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Public Works DEPARTMENT.

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Read the following letters :—

No. 363. From the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 10th December 1872, No. 7.

I HAVE the honour to forward the explanation submitted by Mr. Bond to the Range Officer, Calicut.

1. Copies of Range Officer's memorandum, Nos. 186 and 197.
2. Mr. Bond's reply, No. 36, of 28th November 1872, with an explanation marked B., dated 25th November 1872.
3. Calicut Range Officer's letter to the District Engineer, No. 321, of 6th December 1872, with Civil Surgeon's letter, No. 59, dated 22nd November 1872.

2. I have this day returned from an inspection of the Tambercherry road, and regret to say that my fears regarding the utter uselessness of the work done by Mr. Bond in direct disobedience of orders have been entirely verified. At the places Mr. Bond has had earth thrown on the road it is, I regret to say, some 24" deep in mud as I expected to be.

No. 364. From the same Officer, dated Calicut, 11th December 1872, No. 8.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for the information of the Government, a certified copy of (A) judgment of the Magistrate of Malabar in the recent case of outrage at Pudupady, and of (B) order of the Session Judge of Calicut on the appeal made against that judgment.

No. 365. ORDER THEREON, 20th January 1873, No. 179.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

HIS Excellency the Governor in Council considers it to be conclusively proved that Mr. Overseer Bond has systematically neglected to carry out the orders which he received from Captain Wood, such orders having been given with the intention of breaking through an existing system of work, involving the making of advances and employment of petty contractors, to which the Range Officer had deliberately set himself to put a stop, with a view to improved work being done departmentally.

2. It is greatly to be regretted that Captain Wood's instructions, which appear, in the first instance, to have been given verbally, could not, owing to other demands on his time, especially in the Ernad Taluq, have been followed up by personal inspections for a period of two months. And it is not quite clear how the flying visit to the road in company with the Superintending Engineer was not turned to account for purposes of inspection.

3. Mr. Bond's previous character and service of five years as an Overseer must, however, have been deemed by Captain Wood a sufficient guarantee for his carrying out positive orders, relative to only eight miles of road, and limiting him solely to the collection of metal for two months. Such simple orders and work did not absolutely necessitate intermediate inspections.

4. From whatever motive, of several surmized by Captain Wood, it may be, Mr. Bond certainly appears to have adopted a course diametrically opposed to the orders given him; and which has resulted in considerable money outlay to no

purpose, and in a complication of unfortunate events causing loss to Government, and extreme annoyance and insult to the Range Officer. His Excellency the Governor in Council cannot but take severe notice of such conduct; and but for Mr. Bond's long service and previous good character, would have dismissed him from the public service. As it is, he orders his degradation to the lowest instead of to the second grade of Overseer.

5. The District Engineer of Malabar will use his own discretion as to whether he will continue to employ Mr. Bond in that district. If not, his re-employment in any other district will be conditional on special report of his conduct being made every six months till further orders. As to the institution of further inquiries into Mr. Bond's connection with the Pudupady outrage, His Excellency in Council is of opinion that no good purpose will be answered by orders to that effect.

6. The course adopted in suspending Mr. Bond was the correct one. Suspension is not inflicted as a punishment. It is meant to preclude the drawing of any higher allowance than that for subsistence pending inquiry, and the claim for salary on the plea of holding a certain appointment. Mr. Bond's suspension is accordingly upheld, and he will not draw salary as 3rd class Overseer until re-employed either in Malabar or elsewhere.

7. The copies of the Magistrate's Judgment and of the Judge's appeal order, received with letter No. 8 of 11th December, are transferred to the Judicial Department.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.
„ Controller of Public Works Accounts.
„ Judicial Department, with judgment and appeal order.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

No 321 Calicut 6th Dec 1872

From
The Executive Engineer
Calicut

To
The District Engineer
Malabar

Sir

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In my letter No 278 of 16th Nov 1872 the address of the Supt Engineer 7th Division Offr, forwarded by that Officer to Government with his No 196 of 16th Nov, I had the regret of reporting certain circumstances which, in my Opinion, threw grave suspicions on the Conduct of Mr Overseer Bond. In concluding that letter, I made a request that a Competent Officer might be deputed to examine into the disgraceful matter, in which I feared Mr Bond was mixed up.

On receipt of this letter, Colonel Farewell ordered the Overseer to be suspended / and subsequently this suspension was confirmed by higher Authority / It seemed to me that my letter had been misunderstood, and that my suspicions had been construed by the Superintending Engineer into positive charges. I thought it better to call on Mr Bond for a full explanation for the information of Government, rather than to suspend him, as I was directed.

To B

I understand the case clearly I should

premiss that on Mr. Arbuthnot, being suspended, Mr. Bond was ordered to take his place - The most important work in this Range at the time of Mr. Bond's arrival was the Tamberchery road, which was in a shameful state, and required putting into order, before the traffic of the Coffee season commenced. I therefore placed Mr. Bond solely on this work, giving him the most positive and clear orders as to how he was to work. I forbad him in the most distinct manner possible, to do any thing but spread metal for two months, after which time I hoped sufficient material would have been collected to allow of the worst parts of the road being put into tolerable order. I warned him that the maistries and Contractors lately employed on the road in question were rogues, and told him I had put him specially and solely in charge of the eight miles of road between Tamberchery and Pudupady at the foot of the Lackady Ghaut, so that he might be able by personal superintendence and frequent payments, entirely to dispense with the aid of middlemen and thus break the nucleus of a system to establish and perpetuate which, the orders of Government regarding advances were persistently disobeyed, and the result of which was in all cases bad work, combined with a strong suspicion of fraud. These orders were given in the second week of September, at the Commencement of October I had to make a thorough inspection of the Sanaad Taluq, and immediately after my return to Calicut, should

have inspected Mr. Bond's work, had not the Complications regarding Mr. Arbuthnot's public Expenditure and the duties of the Committee appointed to report on that matter, detained me in Calicut. I certainly made a flying visit to Pudupady and back to Calicut in company with the Superintending Engineer, but neither time nor weather admitted of any inspection on this occasion.

I Consequently did not inspect Mr. Bond's work until the second week in November. Meanwhile Mr. Bond had been reported by me to the Supg Engineer for disobedience of orders, in making advances, and he was severely censured and warned by the Supg Engineer that a repetition of the Offence would certainly entail degradation in or dismissal from the Department Public Works.

On Nov 8: the date of my inspection Commencing, Mr. Bond reported himself ill with fever; he had, without leave from me, left his work and visited Calicut a few days previously, but notwithstanding that he states he habitually suffers from fever and had been so suffering constantly since his posting to the Calicut Range, on which occasion he had been attended by Mr. Apothecary Trutmann, he had not taken the simple precaution of having Quinine with him. This circumstance made me doubt at the

time, whether Mr. Bond was telling the plain truth, and the report of the Civil Surgeon on Mr. Bonds state of health (now forwarded) does not alter my ideas on that head.

I had on Nov. 8th some difficulty in getting a sight of Mr. Bonds Cash book, the fever being reportedly the cause. At last however I insisted on seeing the Cash book and found Mr. Bond had in direct defiance of the Supt Engineers order, the ink of which was scarcely dry, again made advances to Contractors. Notwithstanding Mr. Bonds entreaties, I made a note of my inspection in his Cash book; which as the Overseer very well knew would entail the punishment subsequently inflicted upon him by the Supt Engineer.

The occurrences of 9th Nov. are sufficiently detailed in the letter to the Superintending Engineer alluded to in the first para of this Communication, and to elucidate the connection of Mr. Bond with those circumstances, I ultimately sent him the papers of Questions marked A annexed to this letter, and received the replies with papers marked B, also forwarded herewith.

Mr Bonds defence of his conduct is shortly as follows - That he was new to the Taluq, and that the bad state of the road necessitated his repairing the road; or in other words he chose to act on his own way in opposition to orders received,

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and to expend money on work which was absolutely useless, until metal was ready to put on the road. Mr. Bond denied in defiance of my orders to employ so called Contractors, to do work which was useless, and was not the work ordered by me specifically to be done; because "almost every Overseer employs temporary Maistries and Contractors". The fact is however simply this, that Mr. Bond would not obey his instructions. He told me personally "it was impossible for him to look after eight miles of road", on which labor was employed departmentally, and I have further reason for thinking that Mr. Bond premeditatedly disobeyed his orders on this head. The Inspector of Police who went to Tambrecherry to pay the Constables, was told by Mr. Bond, that it was impossible a memo of his cash, i.e. a Taluq Overseer, should be ordered to do small daily charge as that of the Tambrecherry Road.

The Inspector could have no object in misentering such a story, even if it was in the power of his knowledge and imagination to do so. A further statement to the effect that Mr. Bond was then part drunk at the time, is probably true and does not conflict with the impressions of the Civil Surgeon & Cabinet.

I may add Mr. Bond asked me "am I to waste my life in Tambrecherry?"

Such expressions if they mean any thing, clearly imply that Mr. Bond was in any way devoted to the duties which fevers, ment employed him upon: The Circumstances detailed go to shew indeed Mr. Bond, was determined to do as little as possible. As far as I can judge the sole excuse for Mr. Bond is that, he really got frightened at being sent to a place, which has a bad reputation for fever in January and February. This fright combined with discontent at being put on a single work, and an inherent disinclination to do any work at all; caused him to drink to excess, and has resulted, as I believe, on his trying to be transferred to a more agreable post. Contractors and Masistries having as described been employed by Mr. Bond he can for course give no further reason for disobeying my orders regarding daily and weekly payments to Coolies.

Mr. Bond gives a very lame explanation of his enquiry at 7 P.M. from me regarding the occurrence at Pudupady on 9th Nov. He heard "Contradictory statements" regarding the affray at 2½ P.M; but did not send any assistance from the Police Station distant not 30 yards from the place he was living in: I cannot admit Mr. Bond was prevented by illness from taking

steps to send me assistance: He had no difficulty in making arrangements to go clandestinely to Cuddalore, an act he knew was an improper one, under the circumstances of my having purposely come not to inspect his charge. Stowener having left for Cuddalore in consequence of fever and also in Mr. Bonds own words "of feeling and incipient attack of paralysis in the left hand" which "quite alarmed me"; Mr. Bond does not, in conformity with my previous written and verbal orders, and as might reasonably be expected, consult the Civil Surgeon, because, on arrival he did not think his illness would be of so very serious a nature as to warrant him calling on Dr. Roberts!

It is unfortunate for Mr. Bond that Dr. Roberts does not think seriously of his illness, for I fear, Mr. Bonds explanation of his sudden departure from Tambercherry and subsequent conduct can scarcely, under the circumstances, be considered a satisfactory one.

Mr. Bond explains that he considers he acted "prudently" in making Contract on

stamped paper on behalf of Government.
This he says in answer to my enquiry as to
who gave him the requisite authority for
doing so? I do not consider the reply a
satisfactory one, as he knows he has no
such authority, and that in making a
contract on behalf of Government, he co
usurpes the powers of his Superiors.

In conclusion, I must adhere to my
opinion that, if an enquiry be made by
the Police or any other competent authority;
Mr. Bonds connection with the Pudupady
outrage will most probably be substantiated.
Independently of my having been the
sufferer in that matter; I would submit
that on all accounts its instigators, if
there are any, should be punished.

I should not omit to mention that,
at the request of the Executive Engineer
Cauvanore, I have ordered Mr. Bond to
that place, to adjust some advances
which are found difficult to dispose of.
The Civil Surgeon of Calicut, notwithstan-
ding Mr. Bonds serious description of his
state of health; sees nothing in it to
prevent travelling. Mr. Bonds ailment
is a "droop" of the left wrist, which
Dr. Roberts can make nothing of.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedt humble
Servt
Capt. R.A.
Executive Engineer
Calicut

No 59. 10

Calicut 13

22nd November 1872

From

The Civil Surgeon

Malabar

To

The Executive Engineer

Calicut

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, I have the honor to inform you that I went to see Mr. Overseer Bond the same afternoon. Just before leaving my house I got a note from Mr. Overseer Arbuthnot telling me that Overseer Bond was living in his house, was ill, and wished to see me. I found Mr. Bond semi-dressed in bed - somewhat in a feverish - excited, tremors affecting his system generally, and his left wrist drooping. His account of himself was that he had been at Tamberchery, that he had got fever there, that he had fever just this time last year, that he came in to Calicut, and after arriving at Calicut he found his left hand paralysed at the wrist. This state

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Report on the Conduct of Pandur Mookond of Calicut

Encl Letter from the Officg. Asst. Engineer Malabar to the Civil Engineer 21st Inst. & date 10th Copy Do —

of the left hand occasioned him much alarm. I examined Mr. Bond as carefully, I could not help being impressed with the belief that his then state of body generally, was attributable to other causes than Fever. I note this impression because it was forced upon me, though I had never seen Mr. Bond before - of the wrist I can make nothing - the only explanation I can possibly bring to bear on it is that, whilst in the brandy coming in from Tamborcherry, the night being cold, he may have lain heavily on his left hand, doubled under him and so caused a temporary paralysis of the wrist. The limb is not paralysed, only the wrist and fingers, and these are quite amenable to and influenced by galvanic stimulus. The Fever which was slight at the best, readily gave way to very simple treatment in three days. I am trying galvanism for the wrist.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obt. Servt.
W. K. Bluett M.D.
Civil Surgeon
Malabar

No 295. Calicut 22d Nov.

Submitted for information of
the Supt Engr 7th Division
by order of Capt Ll
Early Calicut

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186 Memo: 13 17—

Mr. Bond's explanation contained in his No 29 dated 18th November 1872, is eminently unsatisfactory.

Copy of Executive Engineer's No 278 of 14th Novr/72 to the address of Supt. Engineer 7th Dn. D.C.Gl is herewith forwarded for Mr. Bond's information; a careful perusal will show Mr. Bond how essential it is for his future prospects, that some satisfactory explanation of his conduct should be afforded.

The points requiring full explanation are as follows

1st Why Mr. Bond did not carry out the very pressing and simple orders of the Executive Engineer. Viz- to prepare metal for the Jamberchery Road, and to do no other kind of work excepting that at Padaveliam and the rebuilding of the bridge on 27th mile?

2nd Why contractors and maistries were employed, instead of coolies paid daily or weekly by the Overseer as was ordered by the Executive Engineer?

3rd As contractors and maistries were employed why they were not employed in preparing metal rather than on other works, not ordered to be done by the Executive Engineer?

4th Why on the Executive Engineer visting Mr. Bond's

Acknowledgment
Mr. Bond's Explanation
Chittoor
20/11/72.

the evening of the 9th November and ordering Mr. Bond to stop all works going on under Mahomed Sahib – the Overseer should have replied "very well Sir, but pray tell me what the contractor has been doing wrong" or words to that effect. The fact being that, the only lascars Cannon and Karoo Nair, informed Mr. Bond of the outrage which was committed by Mahomed Sahib and his coolies; about 2½ P.M. or about 4 hours previously to the visit of Captain Wood to Mr. Bond.

Cannon, I find in Mr Bond's private journal

5th Captain Wood visited Mr. Bond as related in the preceding para about 6½ P.M. on 9th Nov. Mr. Bond had about 5. P.M. given orders to his establishment to prepare for going to Calicut that night – Why did not Mr. Bond inform Capt. Wood of his determination to leave Pambercherry?

6th Mr. Bond arrived at Calicut on Sunday 10th November. He states he was alarmed and compelled to quit Pambercherry by feeling an incipient attack of paralysis. How was it that after Captain Wood's verbal orders and those contained in his No. 165 of 9th Nov. 72, Mr. Bond did not under such alarming circumstances apply to Dr. Roberts for medical aid immediately on his arrival at Calicut? The Executive Engineer had to ask Dr. Roberts on Tuesday 12th November to examine the Overseer, who it appears had called in

an Apothecary Peruvier a man entirely unconnected with the Department. 19—

7th Mr. Bond will explain in the fullest manner who gave him the authority to enter into any formal agreement on Stamp paper on behalf of Government with one Mahomed Sahib residing in Calicut, for the execution of work on the Pambercherry Ghaut Road.

Executive Engrs Office
Calicut 20th Nov. 72

Sgd. H W. Wood Captain RE
Executive Engineer.

2.

Mr. Overseer H. M. Bond.

No. 197 A

Memo:

Has the honor to enquire with reference to Mr. Bond's admission that he had accounts of the affray at Pudupady on 9th November last from the lascars, whether he sent any word whatever on the subject to the Police at Pambercherry? Mr. Bond is aware that the Police Station is almost opposite the Choultrum in which Mr. Bond was residing and certainly not 30 yards off.

Ex: Engrs Office
Calicut 26th Nov. 72

Sgd. H W. Wood Captain RE
Executive Engineer

2.

Mr. Overseer H. M. Bond.

(True Copies)

Compared By

Captain RE

No 35.

No.

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Captain H. M. Wood R. E.
Executive Engineer
Lahore

Sir,

I beg respectfully to inform you that I received your letter No 278 dated 2nd November last to the Supdg Engineer regarding my withdrawal absence of orders, on the 4th at 2 P.M. the 21st November and a memorandum of that further explanation I regret that I have not given my previous explanation given you any satisfaction, I will endeavour now carefully and honestly explain every thing to the extent of my knowledge. I also very much regret that you did not forward to me, a copy of your letter No 278 to the Supdg Engineer, so as to find me a chance of finding out before it had reached that quarter many and that officer had framed a judgement on your conduct prejudicial to my present and future welfare. In my position as a subordinate such treatment cannot but be reckoned very hard and leads to various conjectures, not of which disagreeable fact (vaguely anticipated) of disobedience and disrespect.

Objectionable

Since the 4th November two days after (Colonel began to attend on me) I requested Colonel S. Turner regarding the matter and he informed me of your report, after which I called on the same day and was forwarded to the Supdg Engineer, coming after three and being more important, will naturally lead my conduct has been already degraded by the Supdg Engineer were taken in his memo No 993 that no further explanation is necessary to arrive at decisive conclusions, as to the merits of his further explanation with reference to the grounds on which full explanations are required. Supdg Engineer to state, that I did what an ordinary, overdressed [illegible]

Mr B's own fault as his conduct precipitated beginning.

Very objectionable this upon the being degraded by Supdg Engr for direct disobedience

Executive Engineer's Office
Received the 11th Dec 72
to the Supdg Engineer's Office
No 1 dated 7th Dec 72

P. W. D. 622 6/72.
Copied & Pasted by Assistant
Revenue & Mo Officer
Head Qrs

I was in charge of it, was also included, especially as the deformed state is considered, the whole of the place where at present retrained, having been as much concaved as they should be considering. I therefore respectfully beg you will in communicating reply to the Lords Comrs. state, that it was not strictly in disobedience of orders, but rather that I may show interests and to show myself in an efficient state as an overseer. I have acted by your verbal instructions in doing what I have done. At the same time I beg you will point out that reforming the road was one of the chief items entered in the Estimate, the dispatch of which, you desired me to expedite in your letter No 114 of 25th September 72.

Lastly I beg to draw with reference to your first question, that I have never received any memorandum that I should do so but that kind of work instead of cutting metal and work at Padaveesimum. If they were your instructions I beg and hope sincerely, you will find no more wrong in my disobedience of such orders as may arise from forgetfulness or fault of memory on my part.

2 With reference to the second question, why Maistries & Contractors were employed I beg to state it is not from what you considered as a means to save myself the trouble of keeping a check on Coolys Rolls. When I received your Memo No 1078 of 28th October 72 I did away with the name of maistries, and thought it does not matter whether a man is called a Maistry or Head Cooly, provided he is trustworthy and does his work. I found that every man who had been in charge of gangs employed by the Administrator or his predecessors, called himself a Maistry whether I asked him to do so or not. I employed contractors as I could draw up agreements with them, and had some hold over them when there was a non-fulfilment of their required conditions. Your order to me I should employ only coolies reached me after the 28th October and I should have carried out all instructions had I not fallen ill at the time and afterwards been attacked by paralyses. As almost every respected employer employs maistries and Contractors for labour and material, I hope my case will be impartially considered.

3 From what I have stated in my first paragraph it will be seen that I have tried my utmost to get contractors for metal. Stone, Gravel, Laterite, Kunkur, Good Earth &c &c. I beg to state it is impossible to get metal ready unless I send unprecedented high prices & days & others unwilling to take up work for the rates

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I respectfully beg to state that I was not in any way responsible for the deformed state of the road, which I found on my arrival here, and which I have endeavoured to improve as much as possible, under the circumstances. I have not had the means at my disposal to do more than I have done, and I have not had the time to do more than I have done. I have done my best to improve the road, and I have done my best to improve the road, and I have done my best to improve the road.

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 2 dated 18th November 72 informing me that my inability to do the work entrusted to me, and finally I beg you will kindly take into consideration, that I am new to this duty. I find after a little trial, that I have to deal with people who have been actually defrauding the Government, and that it is impossible (a question of time) for me, to get labour and materials cheaper than they were previously. I beg respectfully to state, that I had to delay to carry out my plans and instructions for the future, as recommended and just rates paid as you are aware I could not begin my work with people on whom (untrustworthy or trustworthy) Headcoolies and maistries) till I had discovered how far I could trust them.

The preparation of metal therefore involved this, but your verbal orders to me, and from the wretched state of the road, I was I beg respectfully to state, perfectly justified in reforming the road with its dark soil (much hard soil, metal, laterite &c &c) of which it was composed as a preliminary precaution, to allow of its consolidation by the traffic and the final monsoon rains. For as soon as these rains cease, I know that extra labour will be required, for excavating what now can be easily excavated, and the want of water will be a serious deficiency. I beg respectfully to state, that I received it to be correct and that it would be economical

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In almost every inspection of mine, some discrepancies (as my accounts will shew) every time which did not agree to satisfy the conditions the vouchers which had been drawn up for the work carried, and if I had been told that the formation of the road during my illness was not to be carried, proportionately disallowed, for what I saw had been satisfactorily executed.

Your verbal orders were strict.

Not

Most certainly not. What Mr B did was in direct defiance of orders. Naturally the road in parts where there is much soil was hard, laterite, gravel or hard soil. So that his own statement condemns him. Also metal & metal cannot be had ready

Most decidedly

never advances and did what at another period would
150 Per cent in excess of what it has now cost, by reason of
a monsoon ceasing and the soil hardening.

With reference to the question I beg respectfully to
state that I remained merely to obey your order to that
effect that I remained, very well knowing I had certainly
reasoned work in saying, very well sir. I had certainly
had contradictory statements from the servants who
came to inform me of the affray, but I could not rely
upon this statement, and in asking you what Mahomed
Sahib had done wrong" I really wished to know what was
said with his own mouth, and since I saw that you heard nothing
and no injury, and concluded that his work had been
carried on without, you naturally did not want to know the road
and you naturally did not want to know the road
in any way. I sorry that so harsh a construction should
have placed on my motive, I was labouring under fever and
debilitating [illegible] which are produced one
of the time, and such as precluded the possibility of an individ-
ual taking any interest in his own affairs, and
I should showed any indifference to the occurrences
that day, through Mahomed Sahib and others assaulting
your person it would be more charitable taking everything
into consideration, to attribute such indifference to fever and
its effects.

From your statement to the Lucky Engineer,
it is made such a reality, and that while appearing ignor-
ant of the facts had already heard of them, I beg respectfully
to state it is possible, that he will put the worst construc-
tion on it, more especially as circumstantially you state
that I did not seek Dr Roberts advice, and did not forward
it to him when I arrived in Calicut. I beg you will
kindly take when I arrived in Calicut. I beg you will
please take into consideration that I have been given
charge in the declaration, and served such a rapid office
as Captain Bailey, and rendered him every satisfac-
tion, and never attempted though I was in charge (and
had the [illegible] of the Calicut Cantonment and General Jail
[illegible] at Cannanore, to do so vile a thing as to feign or be
[illegible] sick or conspired with any labourers to do him an
injury.

5. I beg respectfully to state that I did not
[illegible] my servants and establishment positive orders
[illegible] read, and the Calicut [illegible] evidently mis-
stated and misrepresented my directions to him
[illegible] falsified [illegible] thing in

Everything was
taken from
him
The answer
was very
short
I certainly
never intended
it

I should like every time to be ready so that I could proceed
to Calicut. If you recollect I told you I felt really angry
when you [illegible] and that you left the Chattram after-
wards. Being to state I was under the impression you
would make no objection to my going to Calicut
did not under existing circumstances, but I did not mean
to insinuate, that you thoroughly understood [illegible]
was, and I beg to state that such a thought [illegible]
such a thing, you would have persisted in my staying
at Cannanore without medical aid and therefore I
absconded after making up my mind for the worst.

6. I did not think that my illness would be of so
very serious a nature and would last so long as to immedi-
ately warrant me calling in Dr Roberts the first
Surgeon, and as Mr Inskwin the apothecary had come
to see Mr Arbuthnot, and being informed that I was ill
stepped in to see me. I sent for Dr Roberts after
Mr Inskwin advised me to do so. I did not even then write
for him myself, as I was unable to do so and asked Mr
Arbuthnot to do the needful. I did not think I was do-
ing wrong. I should certainly had I been aware of the
[illegible] I preferred going to the Civil Dispensary instead of
asking Mr Inskwin to send a carriage for him and paid
for medicines (though I paid Mr Inskwin nothing
because I could leave had both medicines and treat-
ment gratis from Dr Roberts. This in itself is
sufficient to prove my statement, that I did not
in calling Mr Inskwin to see me as a friend [illegible]
that he would shield me as a malingerer, if Dr Robert
who came two days afterwards, declines to state that
he was satisfied, that I was unable to attend to out-
door work.

Dr Roberts is different about my case, I
while I am in the greatest anxiety that I shall
totally lose the use of my hand, from the utter help-
lessness I find about it, and if I do not find myself
[illegible] better in two days, I beg respectfully to request
you will be so good, as to allow me 12 days casual
leave, to try what Medical aid I can get at Mangalore
or elsewhere.

7. From what I have already explained

employed contractors to facilitate work, and had since
hold on them, better than that I could have on all the most
trustworthy maistries of a new Colony I had come into,
I drew up contracts. Every Contract was as rigid drawn
up as I dare to state as the circumstances would allow, and
as I do not think, that I could have acted more prudently.
In so doing Mahomed Sahib was not the only individual with
whom I drew up a formal agreement, I drew one up with
Mr Braun, who was to build the Post Office by Mr. and
the Hospital, who was to build the Post Office by Mr. and
who then respectfully to enquire, has given you
particulars through false information, about having sending
Pascal Rozario Raut, to prepare him for your inspection.
Mr Braun said, Had I been so confidential and intimate
or thrown with him, I would impart such secrets, as to induce
dated you and keep you on the Road, could impart such a
secret to a third party, not concerned, and who the hospital
subsequently came to my office and caused a disturbance,
when I refused to pay him, because I did not see his
work, is more unintelligible to me than that I had pre-
meditated such a thing (without seeing Mahomed's work)
so that his work was bad, and then knowing you
would find fault with it, had verbally intimated secrets
a common lascar, as to what he was to communicate to
them for the purpose of intimidating you.

In giving Mahomed Sahib and
their contracts, I did so under a bona fide belief, that the
Contracts would be well executed, in fact better execut-
ed, than if I had employed Coolies and had done the
work myself, and if they did not execute them to
my satisfaction, (which is sometimes a possibi-
lity) I felt upon the ready resource I had on stamps
for the purpose of bringing them into Court and making
them pay what fines was necessary.

When I undertook charge of the
Tamberchary Road and held a conversation with
You, I begged to be allowed to do what I liked to do
with my contractors and workmen, and requested
that if they made any complaints, as to what
I disallowed as regards payments on their works,
fine them in case they had done bad work, and
had been recommended by you, to dismissed them

Mr. Braun's work was not satisfactory
Executive Engineer
was in the habit of employing
Sahib's relations
Mr.
Certificate with Contractors

personally responsible. I beg to state that I am very
sorry indeed that I was not able to accompany you
on your inspection of the Tamberchary Road
on the 8th & 9th instant. Had I accompanied you,
it is possible I could have explained many things
which would have saved such reports and elaborate
correspondence. It is possible at the same time, that had
I not been sick, I might have presented such an oc-
-currence as a common Contractor, whom I had employ-
-ed (because I could get no other) offering violence to my
superior officers, but I most respectfully beg and
sincerely trust, that after you have taken the whole
of these circumstances into consideration, you will submit
such a modified report, with this letter, to the Lucky Engr.
as to lead that Offices to determine, on a fair as well as a
humane and charitable view, of what other wise would
circumstantially appear to be a diliberate and predeter-
mined conspiracy, on the part of a common overseer, with
his maistries and Contractors.

Lastly I beg most respectfully to state
that my private affairs did not interfere with my
duties as a servant of Government, and that merely lo-
-dging in Mr. Arbuthnot's house, I did not think that
any body will conclude, that my staying with
Mr Arbuthnot combined with employing his old
Contractors and maistries, was tantamount to having
been set up by him or others to do you a personal injury.
If I were to believe what I have heard
from various sources, it would appear the same Contractors and maistries
whom I had employed and other old hands who were
employed previously by Mr. Arbuthnot and by de-
-ve, are still being employed by Range Maistry
P. Rarachen on the Tamberchary road. I do not
at all wonder that such must be the case, because I
could not possibly have done better, than trying old
hands and looking strictly after them, and it is now their
more than discretion on Mr. Rarachen's part, to do the
same.

In conclusion I beg most respectfully
that you will kindly take every circumstance
into your consideration, and place the most humane
and charitable construction, on charges which I have
to state that a conspiracy had been

Yours to Command
&c
Your most obedient Servant

Cabinet
25th November 72.

R. Ffitzroy
Overseer & D. N.

R.F.

Dr Roberts the Civil Surgeon,
has kindly promised this morning to send me a
certificate for a months change, to enable me to
get restored, relative to the condition of my hand.

Mr Ffitzroy
Mr Kennedy's reply
Rawson Plant

Dear Sir
Mr Ffitzroy
to the Colonial Engineer
Nov 26th 1872

29/11/72

No 31.

To Captain [illegible]
Executive Engineer

Cattle &c.

Sir, I beg respectfully to
inform you that I have
received your memorandum
No 197 dated 26th Nov. 1872.
I have already stated
that I felt very unwell,
and that I had heard
contradictory accounts of the
affrays at Boothroyd - and
only that had occurred
while you were proceeding
to the seat of the War. Should
I be ill enough under the mer-
-cal Authority, any Land Of-
-ficer - Engineer for the
Bechuana who had been at

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[illegible] I found
said left for Calicut,
And the Police Lines
told, me, I soon proceeding
to Kaathampa dy. I left
after. I saw you, I have
nothing from getting
with. I saw the Inspec-
tor after I returned to
Calicut, and told him
you had been. I heard
from the men, that
but at the same time, that
I thought different
about it. I could believe
none. The Inspector pro-
mised that if any pre-
ferred a complaint, he
would do his best in the
matter. I was altogether

Mr. Logan
at Chappu
Police
after the
with a

that he visited you
with the Valiat Karakkar
Constable at the Camp office.
Kadakome Sahib came to
make a part payment
in the presence of Tahsil-
dar Mr. Logan Inspector Moot-
ty, Subadar Krishnan Nair, Jemadar
Moidutty Pariechen Nair &c.
without further threat
present. I should certainly
have asked Sheikh to furnish
him, that I had transmitted
the Petition from my hand
Speaker. He was requested by
some to take part payment,
but he refused to do so and
he went away threatening to
Brahman me. This is all I
know of the case.

I enclose copies of
a registered letter from Kadakome
Sahib and a petition from

No. 7

Malabar Distt Engineers Office.
Calicut 10th December/72.
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From,

Captain H. W. Wood, R.E.
Offg: District Engineer, Malabar.

To,

The Chief Engineer Public Works Departt:
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward for submit the explanation submitted by Mr Bond to the Range Officer. Calicut.

I have this day returned from an inspection of the Tamburcherry Road and regret to say that my fears regarding the utter carelessness of the work done by Mr Bond in direct disobedience of orders have been entirely verified - At the places Mr Bond has had earth thrown on the road, it is I regret to say some 24" deep in mud as I expected to be -

I have the honorable
Sir,
Your most obedt Servt,

H. W. Wood Capt R.E.
Offg District Engineer Malabar.

Enclosures.

1. Copies of Range Officers Memos Nos 188 & 197.
2. Mr Bonds reply No 36 of 28th Nov/72 with an explanation marked B. of 25.12.72.
3. Calicut Range Officers Letter to the Distt Engr, No 321 of 6th Dec/72. with Civil Surgeons letter No. 59/22.11.72.

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this case representative relative to the terms of this Contract, and the work he has executed at Pothanpady. It is adventitiously implied, that the Ranger Officer should settle payment &c. when I am relieved of responsibility - I accordingly to the terms of the agreement, some Servant, whom Government may depute should satisfy himself, as to measurements, & other conditions involved in the said agreement -

I am Sir
Your most obedt Servt
H. F. Bond
Overseer B.P.W.

Calicut
28th Nov. 1872

P.W. 6226/72

No. 8.

Malabar District Engineer's Office
Calicut 11th December 1872.

From,

Captain H. W. Wood, R. E.,
Officiating District Engineer, Malabar.

To,

The Chief Engineer, P.W.D.
Madras.

Sir,

Encls: 2.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Government a certified Copy of (A) judgement of the Magistrate of Malabar in the recent Case of outrage at Poodoopaddy and of (B) order of the Session Judge of Calicut on the appeal made against that judgement.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
Servant
H. W. Wood Captain R.E.
Offg District Engineer, Malabar.

No. 263
C. 18 Jany 1873
Received

To
The Chief Engineer with Govt. Proc. No. 5220 dated 10th December 1872. Rec. 14 Dec.
Forwarding the Appeal petition submitted by the Revenue Board & Calicut Collr.
No 1 to 3
Encls
Dated 17 Dec 1872

No 3615

P. W. D. 1873 Retard.
R. Sanitary Engineer 622.
From
The Revisiting Engineer
Malabar
To The Chief Secretary
to Government
P. W. Department
Fort St George
Dated 11th
Sept 14th
Received 17th Sept 1873
Enclosures
No 1129-20 "August 1873.
Electric Telegraph Office
Calicut
Dated 11th Sept 1873
Received 12th Sept 1873
Subject
Sir
I have the honor to report
for the information of
Government that I
have this day
received a telegram
from the Collector
of Malabar
Sir
I have the honor to be
Your most obedient
humble servant
[illegible]

29 W.R. Public Works Department

No 179

Proceedings of the Madras Government

Read the following

From Supdt Engineer, Malabar. No 7 dated 10th December 1873

From ——— do ——— do ——— " ——— 87 dated 11th " ——— "

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His Excellency the Governor in Council considers it to be conclusively proved that Mr Overseer Bond has systematically neglected to carry out the orders which he received from Captn Wood, such orders having been given with the intention of breaking through an existing system of work involving the making of advances and eventual payment of petty

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Contractors, to which the Range Officer had deliberately set himself to put a stop; with a view to improved work being done departmentally.

It is greatly to be regretted that Captain Wood's instructions, which appear in the first instance, to have been given verbally, could not, owing to other demands on his time, especially in the Ennaad Tedork, have been followed up by personal inspections for a period of 2 months. Ands it is not quite clear how the flying visit to the road

road in company with the Superintending Engineer was not turned to account for purposes of inspection -

Mr. Bond's previous character and services of five years as an Overseer must, however, have been deemed by Captain Wood a sufficient guarantee for his carrying out positive orders, relative to only 8 miles of road, and limiting him solely to the collection of metal for two months - Such simple orders and work did not absolutely necessitate intermediate inspections -

From

From whatever motive,
of several surmized
by Captain Wood, it may
be, Mr. Bond certainly
appears to have adopted
a course diametrically
opposed to the orders given
him; and which has resulted
in considerable money outlay
to no purpose, and in
a complication of un=
fortunate events causing
loss to Government, and
extreme annoyance and insult
~~inquiry~~ even danger to the Range
Office. His Excellency
the Governor in Council
cannot but take severe
notice of such conduct,
and but for Mr Bonds
long service and previous
good character, would

from the public servi
As it is, he orders hi
degradation to the lowes
instead of to the second
grade of Overseer.

The District Engine
of Malabar will use
his own discretion as
to whether he will con
tinue to employ Mr. Bond
that District. If not,
his re-employment in
any other District will
be conditional on special
report of his conduct
being made every sixe
months till further order
As to the institution of
further inquiries into
Mr Bonds connection with
the Pookpady outrage,

His Excellency in
of Council is of opinion
by that no good purpose
he will be answered by
any
orders to that effect, and
that as Captain Wood
(thanks to his own cool
courage) has escaped
without injury, and the
Govt have reimbursed
his pecuniary costs,
he can afford to let the
matter drop.

The course adopted
in suspending Mr Bethel
was the correct one - Sus-
pension is not inflicted
as a punishment - It is
meant to preclude the
drawing of any higher
allowances than that for

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subsistence pending in-
quiry, and the claim
for salary on the plea
of holding a certain
appointment - Mr
Bonds suspension is
accordingly upheld,
and he will not draw
salary as 3rd Class
Overseer until re employed
either in Malabar
or elsewhere -

The copies of the
Magistrates' Judgement
and of the Judges appeal
order, received with letter
No 8 of 11th Decr are
transferred to the Judicial
Department -

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To Ch. Dt Engineer Malabar
" Controller
" Judl Dept with Judgment
& Appeal orders

Dated 20/1/73

Ofce 6226 & 6227.

Govt. of {1873} Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engr.
Malabar

Dated

Recd. Encl.

G. O. 28th Jany. No. 179-

Nos. 363 & 365

Wr. Overseer Bond.

Papers relative to certain charges preferred against Wr. Bond, Salary Overseer, Calicut.