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No. 189A. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Godavery, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Dowlaishweram, 12th July 1873, No. 1,131:—

I HAVE the honour to report, for the information of Government, that on my inspecting Local Fund Overseer M. Basaviah's cash-book in the No. 4 Range, on the 24th ultimo, I found the cash balance as entered in his cash-book, which was written up to the 10th ultimo, to be Rupees 1,199-15-0. Towards this cash balance the Overseer could produce in cash Rupees 443 only, and could not then account for the balance of Rupees 756-15-0.

2. The explanation given by the Overseer for this large deficit in his cash balance was that he had actually made payments on and after the 18th of the month, amounting to Rupees 756-15-0 (the sum he was found to be short of), but owing to his writer being ill the payments were not entered in the cash-book up to the time of my inspection.

3. This explanation and the statement drawn up by the Overseer, showing how the sum by which he was found to be deficient in his cash balance was expended, was considered by me to be unsatisfactory, and I suspended the Overseer and his writer at once. The sum of Rupees 756-15-0 is written against him as cash in hand to be accounted for.

4. I beg to add that the Overseer has advanced large sums without my authority; he has withheld payments admitted by himself to be due to coolies, etc; he has kept his cash-book most irregularly for more than one month; he has failed to carry out special orders sent to him; at the same time he has proceeded with work most convenient to himself and not necessary to be done; his writer has evidently been in league with him, and has on more than one occasion been fined by Lieutenant J. F. Dorward, R.E., for reporting sick without furnishing any medical certificate; and it is intended to prosecute both before a Magistrate if evidence sufficiently trustworthy can be obtained; but the works must be measured up in the first instance by the Range Officer, and this has been ordered by me.

5. The necessary steps will be taken to recover, if possible, from the Overseer any deficiency which in the end may be found to exist.

No. 189B. ORDER THEREON, 12th August 1873, No. 2,005A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11A.

A FURTHER report in the case of Local Fund Overseer Basaviah and his writer's irregularities will be awaited.

The necessary investigation should be promptly but carefully conducted, and details of the Overseer's previous career furnished.

2. The circumstances under which a Local Fund Overseer should have had it in his power to make large advances without any authority, to withhold pay-

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ments admitted to be due, and to have large cash balances, require full explanation. They would appear to indicate lax management of the range and district, for which the Government must hold the District Engineer greatly responsible.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Godavery.

No 1131 District Engineer's Office Godavery
Dowlaisharam 12 July 1873.

From Lieut Col J. P. Walker R.E.
District Engineer Godavery
Colonel J. P. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government P.W.D.
Madras

Sir,
I have the honor to report for the information of Government that on my inspecting Local Fund overseen M. Basani's Cash Book in the N. & Range, on the 24th ultimo, I found the Cash balance as entered in his Cash Book, which was written up to the 10th ultimo, to be Rs. 1199.15.00. Towards this Cash balance the Overseen could produce in Cash Rs. 443. only, and could not ^{then} account for the balance of Rs. 756.15.00.

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I am the honor to be
Your Most Obedt. Servant
W. H. H. H. H.
District Engineer, G. D. D.

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 Read the following
 From the Dy. Jodavery (H.R. No. 1131 of 12 July 1913)

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For further report
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To. Dy. Jodavery

P. W. 18703 Nephew

From
 The District Officer
 Jodavery

To
 The Secretary to Government
 The District Officer

Dated 12 July 1913

Received 23 July 1913

Report that on inspection
 of the 3rd Division Mr. Bannai's
 Cash Book it was found that the entries
 made therein amounted to Rs 1199-15-0
 whereas only Rs 443 was paid
 in cash & the balance Rs 756-15-0 could
 not be accounted for. The balance given
 by the Commissioner being satisfactory he has
 been refunded Rs 756-15-0 which is
 included in the 3rd Division of the
 amount which is written against him as
 cash in hand & he is accounted for.

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No 2005 of 12 July 1913

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To the D^r of the Treasury

C. W. W.

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To the District Engineer
Godavery

Dated

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Encl.

G. O. 12th Aug 1893, No. 2005 A.

Nov. 1893 - 1894 B.

L. J. Overseer Basaviah.

Paying orders on letter
from the S. Eng. p. 1000
upholding the irregulari-
ties committed by Overseer
Basaviah & his writer.

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