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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
10th September 1873.*

No. 141. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Kurnool, dated 25th June 1873, No. 313 :—

No. 142. ORDER THEREON, 10th September 1873, No. 2,235.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11.

THE services of Mr. Supervisor Crowe having already been dispensed with on other grounds in G.O., No. 2,234 of 10th September 1873, the dismissal from Government service of Overseer Ramachendra Rao, whose conduct is brought to very unfavourable notice in the papers on which that order was based, is confirmed.

2. A civil action against the Contractor in the face of the imbecility, if not fraud, evidenced by the conduct of the above officials would be useless and probably prove unsuccessful; but the Governor in Council wishes to be informed under what circumstances a person described by the District Engineer as a pauper was employed on a heavy contract work, and whether any penalty was entered in his contract in case of failure to fulfil the same. The Chief Engineer for Irrigation will satisfy himself in correspondence with the District Engineer that the action of the latter has been well followed up by the new Range Officer and Overseer, and the safety of the tank secured.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.

- „ Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
- „ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.
- „ Principal of Civil Engineering College,
through the Director of Public Instruction.

Erd. E. C. Shunker.

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District Engineers Office
Camp MārKāpūr,
25th June 1873.

From,

The District Engineer,
Kurnool.

To,

The Chief Engineer,
Madras.

Sir,

I have the honor
to report the following
Circumstances connected
with MārKāpūr Tank.

In September 1871
an Estimate amounting

to Rupees 2,200 was prepared by Overseer Sherfudeen and Sanctioned for the repairing of the Tank. Before any work was done Rāmachendra Row became Overseer, and objected to the rates, and a Second Estimate amounting 3,185 Rupees was Sanctioned in September 1872 for repairing the Bund and rebuilding the whole

revetments.

The work was given to Harsing Row, a Contractor in November 1872 and he worked until the end of March 1873 at which time, according to his Agreement (regularly drawn out on Stamp paper) the work was to be completed; but on that date it was not half done.

2. In March the

work was measured by
 Overseer Ramachandra
 Row and checked by
 Mr. Crowe and the
 Contractor was paid
 Rupees 1902-9-5:

After that payment
 the Contractor did no
 more work until I came
 here this month:

I had to find
 fault with the whole
 work, and have deter-
 mined if the weather
 continue fine long enough,

to pull it down and
 rebuild it: It is
 disgracefully done, and
 would not stand one
 storm of rain and
 wind such as often
 occur here:

3. When I came
 here I saw that the
 old revetment had been
 pulled down, and about
 one half of it rebuilt,
 leaving nearly 1500 yards of Bank unprotected at
 the deepest part of
 The tank is generally
 filled by the end of

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this month, and notwithstanding the great risk of the bund being swept away, the Contractor was lounging about the village without any apparent intention of doing more work: I put the work at once, specially, into Mr. Bond's hands with orders to disregard the Contractor - to employ wadders directly, and to finish the work himself:-

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There are 12 or 15 wadders in this village, but as they had been cheated by the Contractor I had great difficulty in getting them to come to work and for the second time since I came to India I had to give an advance: It was still more difficult to get the wadders to come in from the adjacent

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villages; for wherever
work had been done
they had been cheated,
and you know very
well how wary they
became under such
circumstances; and I
was a stranger to them:

However, with the
aid of the Tahsildar,
which has been given
most effectively; I
have now 45 woodmen,
180 Coolies and 57 Bandies
at work; and by

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tomorrow evening I hope
to have the revetment
raised 2 yards high
all through: one week
more of dry weather will
enable us to make all
safe: In case ~~any~~ heavy
rain should come and
the Tank get filled
before the revetment is
finished, I shall secure
the Bund in some way:

H. Seeing the careles-
-ness of the Contractor
and his general demeanour

I suspected that he
 had been overpaid, and
 I regret to have to
 report that my suspicion
 was correct; for on a
 careful measurement
 of his work I found
 that he had been paid
 Rupees 411-6-3 too much:

I have dismissed Acting
 Overseer Ramachandra Row
 as this is another and
 a very serious case of
 his over measurements:

Mr. Crowe must, on

his return, explain as
 he best can his Check
 Measurements. —

5. As regards recovery
 of the overpayment from
 the Contractor I do
 not think that any-
 thing can be obtained:

Something worth having
 might have been got
 from him in the way
 of work only that the
 waddlers Coolies would
 not continue to work
 for him as he was

already deeply in their debt: They did work for him for a few days after I came here and the value of that work, I have secured; besides which, I have seized a quantity of gravel and stones which he had collected: The whole recovery will amount to about 90 Rs. leaving a loss of 321 Rs.

I do not think there would be any use in taking an action

against him for the unrecovered balance:

In the first place the man is a pauper; and besides, he would have in his favour the fact that the Taluk Overseer and Range Officer had measured the work.

On this point I shall await your instructions: b. I have considered it best to give my personal attention to this work for some days,

partly because Mr. Bond is not well acquainted with works of the kind (although I am very well pleased with his attention and general intelligence) and partly because my mode of constructing revetments is new to the woodders who yet fight against it, and who having had their own way hitherto, are not easily managed. The preservation of the revenue

from this tank is worth taking some trouble about as it is over 5,100 Rupees a Year:-

I shall remain however for only a short time whether Mr. Bell comes or not, as I see I must go into Tandial Range where matters are by no means in a satisfactory state. -

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Servt.
William Fraser C.E.
District Engineer

No 2235
 Pro of the Madras Govt
 Read the following
 From the Chief Commr (H.E. No. 313 of 25 June/73)
 to the Secy to Govt (H.E. No. 14 Aug/73)

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 The District Mag.
 Secy to Govt
 Chief Mag.
 Madras

Dated 25th June 73
 Secy. 2 July 1873

Regarding the
 overpayment of
 Prasthiti's share
 L.O. No. 2378-21-8-73.
 C/O 2235-10 dated 1/73.

20 July 1873
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S. St. Engr. Harwood
Chief Engr. for Irrig.
Conto: ✓

S. C. O. H. S.
17/9/22

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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To

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O., 10th Sept 1873, No. 2235

Nos. 141-142

Narkapur Tank, Kurnool

St. Confirming the dis-
missal of Overseer Rama
Chendra Rao and intimating
that a civil action against
the Contractor in connection
with the repair of the
tank would be useless
and directing the Chief Engineer
for Mysore to satisfy himself
as to the safety of the tank.