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No 94C. Read the following letter from Major J. N. HUNTER, R.E., District Engineer, Salem, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Salem, 22nd May 1873, No. 32 :—

I HAVE the honour to bring the following case forward for the consideration of Government, and such notice as they may consider that the conduct of Overseer Arnachellum Moodelly deserves.

Enclosures thirty-four.

2. On the 25th February, Mr. Paynter, the Executive Engineer, Oossoor Range, reported that he had inspected the work in progress on the new calingulah of the Sumpagoo tank; on the 21st February, that the masonry appeared good, but that on removing some of the stones the interior was seen to be nothing but dry rubble, chunam had been used only for the exterior courses. The foundation as far as it could be seen was composed of round boulders, and not flat stones as required by the specification.

Enclosure A.

3. The Sungaypillay tank calingulah was inspected on the following day, the masonry was found to be bad, but not so bad as the first; the interior was composed of rubble, but it was laid in chunam; the foundation was round boulders, and the Overseer's measurements were incorrect and in favour of the contractor.

4. In a further report, dated 15th March 1873, Mr. Paynter reports that the work on the two calingulahs was worse than he had previously believed, and the whole has to be pulled down and rebuilt; that in consequence of this his incorrect measurements, and his having allowed the Irrigation Maistry to employ his brother as contractor, he had suspended Arnachellum, and laid charges before the Magistrate against the contractors for cheating.

Enclosure B.

5. In his letter No. 218, dated the 19th March, Major Vertue approved of the suspension of Arnachellum, and directed the Executive Engineer to call upon him to explain—

Enclosure C.

1*st*.—The bad work.
2*ndly*.—His entering into a contract.
3*rdly*.—His employing a Contractor so nearly related to one of his subordinates.

6. With his letter No. 943 of the 20th March, Mr. Paynter forwards Arnachellum's reply.

Enclosure D.

7. He states that he knew nothing of the bad quality of the work; that the Maistry assured him that it was done according to the estimate and specification; that he had no reason for suspecting it to be a fraud, and did not open it but merely measured it up and returned to Oossoor to make a bill. On the second and third points he states that Ibrahim Sahib was Contractor before he was Maistry, and on becoming Maistry he begged the Overseer to allow his brother to have the contract in order that he might work out advances already made to work-people, and thus

push on the work to completion within the official year, and with this view and no other he allowed this contract to go on as an exceptional case. All this, however, seems to have been denied by Ibrahim Sahib before the Magistrate.

8. He finally admits that he has been guilty of carelessness in measuring up the work and submitting the bill without thoroughly examining it, and begs that this may be looked over in consideration of his twelve years' previous good service.

9. On the 26th April, with his letter No. 71, Mr. Paynter forwarded the Magistrate's decision with all the depositions; the case against the Contractor failed owing to the conflicting evidence, the Magistrate expressing his opinion that he was only a tool in the hands of the Overseer and Maistry.

Enclosure E.
(Twenty-six Enclosures.)

10. On receipt of a report, No. 17, dated 6th April 1873, that the charge had been dismissed, Major Vertue in his memorandum, No. 29 of the 10th April, directed that Arnachellum should be released from suspension, stating his intention to submit the whole case for the consideration of Government as soon as copies of the depositions, etc, should be received.

Enclosure F.

Enclosure G.

11. As these have now come and the whole case against Arnachellum is complete, I now beg to submit it for such notice as Government may think proper to take.

12. The following enclosures are sent :—

7 copies of letters marked A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.
1 letter of explanation from Arnachellum Moodelly.

Calender No. 3.

1 Complainant's deposition.
11 Depositions from Witnesses.
1 Prisoner's statement.
1 Summary of Evidence and Finding.

Calender No. 4.

1 Complainant's deposition.
4 Depositions from Witnesses.
1 Defendant's statement.
1 Decision.

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2 Measurement bills from Taluq Overseer.
2 Measurement bills prepared by Range Officer.
1 Inspection Report of Taluq Overseer.

No. 94D. ORDER THEREON, 6th June 1873, No. 1,508B

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 13.

FROM the papers submitted with this letter it appears that the work of two tank calingulahs in the Oossoor Taluq of Salem District was found to be so bad as to require being pulled down and done over again, the materials and workmanship not being such as were provided for in

the estimates, although the bills submitted by the Overseer for payment allowed the estimate rates. The works were carried out by petty Contractors under a Maistry who was brother to one of them, and appointed to that situation on the Taluq Overseer's written recommendation.

2. The cases having been judicially investigated by the Magistrate, he has recorded in the one case his opinion that the Contractor was a tool (whether innocent or not he could not determine) in the hands of the Overseer and Maistry (his brother), who by their own admissions showed themselves to be utterly unworthy of trust; and that the bad work performed by him was done with their connivance and probably under their instructions. In the second case he holds it clearly proved that bad work, not according to estimate, was paid for as good; and considers it highly probable that the Contractor was misdirected either by the Overseer or Maistry (who accuse each other), or blundered in carrying out their instructions, but also possible that he may have acted fraudulently with or without their knowledge.

3. The Irrigation Maistry's constant inspections of the work leave no doubt of his complicity in the frauds from beginning to end; and the District Engineer will take measures for ensuring that neither he, Ibrahim Sahib, nor either of the Contractors, Abdul Kader and Ramasawmy Iyer, are ever re-employed in the Salem District.

4. The Overseer Arnachellum Moodelly reported of the Sumpagoo tank calingulah, under date the 14th January, that the works were going on satisfactorily; and that he inspected Sungaypilly tank works, both morning and evening of the 15th, and gave instructions to the Contractor. And on the 28th idem, having inspected both tanks and measured up the work done, he proceeded to Oossoor, where he made up the bills complained of the next day, which were duly paid by the Range Officer on the 31st. On the 21st February the Range Officer made the first inspection which led to the discovery of the bad work. In the face of such facts, His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot but conclude that the retention of the Overseer in the public service is out of the question; and his dismissal is accordingly ordered.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Salem, with twenty-eight Enclosures.
,, Controller of Public Works Accounts.
,, Principal of the Civil Engineering College, through the Director of Public Instruction.

Exd S. T Austin.
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No 32. District Engineer's Office,
Salem, 22nd May 1873.

From

The District Engineer,
Salem.

To

The Secretary to Government
D. P. W.

Sir,

Enclosures 34.

I have the honor to bring the following case forward for the consideration of Government, and such notice as they may consider that the conduct of Overseer Arunachellam Mudaliar deserves.

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Enclosure A

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but that on removing some of the stones, the interior was seen to be nothing but dry rubble, Chunam had been used only for the exterior courses. The foundation as far as it could be seen was composed of round boulders and not flat stones as required by the Specification.

3. The Singapillay tank calingulah was inspected on the following day the masonry was found to be bad but not so bad as the first the interior was composed of rubble but it was laid in Chunam the foundation was round boulders and the Overseers measurements were incorrect and in favor of the Contractor.

4. In a further report dated 15th March 1873. Mr. Paynter reports that the work on the two calingulahs was worse than he had previously believed, and the whole has to be pulled down and rebuilt, that in consequence of this, his incorrect measurements, and his having allowed the irrigation Maistry to employ his brother as Contractor, he had suspended Arunachellam and laid charges before the Magistrate against the Contractors for cheating.

Enclosure B.

Enclosure C.

5. In his letter No. 218 dated the 19th March Major Verner approved of the suspension of Arunachellam and directed the Executive Engineer to call upon him to explain.

1st The bad work

2ndly His entering into a Contract

3rdly His employing a Contractor so nearly related to one of his subordinates.

Enclosure D.

6. With his letter No. 943 of the 26th March Mr. Paynter forwards Arunachellam's reply.

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He states that he knew nothing of the bad quality of the work, that the Ministry assumed him that it was done according to the estimate and specification that he had no reason for suspecting it to be a fraud, and did not open it but merely measured it up and returned to Ofsoor to make a bill. On the 2nd & 3rd points he states that Ibrahim Saik was Contractor before he was Governor and on becoming Governor he begged the Overseer to allow his brother to have the contract in order that he might work out advances already made to work people and thus push on the work to completion within the official year, and with this view and no other he allowed this Contract to go on as an exceptional case.

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8. He finally admits that he has been guilty of careless-ness in measuring up the work and submitting the bill without thoroughly examining it and begs that this may be looked over in consideration of his twelve years previous good service

Enclosure E. 9. On the 26th April with his letter No 71 Mr. Paynter forwarded the Magistrates decision (26 Enclosures). with all the depositions the case against the Contractor failed owing to the conflicting evidence the Magistrate expressing his opinion that he was only a tool in the hands of the Overseer and ministry

Enclosure F. 10. On receipt of a report

No 17 dated 6th April 187[illegible] that the charge had been dismissed Major Verner in his Memorandum Enclosure 4. No 29 of the 10th April directed that Annachellan should be released from suspension stating his intention to submit the whole case for the consideration of Government as soon as copies of the depositions &c should be received.

11. As these have now come and the whole case against Annachellan is complete, I now beg to submit it for such notice as Government may think proper to take.

12. The following enclosures annexed.

1 Copies of letters marked A. B. C. D. E. F & G.
1 Letter of Explanation from Annachellan dated
Calender No: 3.

1 Complainants deposition. 1-
11 Depositions from Witnesses. 11-17
1 Prisoners Statement. 18
1 Summary of Evidence & finding. 19

Calender No: 4.

1 Complainants deposition.
4 Depositions from Witnesses.
1 Defendants Statement.
1 Decision.

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2 Measurement bills from Taluk Overseer
2 Measurement bills prepared by Range Officer
1 Inspection Report of Taluk Overseer.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obt. servant,
J. E. Stuart - Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

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No 71 Orphan Range Office,
Oroland, 26 April 1873.

From
The Executive Engineer
To
The Assistant Engineer.

The District Engineer
Salem.

26. Enclosures.

Enclosures No: 3
1 Complainant's deposition
11 Depositions from witnesses
1 Prisoner's Statement
1 Summary of evidence forwarding copies of the depositions and findings.
and decisions in the cases.

Enclosures No: 4
1 Complainant's deposition of Sawyers and Shingle splitters
4 Depositions from witnesses called by complainant
1 Defendant's statement
1 Decision.

2 Measurement Rolls
from Talbot Timbers
2 Measurement Rolls
from Shingle splitters
1 Inspection Report
the Talbot Timbers
from January 1873.

Sir,
I have the honor to
forward herewith
Complaint and Depositions
of Sawyers and Shingle splitters
called by me from
Orleans Clearing
Camp No: 17 for the
District.

2 Measurement Rolls
from Clearing
that the Timbers
and Shingles
at the said
Camp were
measured
by me.

1 Inspection Report
the Talbot Timbers
from January 1873.

Inspection Report shows that
the inspection of the Talbots
on the 15th ult to 28th January
and up to it was
impossible for him
to go
have seen the Log
because when I
the Timbers
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No 1873 Gen'l No: 3
Dist'l Gen'l No 3087.
From
The District Engineer
Salem.

To
The Secy: to Govt:
P. W. D.

Dated 22nd } May 1873
Recd: 26th }

No 32.
3 Encls: 3 & 7
No 1508 B. & Encls 3
Submitting a Case
against Overseer Ar=
=nachellum Mudelly
for such notice as
Government may
think proper to take.

No 946
dispd of Govt 27 May 73

a month after the Overseer's inspection, during which time the work had proceeded only the top course of the greater part of it was built with stone in Chunam. The Irrigation Maistry appears to have been constantly inspecting the calingulahs.

3. The two Contractors and the Irrigation Maistry are not men of good reputation. The Contract for the Sungapully Calingulah was given to Ramasawmy Iyer on a written recommendation from the Overseer. The Overseer himself without any authority from me gave the Sungapoo Calingulah contract to Abdul Kader. And the post of Irrigation Maistry was given to Ibrahim Saib on a written recommendation from the Overseer. I heard a few days ago that Ibrahim Saib was employed in this Range many years back and was dismissed and imprisoned in 1860 or 1861 for making false entries in a station Book. It seems to me very singular that the bad characters of the men should not have been known to the Overseer, or if they were that he should have employed them if he had no bad motive.

4. Any further remarks seems to be unnecessary as the Magistrate's decisions go into the subject fully.

I have &c.

(Signed) L. W. Paynter
Executive Engineer.

(True Copy)

J. W. Struder. Major, R.E.,
District Engineer.

Comp'd L.D.

Assoor Range Office
Assoor 26th February 1873

No 860

From The Executive Engineer
Assoor Range

To The District Engineer
& Salem.

Sir, I have the honor to report the result of recent inspection by one of two irrigation reservoirs situated on the Assoor Saloor about 14 m. south from Assoor on the Selly road.

2 The new Calingulahs in progress of the Company tanks was examined on the 21st instant. The masonry was in new completion, at first sight it appeared to be good, but on removing some of the stones the interior was seen to be nothing but dry rubble - Chunam had been used only for the exterior courses. The foundation, so much of it as I could see, was composed of round boulders and not flat stones according to the Specification.

3 The Company tank Calingulahs was inspected the following day. The masonry was much better than the other Calingulahs but by no means so good as it should be;

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the interior was composed of rubble but it was laid in chunam. The foundation was composed of round boulders.

4 The measurements submitted by the overseer are incorrect - in favor of the Contractor - especially with regard to the depth of foundation. His excuse is that he took the irrigation mans boys word that the foundations were as deep as the estimate provided and did not carefully examine them himself owing to press of business.

5 There can be no doubt that fraud has been committed but I am not now in a position to accuse any one. The overseer is certainly guilty of carelessness. I have sent a mandy to the tanks to uncover the whole of the foundations and I intend to follow him in a few days when a more thorough examination will be made than was possible when I was there last, and a further report will be forwarded.

6 I Request you will be good enough to inform me if you intend to inspect the works. Probably a much stronger case will be made if you do.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Sv
L. W. Paynter
Exec. Engineer

(Sgd) / True Copy /
J. Cruickie Major R.E
District Engineer

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Assoor Range Office
Assoor 15th March 1873

No 923

From The Executive Engineer
Assoor Range

To The District Engineer
of Salem

Sir,

With reference to my No 860 dated 25th ultimo I have the honor to report that a further examination was made by me of the masonry of the calingulahs & the Sumpagoo and Sungupully tanks on the 3rd & 4th instant.

2 The Sumpagoo calingulah is much worse work than I expected. The masonry is nothing but stone in mud, pointed above ground with chunam; there is no chunam at all in the foundation and round stone has been freely used. The whole work must be pulled down and rebuilt.

3 The foundation of Sungapully tank calingulah is composed of round stone laid in mud. The superstructure is flat stone laid in chunam, but the workmanship is bad. This work must also be entirely pulled down and rebuilt.

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4. I have laid charges before the Joint Magistrate against the Contractors for cheating. One of them, Abdool Kadur, has been under examination since the 12th instant, but his case will not be disposed of for some time as it was yesterday adjourned till the 26th for further evidence. The other Contractor has disappeared.

5. I consider it my duty to suspend Overseer C. Aroonachellum Moodelly from Office till the charge against the Contractors is disposed of, or, at least, till Abdool Kader's case is Settled, and have directed Overseer C. Venkata chellum Moodr. to take charge of the Oossoor Salook. This is very inconvenient just at the close of the year but it is the best arrangement I can think of. I trust you will approve of my proceedings.

6. The most favorable judgement on Aroonachellum Moodelly is that he has been guilty of gross carelessness in not examining the works before Submitting his measurement bills to me for payment, and I am afraid he has been guilty of a more serious offence than this.

7. The Overseer's excuse for Submitting the measurement bills and certifying that such work was correct, is that he was very busy at the end of the month and took the irrigation maistry's word that the work had been performed according to the plan and Specification; but Abdool Kader the Contractor of Sumpagoo tank Caliguelah is a brother of the maistry, and as the Overseer was well aware of this he should have been extremely cautious in accepting such a Statement & I only ascertained the fact of the relationship after my examination of the work on 21st February 1873. or it is almost needless to State, Abdool Kader should not have had this or any other irrigation work in the Oossoor Salook; but the Overseer gave the work out on Contract without any reference to me though he knew perfectly well this proceeding is contrary to the rule of the Range regarding contract work.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant.
(Signed) L. W. Paynter
Executive Engineer.

I. C. Steele. Major R. E.
District Engineer

Encl. to No. 126 dated 2nd June 73

Compd. C.

Public Works Department

Proceedings of the Madras Government

1508 B. Read the following

Letter from the District Engineer of Salem (with following enclosures)

dated 22nd May 1873 No 32.

submitting Report of Select Committee & Memorandum thereon

Proceedings of January 1873.

Letter from the Ex. Engr Ossoor Range to the Supdt Salem 7/28 May/73 No 928.

Ditto from the Ex. Engr — do — 30 — do — 29 — do —

Ossoor Range 3/22 March 1873 Memorandum of the Supdt Salem 3/28 April 1873.

Letter from the — Ex. Engr Ossoor Range to the District Engr Salem,

No 2 dated April 1873, No 71

From the Superintending Engineer

submitted with the above

letter a statement that

the works of 2 Tank

Calingulache viz the

Ossoor Salook Pannee

of Salem District

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G O No 1508 B 30/6

June/73

From

The Executive Engineer

Ossoor Range

To

The District Engineer

Salem

Dated 15 } March 1873

Rec'd }

No 308/73

Reporting the result

of further examination

made of the masonry of the

Calingulache & Simpagoo

& Singaypally tanks.

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To The Dt Engineer Salem
with 28 Encs.
From Dept
M.S. dated 6/6/73
Dt Engr 6/6/73
Cotton rec'd 7/6/73
Dated 27/6/73
From Civil Engineering College
Asst to Secretary of State for India
& Controller of P. Works

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The District Engineer
Salem

Dated

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G. O., 6th June 1873, No. 1508 R.

Nos. 946 & 947

Overseer Arnachellum
Bradley. Passing or-
ders on letter from the
Dist Engr. Salem, pre-
ferring certain charges
against Arnachellum
Bradley in connection
with the construction of
tank calingulahs in the
Salem Taluq.