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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
30th October 1873.*

No. 509. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel R. A. ROBERTS, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, dated 23rd September 1873, No. 2,714 :—

ABSTRACT.—Forwards, for the favourable consideration of Government, a statement from Supervisor Mooneappah Pillay explaining the remissness alleged against him, and soliciting a re-consideration of G. O., No. 2,105, dated 23rd August 1873.

No. 510. ORDER THEREON, 30th October 1873, No. 2,653.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 32.

ORDERED to be recorded, and the enclosures returned.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council receives with pleasure Colonel Roberts' reiterated assurance that Mooneappah Pillay is performing his duty in an exceptionally prompt manner. But he does not understand that officer on the whole to reiterate his recommendation for the immediate promotion of the Supervisor.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madura, with Enclosures.

Lieut

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- 1 Copy of letter from Super: Mooneasah Pillay No 252 dated 11th Sept 1873.-
- 2 Supervisor's letter to the Super: Engineer of the late 8th D^o dated 24th Sept 1871.-
- 3 Original letter from the District Engineer Pinnevelly dated 4th April 1873 No 444 with the District Engineer's endorsement to the Supervisor, dated 9th April 1873.-
- 4 Original letter from the Supervisor dated 12th April 1873 No 14 with District Engineer's letter to the District Engineer of Pinnevelly thereon No 287 of 23rd April 1873.
- 5 Original letter from the District Eng^r of Pinnevelly to that of Madras No 98 dated 13th May 1873 with an endorsement to the Super No 677 of 21st May 1873.-
- 6 Original letter from the Super No 109 of 3rd June/73 with a letter to the District Eng^r of Pinnevelly thereon No 1037 of 16th June 1873.-

Super: M. C. S. District Eng^r Madras
Lieut: Col: R. R.

P.W. 5324/73
G.O. 2668 - 207 October 73

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District Engineer's Office

No. 27/4 Madras 23rd September/73

From

Lieut. Col. R. A. Roberts R.E.
District Engineer Madras

Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
Madras

Sir

Enclosures - 7

In reference to G.O. 23rd August 1873, No. 2105, remarking upon the manner in which Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay conducted his duties as Range Officer in the Tinnevely District, I have the honor to submit a statement No. 352, dated 11th instant, from the Supervisor, explaining the remissions alleged against him, and soliciting a re-consideration of the G.O.

2. As far as I can understand the cases, after questioning the Supervisor on the subject, it would appear

appear that a very large number of breaches occurred in consequence of the floods at the end of 1869 in the Tinnevely District, and that these were repaired by the Revenue Department as emergency works from a fund specially sanctioned for that purpose.

3. As these works were completed, the Supervisor examined them and gave completion certificates in every case where the work appeared to be done according to the measurements submitted.

4. The Canadian Channel work was only completed in 1874 and in May of that year the Supervisor was transferred from the Range to other duty and he eventually joined the Chidambaram District in July 1871.

5. The Supervisor's argument is that when in September 1871 he was asked whether he had given a completion certificate for the work in question, and when he had

had replied that he had not done so, it was not too late then for the Range Officer to have obtained the completion certificate from the Sub Division Officer then in charge of the work.

6. On asking the Supervisor why he had signed the Thasildar's Abstract Bill without counter-checking the work, he replies as will be seen in his letter that the Thasildar could not close his annual accounts without the Supervisor's signature, and that he (Moonesah Pillay) signed the Bill as evidence that it had been sent to him for information.

Unfortunately in this Department there has been a great deal too much of this kind of thing in past years, and the fact of countersigning a paper had become a mere matter of routine, conveying no meaning whatever to any one but the Controller.

Controller who would not pass the
expenditure without the double
signature. I am not attempting
to defend Mooneapah Pillay in
this regard, but it must be re-
membered that the period in
question was peculiarly chaotic, and
where confusion reigned supreme,
it is not, perhaps, altogether equitable
to single out one particular indi-
vidual for animadversion, when
so many others more to blame
than himself have escaped
scot-free.

8. I can say of Moone-
apah Pillay, is simply this, that
on my joining the 8th Division
in March 1871, he had been
recently reported to be one of the
black sheep of the Department,
and he was consequently moved
to Madras. Since then I have
had him continually under my
immediate supervision, and I have found him
remarkably active in the out-door
exercise of his duties as he is prompt
in

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in his correspondence, and in furni-
-ing whatever information I may
at any time call upon him to
submit. Considering the large
amount of my time that is
occupied in sending reminders to
the Range Officers of this District
and obtaining reports and Esti-
-mates required, as is shown by
the Records of my Office, those
Records will show equally clearly
that such delays are not experienced
in the Sub-Division of which
Supervisor Mooneapah Pillay has
immediate charge, and in which
an unusually large amount of
work is being very successfully
carried out.

9. The documents noted in the
attached list are forwarded for perusal,
if necessary, and for eventual
obliging return.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Yours Most Obedt Servt
Richd Robert Lieut: Col: R.E.
District Engineer, Madras

No. 2653 "d
Public's Dept. Sept

Proceedings of the Madras Govt.

Read the following:-

From

The District Engineer } (H. E. No. 2714 of 23rd
Madurai } Sept 1/73.)

Ordered the re-
-corded, and the in-
-closure returned.

H. E. No. 3. in C.
~~The Government~~
receives with pleasure
Colonel Robert's
reiterated assurance
that Inneappah Pillay
is performing his duty
in an exceptionally
prompt manner.

The D. Engr. Madurai. But he does not
with Engr
S.C. dated 7/11/73

The District Engineer
Madurai
To
The Secretary Govt
Hydr

Dated 23rd 29 Sept 73
Recd 29.3.3

Encls: 1

Forwards for the present
consideration of Govt
an statement from the
Superintendent of the
explaining the re-
mains of alleged
against him & finally
as re-consideration
of H. E. No. 3.
No. 653-30 dated 7/3.

No. 329
No. 653-30 dated 7/3

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for the immediate
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Supervisor

I am,

The District Engr.
Madura

Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Engr.
Read the following:

(H. E. No. 2914 of 23)
Sept 1/73

Ordered to be

The matter of the counter-
signed Bill has been despatched in inclosures returned.
of and I will again refer
to it.

It merely is that
Mr. Senior with pleasure
Col. R's letter etc. as usual
Mr. Municipal Pelly is
performing his duty in an
exceptionally prompt man-
ner. But are not prepared
at present to take further
steps in his case.

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Personal activity
in the out door ex-
ercise of his duties
and promptness in
correspondence, are
good qualities in a
Supervisor in sub-
divisional charge;
but do not counter-
balance the admission

To the District Engineer
Madras

By Order of the
District Engineer

that he thinks so lightly
of the responsibility
of countersigning Bills
without checking the
work to which they relate,
which is made in this
correspondence, suf-
ficiently to induce
His Excellency the
Governor in Council
to look upon Moore.

- aipah Pillay as deserv-
ing of advancement
to the rank of Sub
Engineer.

in small amount
and in different
places in the
country.

N^o 509.10.

No 5324.

Govt. of 1873 Madras.

PUBLIC WORKS.

The District Engineer
Madras

Dated

Recd.

Encl.

G. O. 30 Oct 1873, No. 2653.

Nos. 529 & 570

Inspector ~~Mooreappah~~
Pillay. Papany orders
on letter from the District
Madras Forwarding Cor-
respondence explaining
the principles alleged
against Inspector Mooreappah
Pillay in G. O. No. 2105
of 1873 & soliciting a re-
consideration of the G. O.