Madura itself during the whole of the long period that has elapsed since the ordering and furnishing of the Plan of the Tunkum, it is difficult to understand how, if Mr. Leggatt had exerted only ordinary energy, so great a delay as has happened would have been allowed to occur.

3. The Band. sketch of the ground has not yet been received, nor, as it will be seen, does Mr. Leggatt even allude to it in his letter.—

Lieut. Colo. R.E.
Superintg. Engineer 8th Dn.

19th Nov. 1872.
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Public Works 1872 Dept.
Copy of Govt Order
No. 3882 "

From. No. 5826 -

The Superintending Engr
8th Division

To.
The Chief Engineer
& Secretary to Govt PWD
Madras

Dated 22nd November 1872
Received 25th - do - 72

Communicates that the
services of Overseer Sadrapa
Row Naidoo are urgently
required on the Tower
channel.

No 2937 - 12th Decr 1872

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 13th November 1872.
Read the following Letter.

From the Civil Engineer
& Ex. Officio Secretary

Dated 16th November 1872
Received 22nd do

Requisitioning
grant of the quantity
that has incurred in
the Coimbatore of the
Coasters relating to the
Sanitarium Pongalore
at Madura, called
for on G.O. No: 289
of 15th February 1871.
is not satisfactory: the
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Range

No 242
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Colonel Roberts, or
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made by that Officer
for his appointment
as an Overseer of the
1st Grade.

G.H.W.

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censure.

It is observed that the
Range Officer states that this
is not the first occasion
on which Subrayaloo Naidoo
has shown want of proper
Zeal and activity -

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To The District Engr.
Madura

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Dated

Recd, Encl.

G. O. 12th Dec. 1872. No. 2937.

Nos. 242 & 243

Tumbkum Bungalow at Madura. Explanation, submitted by the Superintg. of the great delay in the transmission of papers relating to the Tumbkum Bungalow considered unsatisfactory and the conduct of Sooboya has rendered noticed to the disadvantage.