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Government of Madras

Public Works DEPARTMENT

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No. 260. Read the following letter from T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Fort St. George, 4th June 1873, No. 1,070:—

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government and for such notice as may be deemed necessary, the accompanying copy of a correspondence which has taken place between this office and the District Engineer, Bellary, on the subject of a petition received by me from Venoyaga Moodelly, late Local Fund Maistry of the Raidroog Taluq.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Captain A. EDGCOME, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, dated Fort St. George, 10th May 1873, No. 324.

I HAVE the honour to forward, for your information, the accompanying petition in Tamil and its translation.

2. As the petitioner expresses his ability and willingness to prove that work to the value of Rupees 350 only was executed in March last, while a bill for Rupees 700 was made and drawn in that month, I would suggest that the matter be inquired into, and that in the event of your finding his representation to be false, a report be made of the case to Government with a view to the petitioner's employment in the public service being prohibited.

3. Bills, amounting to Rupees 691-10-0, for that portion of the work in question undertaken by "petty contract," have been received with the accounts for March, and as vouchers they appear to be complete.

From Captain A. EDGCOME, R.E., Officiating District Engineer, Bellary, to T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, dated Camp at Hurpenhalli Taluq, Bellary, 27th May 1873, No. 295.

In acknowledging the receipt of your letter, No. 324, dated 10th May 1873, I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to return in future such petitions to the petitioners as the orders of the District Engineer on such subjects are final.

From T. MOSS, Esq., Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts, to Captain A. EDGCOME, R.E., District Engineer, Bellary, dated Fort St. George, 3rd June 1873, No. 37.

With reference to your letter No. 295 of the 27th ultimo, in which you seem to imply that I did more than my duty in writing my letter No. 324 of the 10th idem, which forwarded a petition from a late Local Fund Maistry, I have the honour to state that as a rule no notice is taken of petitions beyond their simple transfer to the District Engineers concerned for disposal. In the present case, however, the subject was not known till a translation was made of the petition, and as this translation was most clear in the assertion that in the accounts rendered to this office more had been charged for than was actually expended, and so strong in the expression of confidence to prove the charge, that I thought of helping you by reporting the result of examination of the vouchers recorded in this office.

2. You observe that "the orders of the District Engineer on such subjects are final," and in this I entirely agree with you. But I beg to add that I in no way questioned your decision; on the contrary, I suggested the propriety of steps being taken to prohibit the employment in the public service of a man who so boldly charged a member of the department with dishonesty, if he failed to substantiate the charge. Being still of this opinion, viz., that the man should be punished for a false charge, I shall submit a copy of this correspondence to Government for such notice as may seem necessary.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department.
14th July 1873.

No. 7.

(True Translation.)

The petition of Venoyaga Masolely, late Local Fund Master in the Railroog Taluq of the Bellary District, submitted with many compliments unto the Controller's Office at Madras.

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3. Therefore I hope not only that you will be pleased to restore me to my former employment and post me to some other range, but also that an investigation will be made touching the subject reported upon by me, in which case there will be no objection whatever for my submitting to any punishment whatever that may be inflicted upon me should I fail to establish my statement.

I humbly await your favorable reply.

Offering many compliments,

I humbly remain,

(Signed) C. VENOTAGA,
Late Local Fund Master, D.P.W.,
Railroog Taluq.

3rd May 1873.

No. 231.

ORDER THEREON, 14th July 1873, No. 1,808.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 25.

APPEAL against the proceedings of District Engineers lying, not to the Controller's Office, but to that of the Chief Engineer, or to the Government, it was irregular on the part of the Controller to deal otherwise with the petition in question than simply to refer it to the District Engineer for disposal, or to return it to the petitioner with endorsement, instructing him to whom he should address his appeal.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
District Engineer Bellary.
Ed. S. T. Austin.
Spare Copies.

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
No. 324 Fort Saint George 10th May 1873
From the Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

To The District Engineer
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Signed J. Mof

Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

N. 295 District Engineer's Office
Bellary

Camp Airpenhalli Talook
Bellary District
The 27th May 1873.

From The District Engineer
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To The Controller
P.W. Accounts
Fort Saint George

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Signed Arthur Edgemoor Captain R.E.
Offg. District Engineer

Office

No 27

Office of the Controller of
P.W. Accounts
Fort Saint George 3rd June 1873.

From

The Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

To

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Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

(True Copies)

~~J. Moss~~
Offg. Controller of P.W. Accounts

J.E.P.

True translation

S.P. 5-2

No. 7

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The petition of Vinoyaja Moodelly late Local Fund Maistry in the Raichirog taluq of the Bellary District, submitted with many compliments unto the Controller's Office at Madras.

I had written to the District Engineer of Bellary representing that the Sub-Divisional Officer of Bellary had himself virtually executed work to the Hoolekul supply channel in the Raichirog taluq, feigning as if a certain individual had been the Contractor who had carried out the work in question, and that I was prepared to prove the above statement in the event of any investigation being made. He had rejected the case without instituting any enquiry whatever.

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Offering many Complements

I humbly remain

Signed / C. Venkayya

Late Local Fund Maistry D.O. No.

Dated 3/5/73

Raidray Taluq

Office

Office of the Controller of
Public Works Accounts,
Fort Saint George, 4 June 1873

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From
The Off^r Controller of M. Accounts,
To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Fort Saint George

Sir

I have the honor to
submit for the information
of Government, and for such
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I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

[Signature]
Offg. Controller of V.W. Accounts.

[Faint handwritten text]
[Signature]

P. W. D. 7

Proceedings of the Madras Government.

From the *[illegible]* to the *[illegible]*

Off against the
proceedings of District
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District Office, but to
that of the Chief Magistrate,
as to the Government, it
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part of the Collector
to deal otherwise with
his petition in view of
the *[illegible]*

[Signature]

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-her for disposal, or to
return it to the Petitioner
with endorsement in-
-structing him to whom
he should address his
Appeal. (Liberty of
Appeal is sufficiently
open to all parties and
care should be taken
that it be not abused)

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Controller

St. Louis Bell

S. C. Jones closed 21/7/73.

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PUBLIC WORKS.

The Secretary
to the Government
of India

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14 July 1908

26/7/08

Pending
A letter from the Secretary
to the Govt. of India
copy of correspondence on
the subject of a petition from
the late F. F. Maistry of
Railway complaining
against the Ind. divisional
officer of Durgam in connection
with work carried out at
the Koolind bridge.