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14th October 1873.*

Read the following papers :—

No. 204A. From the District Engineer, Chingleput, dated 17th July 1873, No. 991.
No. 204B. Do. do. do. „ 22nd Sept. „ „ 1,556.
No. 204C. Read again G. O., dated 23rd June 1873, No. 1,637.

No. 204D. ORDER THEREON, 14th October 1873, No. 2,509A

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 9A.

REFERRING to Mr. Harington's letter
of 2nd June 1873, No. 300, recorded
in G. O., No. 1,637, of 23rd June, the

Governor in Council considers that in judging of the Head Accountant's conduct allowance ought to be made for the difficulties in which that official was involved by a succession of Range Officers of different modes of thinking as regards the discipline of the office and routine of the work. These difficulties were further enhanced by the addition to the range of the works connected with the water-supply of Madras, and the removal of the head-quarters of the range from Guindy to the Mount Road.

2. The arrangement proposed in the latter of these papers does not commend itself to His Excellency the Governor in Council, involving as it does the re-employment of a man just pensioned and whose certificate states that his health is breaking and his eyesight failing; the removal of a man hitherto well reported for his management of the range accounts; and the pensioning of another Accountant on rather insufficient grounds. However averse, therefore, His Excellency in Council may be to interfere with a District Engineer's arrangement of the office establishments under him, he is of opinion that the existing arrangements should for the present hold good. Mr. Harington's position in the department entitles him to a District charge, and he will take up that of Malabar on relief by Lieutenant A. C. Smith, R.E., who is expected from England by the end of October. That officer will give Mooneapah Moodelly an unprejudiced trial, and report on him at the end of six months. And the opportunity will be taken of fixing the head-quarters of the range at the Mount or Guindy, as more central for the range generally, quite as convenient for the water-supply works, and specially desirable on account of the constant check that is necessary of all details connected with the Military works in operation at the Mount, Palaveram, and Poonamallee.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Chingleput.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

S. T. Austin

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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III - The Officer being near to the Range, I had to attend to his constant calls for references, which totally prevented me from engaging in the preparation of the monthly accounts.

No proper assistance was rendered to me in the compilation of accounts by the subordinate accountants in consequence the whole work devolved upon me. Finally, Accountant Cowie as a young man only assisted me in copying the Progress Reports and certain other returns. The Asst. Asst. & Master Storekeeper (Pillay) never assisted me in the preparation of accounts, although he was repeatedly desired to do so. Since Major Hunter R.E. & Captain Craguen assumed charge of the Office I have been in the Office paid no regard to me nor assisted me in the preparation of accounts as I desired, and I was consequently left alone to attend to the accounts.

Many and unusual payments having been made in March, a great number of vouchers (not 500) had accumulated, which were to be carefully accounted for.

I was always engaged in the original compilation of accounts at such times as I had no call of the Rankin Office (Mr. Harrington) to attend to, and thus the time left for me for the preparation of accounts was very inadequate.

I The ~~Ly~~ ^{Asst} Comptroller being absent for a week while the accounts for the month in question were under preparation & submission to the Controller.

Capt. J. A. Tallent. M. J. 1st Regt. 1st Div. 2d Corps.
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I exceedingly regret that I was unreasonably reported on by Mr. Harrington Greenlee as incompetent. That Officer wanted to see the books containing the copies of Letters and Estimates. These were not kept in the Range Office. He wanted some of the former were discontinued from Sept. 1861 when Lieut. Norwood took charge of the Range in 1861 and the latter was not maintained at all in the Range as the Estimates were prepared by the Quarter also has copies of them for reference at the Reserve Office being in the same locality. It is no faulting mine as the Range Officer that these books are defective. As a subordinate I should merely to carry out orders and could let a rule introduced by any superior for the conduct of business in the Office, ruled in they considered good and expedient means.

July 6 state that too. I rather was
sincerely desirous to have wished Mr.
Sturges to give the Engineer to form a correct
opinion of my conduct and qualifications
which were never called into question by
any of the Officers under whom I had previous
served.

Permit me Respected Sir, humbly beg
to state that I entered Government Service
in 1855 and was subsequently appointed as Asst
Secy to the Mount & Ossa another Range, where
I have conducted my duties to the entire
satisfaction of my superiors as noted in the
margin. I was not reported by any Officers

is much better. Your honor will observe from
 the correspondence noted in the margin as well
 as copies of testimonials herein enclosed. Your
 honor is well aware of my abilities as an ac-
 countant having served in this Dept. for nearly 19 years
 in various capacities and the post of the Accountant
 since Jan 1859 and up to this date uninterruptedly
 and without any report for incompetency and I re-
 spect your honor's kind patronage while you were
 Supt of E. Coast Canal and Dist. Comr of English Port.

In conclusion I most respectfully re-
 quest that your honor will under the cir-
 cumstances above stated be graciously pleased
 to support this day of plantation in view of today
 being the anniversary of the day which I had had
 the unfortunate misfortune that to inform you
 that for the future I shall continue to
 the assistance in the present and future
 able to prepare and submit to the
 accounts and other periodical statements
 upon time and shall be endeavoring to obtain
 the good will and approbation of the Officer
 under whom I may be fortunate to serve.

Respectfully
 Your honor's obedient servant
 [Signature]
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Thomson & Co. Moosapale Mung was
 employed on the East Coast Canal as
 a clerk during 1 1/2 years and has given
 general satisfaction in the execution of
 his various duties entrusted to him.

12th July 1873
 Madras }
 Request of J. J. Moosapale Mung
 Lab. Staff. Col. Campbell

Very attentive, intelligent, energetic
 and a good accountant, and I have gladly
 promoted him at the first opportunity in
 my power.

17th March 1870
 Lieut. Col. Campbell
 Dist. Surg. of Bangalore

Thomson & Co. Moosapale Mung is a very intelligent
 and energetic man, who has been promoted with Officer
 rank and all its details. He has given me very
 great satisfaction ever since he has been
 with me. He is most attentive to his duties, and
 I have not the slightest fault to find with him.

He is well suited to his position as Head
 Accountant. I shall be very glad to hear of
 his future welfare, and may (I hope) soon
 hear of him again.

Thomson & Co. Moosapale Mung has given me very
 great satisfaction during his tenure of
 office (4 years) and maintained the reputation
 he has earned for carefulness, attention, and

zeal, in the performance of his duties as an
 accountant (First Class) and Writer. He is highly
 deserving of promotion.

12th July 1873
 Poona Waller }
 8th January 1873 }
 Request of C. W. Maitland
 Sub Engineer D. P. U.
 In file: No. 3 Range Bangalore

12th July 1873
 Moosapale Mung
 Accountant for Range
 Bangalore District

Guindy, 17th July 1873.

No. 991.

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,

Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. M. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government P. M. D.

Sir,

Enclosure 1 In reply to G. O. No. 1637 dated 23rd June, I have the honor to enclose the explanation of Head Accountant Muneappa Moodely, and further to remark that I see no grounds for Mr. Harrington's strong condemnation of him.

I have no doubt from all I hear that Muneappa Moodely was not fairly supported by Major Hunter, in his endeavours to apportion the work among the members of the office, and to control their action. This may have been unintentional on Major Hunter's part, as possibly with a view not to interrupt Muneappa Moodely in his work, at the accounts, he sent for the subordinate members of the office, and communicated to them frequently instructions, which induced them to think they were independent of the Head Accountant. It is very certain that in accounts 2 men working together

together can get through more than double the work that they could do single handed.

3 Much of my information on this point I received from Mr. Harrington myself, and am somewhat surprised at his note direct to you being couched in such strong language.

4 Towards the end of the year, when measurements and payments are made in great quantity, and accounts largely increased, Mr. Harrington received charge of the Mount range, in addition to his duty on the Madras Water works; he had never worked a range like that of the Mount with its numerous petty repairs &c and had lately had a large office to do light work. I am not making any comparison between the works as regards their importance but solely as to accounts. The Madras Water Works Progress Reports are printed nearly throughout. Small additions are made monthly. At the Mount the entries change daily, fresh estimates small in amount, but

but numerous, are perpetually coming into the office. When sanctioned, indent for every kind of material are submitted. I do not know who introduced this system but it appears to me a very bad one, and Mr. Harrington fully agreed with me, as the Overseers were kept in studied dependency on the members of the office, and the man who had a monopoly of the supply of all materials.

5 When Mr. Harrington joined he had to learn the details of all these arrangements and looked to the Head Accountant for information. He required immediately that all documents should be prepared with a precision which even in the Madras Water works had caused great delay, and placing Mooneappa Moodely in his proper place, as head of the office, required him to see that his orders were obeyed.

6 Such interruption of his regular work of preparing accounts naturally caused delay; at least till Mooneappa Moodely had fairly got his new office man, employed from the two old ranges, fairly in hand.

7 Mr. Harrington complained to me not of the incompetency of Mooneappa Moodely but of the utter want of system prevailing in the range, and I certainly understood him to

and was discharged only by the reduction
ordered in the Department in G. O. G.
dated 18th July 1857

Signed / J. O. Mayne Esq.
District Engr. North Arcot.

The bearer of this Rajagopal was
a writer in my Office for two months. He
writes a good hand is an excellent accountant
and attentive to his duties. I have every
reason to speak such of him. I hope the
character may be of service to him.

Transit
16th Sept 1858.
Signed / J. M. Watts Capt.
Esq. Engr. North Arcot

This is to certify that the bearer
hereof Rajagopal Moodelias was employed
as Head Accountant in the 1st and 4th
Divisions of North Arcot for a short
period during which time he had given
general satisfaction. I consider him
a very efficient Accountant and altogether
a very superior office man. He left
this Office at his own request.

Esq. Engr. Office
Vellore 1st Sept 1858
Signed / M. Howard
In charge of 1st & 4th Divisions
of North Arcot

(True Copy)

J. M. Watts
Capt. Esq.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT ENGINEER'S OFFICE,
Guindy, 22nd Sept 1873.
No. 1556

From

THE DISTRICT ENGINEER,
Chingleput.

To

Colonel G. M. Walker R. E.
Secretary to Government P. W. Dept.

SIR,

Enclosure
Register

Referring to G. O. No. 1637 of 23rd
June 1873 and my No. 991 of 17th July 1873
in reply I have the honor to report that from
personal experience I am satisfied that
Moonappa Moodely is not capable of
carrying on the various duties required
of the Head Accountant, Mount Range.

I could not find any man
qualified for the post, during the last
month of my charge, and I thought latterly
that it would be fairer to Mr. Harrington
to leave him to choose for himself.
He has expressed a strong wish to
nominate Narrainsawmy Naidoolate
Head Accountant. Madras both both.

Meanwhile I hear from
Mr. Lowry that his Head Accountant
is very slow and incompetent to do the
work.

work of the enlarged range, the duty is more uniform than that of the Mount Range and Mooneappa Moodely has already served in it. I would suggest therefore that he should be sent to Chingput, that Narainsawmy Vaidoo be permitted to give up the pension granted in G. O. No. 394 of 6th August 1873, and take up the Mount Range, and that Rajagopal Moodely be shelved, as the least useful of the three accountants, one of whom must of necessity be removed. —

I enclose copy of his register and trust that the Government will permit of his receiving pension in compensation. —

I have authorized Mr. Harrington's employing Narainsawmy Vaidoo, at once, and till I hear a reply to this Mooneappa Moodely will be thrown out of pay. I therefore trust that early attention may be given to the subject.

Mooneappa

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Mooneappa Moodely's register is already before Government.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt. servt.
H. M. G. Cooke
District Eng. Chapt.

Received
20/10/73
The Secy. to Govt.

at anchor until she is in
 some way acclimated &
 having done a good deal for
 working at it & enjoyed
 it as a bachelor but now
 for my wife's sake I ask
 this favor & I shall esteem
 it the greatest kindness if you
 can grant it, if only temporarily
 until she gets a little accustomed
 to the country. Hoping you will
 excuse the liberty I have taken
 Believe me
 Yours very truly
 A. Smith

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 The proposal before you
 is not, as supposed by the
 Honble Mr. Smith, a tempo-
 rary arrangement.
 It is intended perma-
 nently to work the East
 Coast Channel within (thin-
 gular limits by the li-
 mits of the Surveyors
 Range Officer who was
 relieved of all work in
 Sydney Harbour under
 the new organization,
 and who resides at
 Penmore -
 It would be decidedly
 objectionable that the
 Officer in charge of the
 Mill Buildings at St.
 Demetrius, Penmore, Pal-
 merston & Penmore
 should reside any-
 where but at the for-
 mer Station - The
 Chief Engineer com-
 mends that the residence
 of each Officer within
 his Range or District
 should be imperative,
 and without exception.
 Yrs.
 L.M.H.
 18.2.73

Recorded - With
remark that his Ex.

I would kindly - convey the Governor
"Record" them - and in Council fails to
let him in to find, in the circum-
stances further de-
cisions by the law.
It is his to clear
what he desires - troller, any sufficient
& he will write reason for his con-
sidering that his
let him - inability to comply

Yours

with a Range officer is
request to supply him
with a good Accountant,
placed him in a false
position. Nor does
it appear to him that
absolute subjection
of Range Accountants
to the Controller's orders
is indispensably
necessary to enable
him to maintain a
reserve of Passed Can-
didates from whose
ranks he might
occasionally supply
Range offices. all
he has to do is appar-
ently to stipulate

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that applicants for
employment place
their services unre-
servedly at his dis-
posal, with an
ultimate view to
being provided for
in ^{his} ~~the~~ office after
doing credit to his
recommendations
in offices up-country.

So much of paras
3 to 5 as relates to the
Mount Range ac-
countant will be
reported on by the
District Engineer
when replying to

Emm

Wm. H. H. H.

Handwritten signature

Cr 11-7-70

Read the following:-

From the above - (H.E. No 991 of 17 July / 73)
do - do - (—- 1556 of 22 Sep / 73)

Read again L. B. No 1637 dated 23^d June 73.

Amos Dale

Ct. 4028-5208

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H.S. The S... T. is interpreted
from the earlier of these papers
that Mr. Harrington wrote
hastily in penning the at-
ter condemnation of the
Reed Regiments of the
Mount Range contained
in his letter recorded with
L.O. 11/1637 of 23rd June, and
without fair consideration
of the difficulties in which
the Official was involved
by the necessity of leaving off
pages of different number
of the book as required the
displeasure of the Office &
nature of the work - These
difficulties were further
enhanced by the addition
to the Range of the work
connected with the water
supply of Madras, & the
revision of the H^o 2nd of the
Range from Sindia & the
Mount Range -
The management proposed
in the transfer of these papers
does not commend itself
to H.S. The S... C. involving
as it does the re-employment

Govt. of [1873] Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
Chingleput

Dated

Recd.

Encl. 2

G. O. 14th Oct. 1873, No. 509 A

Nos. 204 A & 204 B 1873.

Establishment. District

Issuing instructions, in re-
gard to the employment of
certain accountants in
the Mount Range and
directing the transfer of
Mr. Harrington to the charge
of the Malabar District
on relief by Lt. A. C.
Smith R.E.

A D
N^o 204. 204.

16. 10. 73
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