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15th October 1873.*

No. 212. Read the following letter from R. E. NORFOR, Esq., District Engineer, South Arcot, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Cudicadoo, 19th September 1873, No. 106:—

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Officer in charge of No. 3 or Virdachellum Range reports the loss of the following scientific instruments and tools aggregating Rupees 149-13-0 in value, and in charge of Taluq Overseer Valoomyloo Moodelly:—

								RS.	A.	P.
1	Circumferentor	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	6	0
1	Prismatic Compass	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	15	0
1	Brass Tamping Rod	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
2	Steel Bars	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
1	Crow-bar	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	0

2. The scientific instruments are reported to have been in use on the Pelandorai Anicut Main Canal Works; the Overseer on leaving this work to proceed elsewhere on inspection duty, left them in charge of a Maistry on the canal, and this man appears to have lodged them with the Village Munsif, in whose house they are said to have been when the house was burnt down to the ground on the 18th June 1873; there is no question as to the Munsif's house having been destroyed by fire, but there is no proof beyond the Overseer's and Maistry's statement corroborated by the Munsif that the circumferentor and prismatic compass were both destroyed, or that they were there at all.

3. The tools are reported to have been robbed from a small thatched shed near the late Muttalore Bridge; they were used by the Sappers and Miners some time ago in removing the debris, and should have been returned to the range stores when no longer required there, but this was not apparently done.

4. The Overseer I consider is to blame in both cases. He should have taken the instruments away with him and not left them with the Maistry; he is perfectly well aware they are costly articles requiring better care, and as I have already said the tools should have been returned to the range store when done with some sixteen months ago. Under the circumstances I request instruction as to whether the Overseer should not be called upon to make good the value of the articles lost.

No. 213. ORDER THEREON, 15th October 1873, No. 2,514.

ACCOUNT, No. 15.

As Overseer Valoomyloo Moodelly neglected to return into the range stores the tools reported to have been lost and valued at Rupees 8-8-0, their cost will be recovered from him. His Excellency the Governor in Council is not, however, prepared to hold the Overseer responsible for the scientific instruments, in the face of the Munsif's own admission that the articles were lodged in his house which was burnt down. If there be doubts as to the veracity of the statement that the instruments were so lodged, steps should be taken for having the matter judicially investigated.

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2. The District Engineer will report whether there is no office or bungalow at the Pelandorai Ancient Works in which valuable articles such as these instruments might have been secured.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

N^o 106 Dist. Engrs. Office S. A.
Cuddalore 19th Sept 1873.

From
The District Engineer
South Arcot.

To The Secretary to Government
P. W. Department.

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1 Crow bar	1-6-

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Your Most Obedt Servt.

Wm. J. Munger
Dist. Engineer

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1873 Depast.
No. 5151.
From
The District Engineer
South Arcot
To the Secy. Government
S. P. M.

Dated 19th
Recd 20th Sept 1873
No. 106

Reporting the loss of
certain Scientific Ins-
truments and Tools in
the Vidachellum Range,
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instructions as to whether
the Overseer who was in
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Articles
No. 2514-15 Act 173.

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S. C. dated 21/10/73

Mr 5151

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1. The District Engineer
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G. O. 15th Act 1873, No. 2514.

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Tools. Papering orders on
letter from the S. E. Eng^r,
South Arcot, reporting the
loss of certain tools &
scientific instruments
and intimating that the
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