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Government of Madras.

Public works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No. 2671 A

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
31st October 1873.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 546.	From District Engineer, Tanjore, dated 31st July 1873, No. 464.			
No. 547.	Do.	do.	do.	„ 8th Sept. „ „ 597.
No. 548.	Do.	do.	do.	„ 20th „ „ „ 649.
No. 549.	Do.	do.	do.	„ 26th „ „ „ 659.
No. 550.	Petition from C. VETTIVALOO PILLAY, dated 4th August 1873.			

No. 551. ORDER THEREON, 31st October 1873, No. 2,671A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 40.

THESE papers relate to the result of an investigation into the following charges which have been preferred against Mr. Sub-Engineer Donaghue:—

I.—Employing road coolies in the construction of a private dwelling-house.
II.—Employing an Overseer under his orders in the supervision of the work, and borrowing money of him for carrying it out.

III.—Purchasing at a public auction Government materials for the building.

2. His Excellency the Governor in Council has given his fullest consideration to the evidence which has been adduced in support of these charges, and while admitting that the District Engineer had good reason for suspecting Taluq Overseer Vettivaloo Pillay to be untrustworthy, yet taking into consideration his subordinate and dependent position, His Excellency in Council will only require that his employment in his present capacity in the Tanjore District should cease, and that he be provided for in the Tinnevely District where a vacancy is stated to exist.

3. As regards Mr. Donaghue the Government observe that there is no proof of his having taken away the coolies from public work or of paying them from public funds. The Overseer appears to have been simply asked to afford assistance in the construction of the building, and there is not sufficient proof that he paid away any money until it was furnished to him by Mr. Donaghue. His Excellency in Council cannot however but remark with dissatisfaction Mr. Donaghue's proceeding in purchasing Government materials at a public auction; his conduct in this respect is open to grave censure, and he ought to have been careful to prevent the employment of the coolies on his private work as such an arrangement could not but be injurious to the public service. He will be removed to the Cuddapah District, *vice* Mr. Hayes pensioned, his place being filled by one of the recently promoted Supervisors.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Tanjore.

Extract to District Engineer, Tinnevely.

To the District Engineer, Cuddapah.

„ Officiating Controller of Public Works Accounts.

Erd. S. T. Austin.

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Statement showing the amount received, disbursed
and balance due paid in on repairing buildings
up to 26 January 1893

Quantity	Description of Charges	Rate	Amount	Amount paid	Balance due	Remarks
500 1/2	Men Coolies	ah	26 78 51	34 8	101 7 4	
527	Women Coolies	ah	19 7 103			
39	Dandy hire	ah	11 26 13	9 6	17 7	
44 1/2	Bricklayers	"	7 19 76	34 8	40 3	
132 3/4	Do Do	"	6 49 126			
21 3/4	Do Do	"	4 5 7			
5 1/2	Carpenters	ah	8 2 12	15	8 8 6	
12	Do Do	at	7 5 4			
32	Do	ah	6 12			
15 1/2	Do	ah	3 2 14 6	20	83	
5	Do	ah	2 4 10			
10	Wooden frames at	7	70	38	31 8	
9	Windows	ah	38 31 8			
	Coin		1 8	20	83	
7000	Country Bricks	ah	2 14	7 12	4 12 3	
2600	Company Do	ah	3 7 12 9			
	Old Bricks		7 12	4 12	3	
126 2/3	Coconut trees	ah	19 13 13 52	19 8	19 8	
40 3/8	Country teak wood	ah	26 6 4 10 13			
	Cartage of article brought from Keddammangalam		19 8	19 8		
1500	Kettles		10 9 6	6 15	21 6 3	
4000	Do from Puttootta	ah	6 15			
	Bamboos		105 8	105 8		
46	Columns Chuanam	ah	5 3 15 16 15	16 2 28	8 8	
	Do another kind		16 2 28			
				Total		710-13-7 63-2-5 774

Price of country goods

7000 Chatterbox

Cartage for windmills from

Keedamungulam

Chinnam received from

48/2	48	2
10	10	4
6	6	6
75	75	15
710	710	13
358	358	4
35	35	97

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$$60 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 12 = 1080$$

$$35 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 12 = 630$$

$$190 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 570$$

$$254 \times 1\frac{1}{8} \times 4 = 1143$$

$$60 \times 35 \times \frac{1}{6} = 350$$

$$50 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 600$$

$$20 \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2} \times 7 = 315$$

$$2 \times 74 \times 6 \times \frac{1}{6} = 148$$

$$2 \times 35 \times 6 \times 6 = 252$$

$$4986 \checkmark$$

Enclosure in
 letter from the
 Engineer to the
 Secretary to the
 P. W. D. No 454
 dated 31st July 1911
 No 26712-51

P. W. D. No 11911

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Amount
 Paid 550
 Bal Due 352

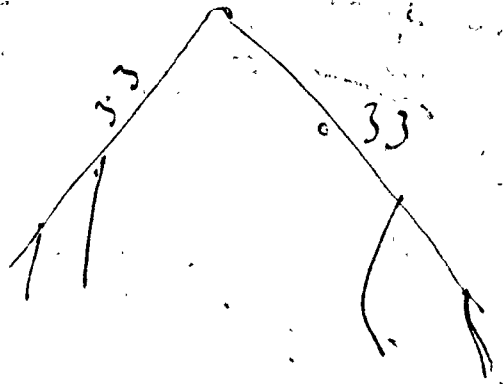
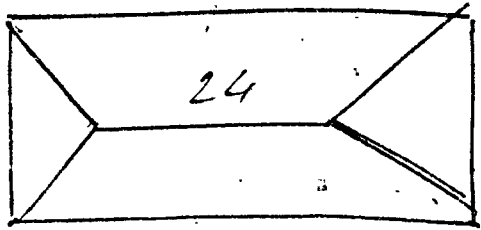
Abstract of the work done in repairing the
 Bungalow at Munnampudi.

Quantity	Description of Charge	Rate	Per	Amount	Total
4604 3/8	Cft. of raw brick in mud				
231	Cft. of D. to be deducted for doorways				
4373 3/8	Net Cft. of raw brick in mud	6 1/2		136	10 8
1086 1/4	Cft. of brick in Chumam round				
	doorways at 2			135	12 6
900	Cft. of concrete for flooring	1		55	4
	Plastering at			16	5 5
	Demolishing old masonry			15	
	Price of trees			48	12
	D. of bamboo including cartage			100	8
10	Mangewood door frames at 7			70	
9	D. windows 3 5 a			31	8
	Cartage of windows brought from Munnampudi			6	
	Wages of carpenter			23	8 6
	Coal			1	5
	Sawing time of wood			20	2 6
	Cartage of wood, Kotto			19	8
	Price of Kotto			24	6
5250	Square feet of Kotto				
	for roofing at 2 1/2 paise per sq. ft.			63	2 5
	Total				774

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 1000
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Abstract of work done in the Kingdom
 of this are used.

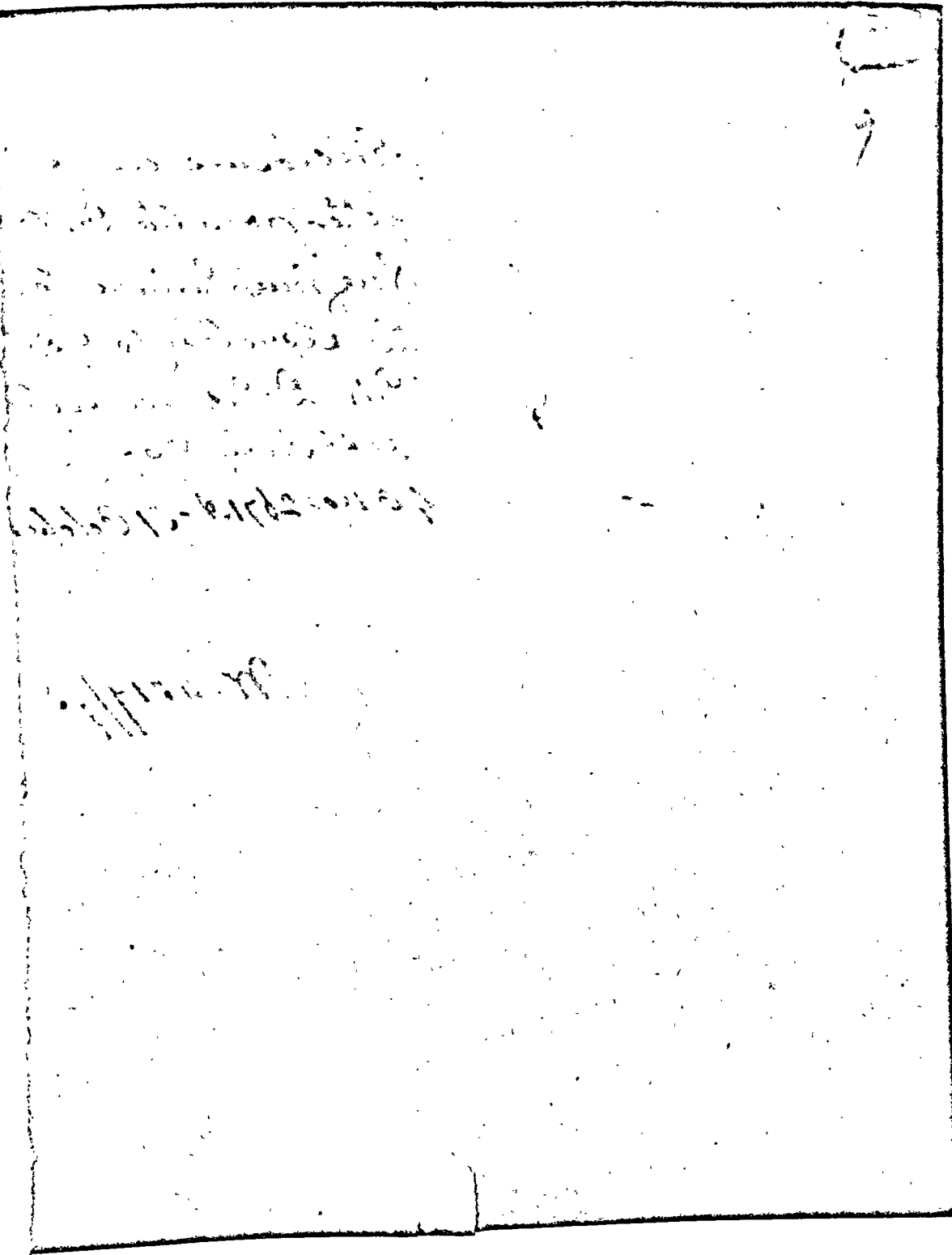
Quantity	Description of charge	Rate	Per	Amount	Unit
8	Beams including carriage				
125,000	Pantries - 5 1/2 inches at 1000 = 105,000			125,000	in
5210	Sq feet of plastering at 18 = 93,780			5210	sq ft
	Cisterns & water pipes			78	2.5
30	Brick work at 6.6 = 198			30	in
	Iron nails			12	3
150	Coolies for fixing the beams			35	in
	Tiles &c			28	7
	Gravies &c work			30	in
Total probable amount				598	125



No 106

No 5 P

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(Signature)

Enclosure in a
letter from the Distt
Surgin Rajone to
the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D. No. 464 dated
31st July 1873.
40 no: 2671A-31 October 73

P.W. 4319/73.

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Major and
Col of Mysore
Mysore
Mysore
Mysore

No 106

No 5 Range Office

Manargoody 13th July 1873

From

The Officer incharge of No 5 Range
Manargoody

To

The District Engineer
Sanyoos

Sir

With reference to your Memo No 377
dated 10th Instant forwarding Taluk Quesser
Vethivalu Pillay's replies to certain questions
relative to some irregularities in connection
with the building of my house at Manargoody,
I beg to invite your attention to the
remarks made by me opposite to the
Quesser's replies, some of his answers,
as you yourself observe, are at Variance
with the statements he made in your
presence, this may be accounted for, by
the ample time he had since you held
the same for reflection
and decision for the investigation, to give a more plausible
the truth turn to the transaction and to throw all

to whom else do I belong
the Odium of the case at issue on me in order
to screen myself.

2 The following is a true outline
of the whole affair:—

I came here during the Mansoon of
last year to take over the Range, on my
arrival, I found a small house in which
my predecessors lived, which from the
ravages of white ants was rapidly falling
into decay, and I had the alternatives
to repair and enlarge the house, or throw
a thatched roof over the walls of an old
Mandapam which was at hand. I preferred
the latter, owing to my frequent absence
from Manargoddy, my family being at Trichinopoly,
and knowing no one in the Town being
a perfect stranger to every one in it, —
I asked the Quiver to assist me by
giving his supervision to the work, —
without of course, interfering with his public
duties, giving him at the same time to
understand that, labor and materials would be

paid for by me. I really believed the whole
expense would not have cost more than
about 700 Rs nor indeed is it worth so much.
From December to May the Quiver received
from time to time Rs 500, five hundred,
and I did not expect to have much
more than the difference to pay up. —
the fact is, I never could get the accounts
out of him, and believing him to be faithful
to his trust and the property being my own,
I gave myself very little trouble about it.
Now had I sanctioned or connived
at Public Coolies being employed on my
private work, is it likely that, I would
have had these Coolies dismissed from
their legitimate employment on the Road,
thereby, giving them the opportunity to
complain against me, would I not
have allowed them to remain on the
Roads instead of dismissing them when
their services were no longer required for

Public Employment, the man that would
lend himself to the first irregularity —
would not hesitate to lend himself
to the second.

4 You are aware of the many abuses I have exposed, and the impudent speculation of some of the Subordinates whom I have brought under your notice. I have never shewed over an irregularity since I have been in charge of this Range, as all my letters on record in your office will show. I may mention here that I reported Overseer William Pilley more than once; I would specially draw your attention to my Inspection Report for April opposite my inspections of the 17th regarding a work which had to be done over again at the expense of the Overseer costing him Rs 80, and likewise of my refusal to pay for another work inspected in the month of March Vide Inspection report opposite 2-6th.

5 Copies of the Memoranda marginally
noted [†] are attached, a perusal of them
will I am sure convince you that
I considered myself under no obligation
to the Overseer, and consequently under
no restraint to discharge the duties
entrusted to me, honestly, and to the best
of my ability:

6 I will not take up more of
your time with this matter further —
than the hope I have, that my explana-
-tion as well as the remarks on the
question paper will be found satisfactory.
I cannot but regret that, I ever asked
the answerer to assist me, which under
the circumstances I was placed in at
the time of my arrival, I could not
well have helped and I little expected
that advantage would have been taken
of my want of foresight. Had I pursued
a different course from the one I have
adopted and practised towards all parties

1 ♀ 17mm hatched 8th April
 1 ♂ 16mm hatched 17th February
 1 ♀ 54 hatched 25th April
 1 ♂ 172 hatched 21st March
 1 ♂ 72 hatched 5th April
 1 ♂ 86 hatched 17th May
 1 Anorexia hatched 27th 20th April
 1 ♂ 11 hatched 2nd May
8

the subject name at issue would never
have been heard of but if I am held
in your estimation free of all censure
beyond employing the assistance of the
Quorum I am content.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

Wm. H. H. H.

Sub Engineer in charge No 5 Range.

W. H. H.

Encls

The Officer incharge of
the 5 or Monargoddy Range

S,

The District Engineer
Tanjore

Dated 15.

Received 15 } July 1870

No 106

Encls 7 1/2 / 300 / 73 &c

Forwards his remarks
on a certain question &
answer paper connected
with the building of
his house at Monargoddy
& gives a brief account
of the circumstances he
was placed in and up
the line of conduct
adopted.

Enclosure in a
letter from the Distt
Engineer Tanjore to
the Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D. No. 464 dated
31st July 1873 -
G.O. No. 2671 A - 31 October 73

P. W. 4319/73.

T.

As I imagine's
letter of 28/10/73.

No 86

Papanadoo

17. May 1873.

Memo

Taluk Quesser Vethirialu Pillay was frequently directed to send his cash extract immediately after payment; in this he has failed, and now for the last time he is informed that if he is not more attentive to his duties in future, his conduct will be brought to the District Engineer's notice.

The Quesser has the presumption to charge Rs 125 for thatching the Range Office, what does he mean by this charge? he will at once recover the amount and add it to his cash balance.

The Range Officer regrets very much that he entrusted the building of a private house to him, if the Quesser thinks that because he rendered this service that he is at liberty to insert false charges in his cash accounts, he is greatly mistaken. If the Quesser's explanation in regard to this charge is not satisfactory, his conduct will be brought to the District Engineer's notice.

(Signed) W F Donoghue
Sub Engineer

To

Vethirialu Pillay
Taluk Quesser
(True copy)
Papanadoo

No 66

Armothangly
5 May 1875

No 11

From
The Officer in charge
of the
Salutary Commission

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The Officer in charge
of the
Salutary Commission

I beg herewith to submit the
estimate as per your alterations amounting
to Rs 315 instead of Rs 278. I
beg to submit that the rates
allowed are too low and likely
not to be carried out. Seeing the
schedule of prices established
and the custom prevailed in
the Salutary in all your predecessor
time. I, therefore, beg that you
will be pleased to consider all
these and order the work to be put
in hand at once owing to
the

work to be done

~~Memorandum~~
 To the Engineer in the
 District of Columbia
 from the Assistant Engineer

11.21

G. Vetterlar
 Acting Engineer

The enclosed is a copy of the
 report of the Assistant Engineer
 of the District of Columbia
 dated 25th April 1872
 in relation to the proposed
 work at the Washington
 Navy Yard. The report
 contains a full description
 of the work proposed and
 the reasons for its necessity.
 It is respectfully recommended
 that the same be approved
 and authorized for execution.
 Very respectfully,
 G. Vetterlar
 Acting Engineer

10-306-738

no 66

Anconthangly
 5. May 1872

Memo

Marked 14

25

Your letter no 11 dated 2. May

Returns seven of his Estimates with
 the list dated 2. Instant. Calls attention
 to the Remarks made, and regrets that
 little or no notice has been taken of
 Memo no 54 dated 25. April (marked 13)

The Estimates to be resubmitted
 giving full information regarding the
 work proposed and explanation as to the
 necessity for the work.

(Signed) W F Donaghy

Sub Engineer

To
 William Riley, Chief Engineer
 (True copy)

(Amalgam)

The proposed work is given over the
 work to Cooper Riley prior to

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Narasimamangalam
23 April 1873

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From, C. Vettival Pillay
Salem Over Sees

To, The Officer in charge of the
Salem District

Sir,
Owing to the approach of freshes in the river, the repair estimate for the bridge at Kunnur amounting to Rs. 278-00-00 in several limits has been given to Contractors, led to Coopra Pillay. Subject to your approval. Please, Sir, let me know whether he could continue preparing the materials &c.

I beg to remain
Your most obedt. Servant
C. Vettival Pillay
Salem Over Sees

P.S. The proposals are given over the work to Coopra Pillay, prior to

no 54

Memo

Marched 17

25 April 70

Your letter no 7^x dated 23 April

The Estimate in question has been returned for revision. The Estimates lately submitted appear to have been prepared hastily. The Overseer will please report if the whole of the Estimates were prepared by himself, or entrusted to the Amens under him. If the latter has been the case, the names of the parties should be communicated to this office. His attention is drawn to Circular no 20 dated 25 February

(signed) W F Deneff

Sub Engineer

P.S. He proposed to give over the work to Cooppa Pilley prior to

Sanction is not approved.

(Signed) W F Donaghy

12 of 7-309-70

William Pilley

Isaac Quince

(True copy)

(Signed) W F Donaghy

Respectfully

Attest my hand and the seal of the Range at ...

No 7

Monday
5 April 1870

Memorandum

Your Cash Extract dated 1. April
It is observed that these extracts are not submitted
regularly after every payment. This was noted in
the Circular Memo marginally noted. Greater care
must be taken in future

Circular No 10
dated 17 January
70

Explanations on the following points are required
before his expenditure can be accepted. 20 mile
cookies are charged on Road 15 in February & March
Where did you place these men, the Range officer
never saw any of them working on his Roads. Mile-
cookies are not required at this time of the year.

By what authority was Leopold Pilley paid
Rs 60-10-11. If this work was performed by contract
the payment should have been by cheque, 1/8 price

By what authority was Leopold paid Rs 10-0-0. But if he
was paid for, by the Range, and not square

Give authority for the expenditure Rs 8-1-8
and Rs 4-0-0. The Circular No 10 also said
appear in the Range accounts, who sanctioned
it? Until satisfactory explanation to the
foregoing is received, the discrepancies will be entered
as objectionable items in the Range accounts.

(Signed) W F Donaghy

Sub Engineer

Attest

the Pelley

(True copy)

No 172

Manargoddy
31 March 1873

Memo

Please report on the enclosed petition. The Range Officer is not aware that Road coolies were employed on the Bangalore. He hopes that this charge is groundless. In regard to the materials purchased at auction, please report fully. The Range Officer wishes that nothing be concealed.

(Signed) W F Donaghy
Supervisor

S.

Velluvelu Pelley
(True copy) Salary Officer
(D. M. S. S. S.)

Govt No 7
dated 4th ²
Jan. 1872

Government strictly forbid the payment of work that is not examined or obtaining receipts from

(True copy)
(True copy)

S 4 - 300 - 350

Contractors and then withholding cheques
until work is examined

And that full notice is given,
it is expected that Overseers will have
their works fully measured up and
as many as possible properly completed.

The earlier the certificates
are sent to the Range Office the better,
as the Treasuries will be closed on
the 27. March.

(signed) W F Donoghue

Supervisor to Range

Villavieja Pelley

Range Overseer

(True copy)

[Signature]

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Thos. Kelly

(True copy)

Wm. Kelly

Enclosure in a letter
from the District Engineer
Tanjore to the Secretary
to Govt. P.W.D. No. 464
dated 31st July 1873

L.O. no. 2671 A-31 Oct 73
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Curious intrusion
between the tone of
the communication
before & after the
insertion of the
insertion / P.B.

Communication
of Donaghur with
the Revenue

To

Mannargudy

30th June 1873

Major G. F. Calves & Co.

District Engineer, Tanjore

Respected Sir

Enclosure
1. answer
paper
District
Engineer's
question
paper

As directed in your honour's memo dated
14th June 1873, I beg most respectfully to return
the question paper duly filling up my answer
in 500 margins. I have nothing to say in self
defence, as I am conscious of no guilt commi-
tted against the interests of Government. I
regret to state that I was forced much
against my will to take part in the erection
of Mr. Donaghur's Bungalow, whose orders
emanating as they were from my immediate
superior, I was not quite hard enough to dis-
regard. During your honour's late investiga-
tion, I had almost lost my presence of mind
being confused as to whether I should serve
my Chief Officer or to speak the simple truth.
Having anticipated the result of my forced
interference with the construction of the Bun-
galow of Mr. Donaghur, I have endeavoured
my best to get myself transferred to some
other Range, but in vain. I therefore remain

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John

C. Wetherill
Sales Bureau
New York

Wanted 30 June 1898
Recd. 1st July 1898

Editha Maria

Spirindó answers
 to the questions
 by the White Indians
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Enclosure in a
letter from the Distt
Suzman Tanjore to
the Secretary to Govt.
P.W.D. No. 464 dated
31st July 1873.

G.O. No. 2671A-51 dated 7/3

P.W. 4319/73.

V.

Retrieved by
enclosure

Questions by the District Sup^{ts}

Answers by Vettimala Rao
Taluk Overseen.

Remarks by Mr. Donaghy.

the Road — The Road Coolies were

18 — When were

Coolies dismissed?

19 — Why were they not paid

up to date on dismissal

and their tools settled

from then —

dismissed from 16th May 1873

19.1 Non-payment of the Sal^{ts}

of the Road Coolies for

1 1/2 months from 1st April

to 15th May is due to the

working estimate of the

Road not having been ap^{pr}o

proved of by the Range Officer

also to the Coolies not having

come forward for payment

The Road Ministry has charge

of the Tools and he is pre

pared to make them over

on my date — I have not

taken over the tools from

the Ministry as he is em

ployed on the Road.

I saw the bones of my little boy of 5 years
I expected the answer would have
dismissed the Coolies on receipt of it
I considered they were no longer required
I gave no subsequent order for their
removal yet the answer says he
dismissed the men on the 16th May
why did he dismiss them on that date & not
(before).

It is not clear why the tools coolies
were kept on until the 16th May now it is clear
why they were not paid in arrears for that &
the previous months. The coolies
were dismissed after the monsoon
on all other Roads in both Taluqs
as that the chaps were in April
for 20 mile Coolies for February &
March appeared to me to be
objectionable & & my friends
dated 5th April to answer
I was not aware when I wrote

this memo that there was an
establishment of 15 men kept all the
year round on No 15. I will be
remembered that I joined the Range
during the monsoon and hence I
thought that the tools were employed
on No 15 as they were employed on
other Roads during the usual
months of the year.

Signed C. Vettimala Rao
Taluk Overseen
Mangalore.

(Signature)
Taluk Overseen

30th June 1873.

10th July 1873.

True Copy /

(Signature)

10th July 73.

District Engineer, Mangalore

Questions by the District Inspector

Answers by the District Officer. Remarks by Mr. Donoghue -
Talapat Quartermaster -

with copies of No. XV are
and how they have been
employed from December
up to date. -

from December last up to the present dismissed in February and
back of his dismissal on the Quartermaster's necessary after
the 15th March, in making necessary a short time left of
the young men in the Quarry his order would substituting the
former near Mr. Donoghue's better Quarry the latter was
John's Drungaloo, the other being about without leaves on
Donoghue was paid from the Quartermaster's occasions.

Donoghue in the month of September early on his return is the
of Donoghue but his dismissal of a short time and was never employed as
since taken in the month of April as a private servant in Quarry & was paid
service of Mr. Donoghue by me regularly at the rate of 4 Rs a
his name has been struck from the muster roll as he would appear
out from the Quartermaster's Bill from the muster roll before you sent
& since then Donoghue was dismissed a receipt from him for Rs 4-0-0
and Donoghue's name is struck from the muster roll.

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Enclosure with

letter from the District
Inspector requiring to
the Secretary to Govt.

P. W. D. No. 464

Dated 31st July 1893.

P. W. D. No. 26714 31/8/93

P. W. D. No. 4319/93.

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Questions by District Engineer

Answers by Vethala Pillai
Tally Overseen --

Remarks by Mr. Donaghy --

1.99
by Mr. Donaghy only to have
a general supervision of the
work & to help in the Collec-
tion of materials &c. but
payments were made by the
Inaishies & accounts were
kept accordingly by them
the necessary funds being
supplied by Mr. Mr. Donaghy.
There had direct Communi-
cation with the Inaishies
and accounts have been
obtained by the former from
the Inaishies when the
work was in progress, so
that I did not take any con-
cern in making up the
accounts.

15— How is it that daily — For want of funds pay-
labourers are still claim-
ing payment for work
rendered to the building
department? —
The final adjustment of
Ina Donaghy's accounts is
unaided for the complete
payment of the coolies.

Although the accounts of the Inaishies
were repeatedly written since March
the month in which it was completed
I could never get them and you are
aware with what reluctance and only
after considerable delay they were
produced during the investigation at
Puthottath.

16— State who Varappan — Varappan & Chitham-
& Chithambaram whose
names are entered in
the nominal Roll of
milk
baram are the Milk Coolies
of No. XV Road, of whom
Chithambaram was employed
and was not able to work, he was
from

questions by the District Sup^r Answered by the District Sup^r Remarks by the District Sup^r
 asking questions —

The purchase of the money
 was loaned from
 Contractors but from parties
 who have no concern with
 the Refranchisement. The money
 was loaned by order of
 the Board. —

13 — How is it that money — The payment shown in
 from the District Sup^r paying from the District Sup^r
 amounts shown a payment
 of \$4 358-4-0 amounting to \$4 358-4-0
 26th June 1873 when the
 is correct. This was not
 received from the District Sup^r

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 that he received \$4 200 up to the
 26th January, the third instalment
 was paid by a Treasury note on
 the 31st January so shown by a note
 in my memo book up to 31st January
 he received \$4 200.

on the 26th —

17 — State what have been — It has been explained
 the District Sup^r by me above how far I
 of the check received was concerned with the
 by the District Sup^r 26th June 1873 when the
 over the account, he State of the money was received
 expenditure \$82 on the answer that the money
 District Sup^r how should the District Sup^r
 he was cognizant of at an early date, hence
 the District Sup^r except the days he was
 present at the work and
 was cognizant of every
 thing connected with it
 he has also obtained

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 from the District Sup^r

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Questions by the District Engrs.

Answers by Vettivalam Pillai
Taly Overseer -

Remarks by Mr. Donaghue -

8 - State what amounts have been borrowed by the overseer to carry on the work.

The undesignated sum borrowed money on my account, I promised him with funds as the work progressed to meet expenses incurred for all persons employed and for sundry articles purchased from sundry parties who were not willing for payment. Moreover I told him if suppliers of materials would lend me that I would borrow the money and pay up, he said there was no harm that, the parties would wait payment.

From Coopapillai - Rs 185 - 0 - 0
Do - Abraham Sahib - " - 73 - 8 - 6
Do - Ramasamy Pillai - " - 182 - 8 - 9
441 - 1 - 3

Of the persons above mentioned Abraham Sahib and Ramasamy Pillai are not mentioned by the Overseer had given the contract to Coopapillai.

9 - From whom sums have been borrowed stating whether the persons are or have been Contractors.

From him who dated 5th April attached marked A it will be seen that Coopapillai was employed by the Overseer as a Contractor and he was the party to whom Overseer had given the contract of the Vennar Gorges in anticipation of the estimate being submitted, this was signed by me in my letter No 54 & 66 of the 25th April & may respectfully be referred to him.

10 - Whether any amounts borrowed have been repaid or if so when.

None of the sums above mentioned have been repaid. I mention this to show that Coopapillai was a Contractor at the time & was present on the occasion of your visit, but he did not obtain the contract he was so anxious for. It is therefore clear that I could be under no obligation to him.

11 - The Overseer states that he paid for materials Rs 22 from time to time as he received money from Mr. Donaghue - Is this correct?

Only Rs 22 from time to time as he received money from Mr. Donaghue - Is this correct? I am sorry to say that the Overseer was not correct in his statement. He had received Rs 22 from Mr. Donaghue for materials but he had not paid for them. He had received Rs 22 from Mr. Donaghue for materials but he had not paid for them.

12 - If so, what occasion was there to borrow Rs 22 from Contractors?

As sufficient money was not received from Mr. Donaghue, it was necessary to borrow money to meet the wants of the materials.

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Inquiries by the District Judge

Answers by William P. Piller
Salary Questions -

Remarks by Mr. Smaghiere

4 — State asked materials — The undermentioned
were obtained from Com. Materials were purchased
by State Packer Piller
and Submarine Prison
and Cooks Piller —

From Cooks Piller —
Bunkers — \$22-72-8-0
Cooks — 7-8-0 x

From Submarine Prison —
Bunkers \$22-11-4-0 x

Bunker bricks were purchased
by State Packer Piller from
Piller Piller from Contractors
Packer Piller & Submarine
Prison as per below detail.

From Packer Piller —

only \$24 100 from Mr. Packer Piller and the same
Packer Piller to that date. Borrowed by me as shown
in the list of materials above. Mr. Packer Piller
said that he has paid

1/3
me \$24 100 up to 26 January 1893.
is not correct, as far as
I remember Mr. Packer Piller
paid me \$24 200 up to the
above date.

14 — How is it that the
accounts of the work
have not been made
up yet, though the Billing
was finished by the
end of March. —

— I am not accountable for
the delay in making up the
accounts of the work. The
accounts were kept by the
Packer Piller and Mr. Packer
Piller's Agent Remondini
Piller who superintended
the work. I was required
by

Remondini. Remondini Piller
was the Packer Piller's
agent, and was
paid for his services.
I did not interfere in the matter
because I had no objection that any
thing was going wrong, having placed
full confidence in the Packer Piller's
honesty.

Questions by the District Engineer.

Answers by Pattinabo Pillay
Tally over seen. — Remarks by Mr. Donaghy.

1 — Were certain Road Coolies of No. XVth Road employed were employed on Mr. Donaghy's Bungalows or not. — I most emphatically deny having given answer on any body else directly or indirectly any order to employ Coolies on certain charged to a Road in the execution of a private building on the contrary when the answer was asked to about me in the month of February and March, when there were heavy showers of rain. Mr. Donaghy having requested me that this Road Coolies of No. XV Road may be ordered to come & help in covering the roof of the Bungalow, I ordered the maintenance until I received the petition from you as they were cases of emergency. If any Coolies were employed on the bungalows as when the answer was called upon on other occasions, it must have been under the direct orders of Mr. Donaghy. The Coolies were forwarded to you with my letter No. 1 dated 1. April last.

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2 — If so, explain why they were so employed while their salary was paid from Government funds. — The Road Coolies were for the most part employed on the Road. As they were employed on Mr. Donaghy's Bungalows as requested by him they were paid accordingly to his orders.

If this statement were true it is probable that I would have written Memoirs Nos 172 and 173 dated 31 March and 5 April as requested by him they were paid accordingly to his orders.

3 — If not explain or refute the overvaluing testimony to their employment on the Bungalows for nearly 4 months. — Vide Remarks above.

work at small advances. If necessary
the sum may be submitted by a certificate
and credited into the Cash Book as usual.

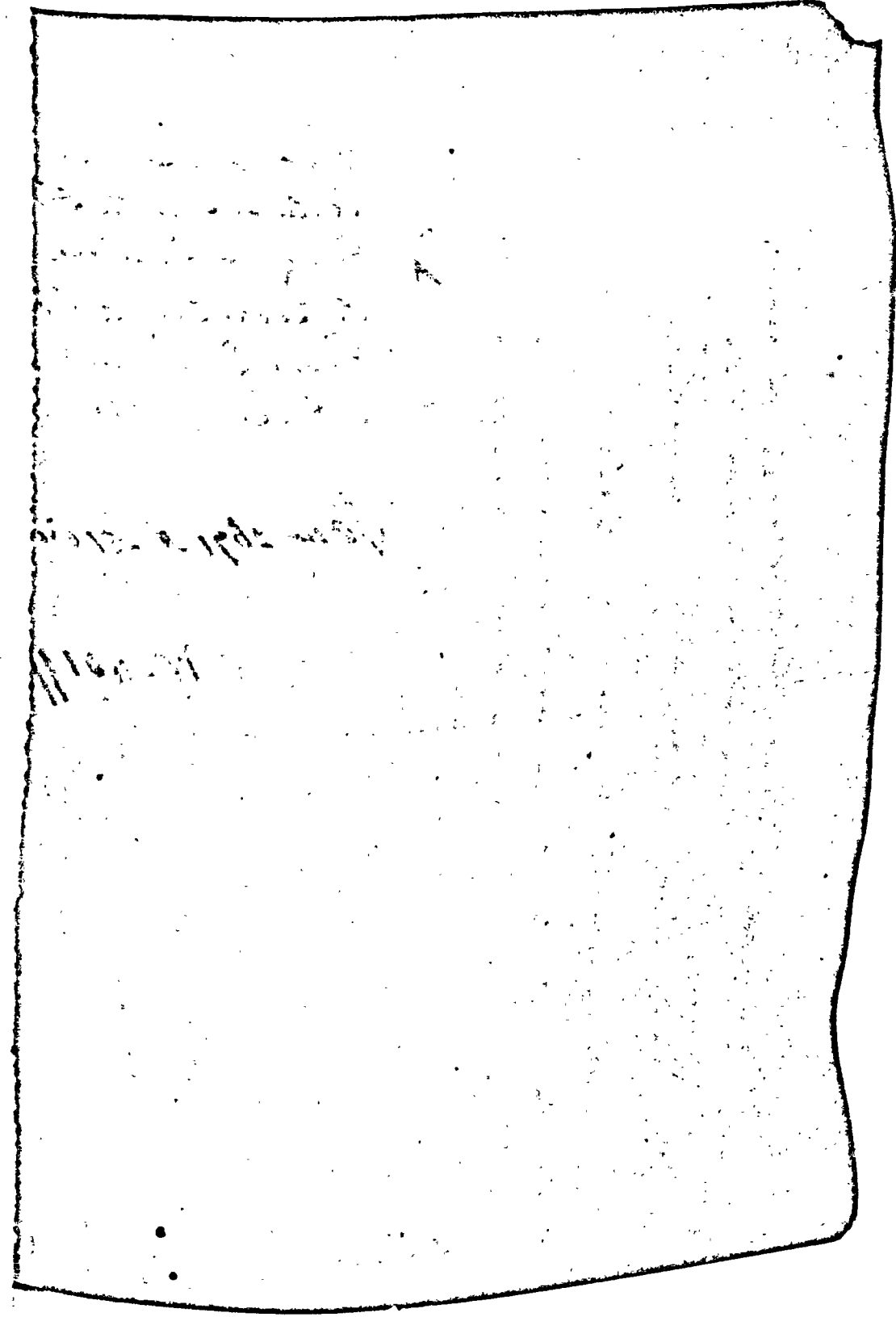
For the payments of Rs 8-8-8 and
Rs 10 this is a piece of work pointed out
by the Survey Engineer and for which proper
estimate was sent in both in original
and duplicate. The work certainly deserves
credit. If needed you can inspect the
Estimate and have proper responsibility.

Under the above circumstances
I beg you to kindly inspect the matter
and order the adjustment of accounts.
Very truly yours,
J. H. M. M. M.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. M. M. M.
J. H. M. M. M.
J. H. M. M. M.

It is a pleasure to see you
and to hear of your success.
I am sure you will be
able to do much more for
the cause of the poor.
I am, Sir, very truly,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. M. M. M.

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Enclosure in a
letter from the District
Engineer Tanjore to
the Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D. No. 464 dated
31st July 1873.

G.O. No. 2671 A. 31 October 73

P. W. 4819/73.

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Letter for the District
July 1873

11/6/73 Palathaven - Madras
Says Mastering Engineer
ordered the land with the other
to leave road with the other
to be made for the purpose of
about 10 to 15 ft. and he was
employed on the Bangalore
States the officers were employed
in various capacities such as helping
bricklayers, carpenters, digging
earth & capturing shal at
States he got his pay 4th from him
on 2 occasions for the 4 months
ending 31st March getting 2 months
pay on 31st March and 1st April
they were sent back to the States
of the services were dispensed
with in the 15th May they have
been in the States since 1st April
and he has been found fault
with the States on account of the
State of the road and the States
12th April they have been
that it was done by the States
and he has been found fault
with the States on account of the
State of the road and the States

work
He said
and
The subjects in the private
interior of the building are all
the same they were introduced
with discipline.

Gondraswamy Pillay the head (15)
has been sent there to work at the
Banyan station. Gondraswamy Pillay
was in charge of the work up to 3rd Jan.
afterwards Gondraswamy Pillay
had charge of the Banyan station today.
afterwards Ragomathas has a fig-
ure - Gondraswamy Pillay is on
+ was employed on road to 5/1/75.

12/6/75 - States he worked regularly
Sunday & included except when
the head lord stopped the work
for 2 or 3 days.

States that the Cookkeeper
Verraper - & waterman Chidambaram
were employed on road to 5/1/75.

Gondraswamy Pillay states this
in saying that the above are entered
in the Road List.

Chidambaram employed on the turning
Verraper is again now received
pay from the Government.
Gondraswamy for head.

Further information
from the
The subjects in the private
interior of the building are all
the same they were introduced
with discipline.

11/6/75 - Petroselli Pillay Persoon states
that the Road Cookkeeper was
employed on the Banyan station.
The other maintainers were
Banyan station, Pillay
& Gondraswamy Pillay
Ragomathas has a fig-
ure.

12/6/75 - Says he at the request of the
Banyan Officer just as the that
was being put on told the
maintainers generally that
the Road Cookkeeper for the
Banyan station will pay this
was in search of a

Says the Banyan was brought
by the maintainers that the
that it was brought from the
by the maintainers just as the Pillay
also that the Road Cookkeeper
catching was purchased again
from the original purchaser.

Birmingham. The weather was
did not return till 3 P.M. from
the dinner. That the range
of the mountains was
him away in the clouds. The
sun was low on the road.

says that coolies were employed
 from 1st January 1851. That they
 have not been paid & that no wages
 not been paid since 1st January.
 says that Agomatha has frequently
 been employed in the
 Bangalore from the Bangalore
 says that Agomatha has frequently
 had charge of the Bandies during
 Dec & Jan. That the coolies
 were employed & that he heard they
 were sent by the Government that they
 were not paid. Says that he
 was brought from there & from Bangalore
 Cutcherry. That one Bangalore Pillay
 a Contractor bought the Rupee in the
 Bangalore & that the Rupee was
 destroyed & the Rupee was brought
 to the Bangalore by Contractor & coolies
 that about 2000 Rupees were obtained
 that the cost of Bandies & daily coolies
 was entered in the Bangalore account

Repetited Bricks from the Talag
Cutcherry were brought by Subbaray
also Nandoo. The Revenue
directed the Bricks to be brought
to the Nungaloo they were not
paid for but the cost of Barandisa
Cottages was entered in the accounts

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- Parajen says he joined Mr. D. about 2 days before the Pongul or in January.
- 1 Paid early in Feb. \$4
 - 2 " " March \$4
 - 3 " 1st/ Clithra or 12 April \$4
 - 4 " 10 or 12 days after or 22 \$4
 - 5 " words or 24 \$4
 - 6 20 Barsy or 31 May \$4
- 3) Payment made by transcribing letters in Pongul or early in April

Says when he was paid on the 22 April & he gave the amount back to the lady saying he had been paid by the transcribing. The lady he believes took it back to him. Mistake! She it appears received it.

Lascom G. Spang states that the only Chedumbra he knows is Mr. D. Sam. He has been with Mr. D. about 2 months & gets \$6 per month & has never received any pay except from Mr. D. States that one Gorden looks after Stone Wood & Stone tatters around the office. Sam's name Gorden has been about 2 months in Mr. D. Service his Brother was employed before - does not

Miss Ched

2.17

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12/6/73

L. F. Maitland, General, P. M.
 The following was written by the
 General from the 1st of March
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 the city of the 1st of March.

I have been asked to see if
 I can find out what state he had
 paid for the 1200
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for a period of 1200 up to 26
 Jan 5. States he has not been paid
 money made to him & that he has
 receipts from the 1200 for the 1200
 he made payments for the 1200
 carried forward from the 1200
 1200 - 1200 were paid to account to him
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 paid for the 1200 for the 1200
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States he has received 1200 from
 of the 1200 up to date. Cannot state that
 payment has been made for the 1200
 of the 1200 supplied for the 1200



Enclosure in a
letter from the Dist.
Engineer Taiyore to
the Secretary to Govt.
P. W. D. No. 464 dated
31st July 1873 -

G.O. No. 2671 - 31-10-73

P. W. 4319/73

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Recd - 11 July

31/3/73

Munnagudi

The Officer in Charge
No 5 Range

Sir,

With reference to your
Docket of this date I
beg to report that the
Road Coolies ^{were} not employed
in the Building but
was there any
materials

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Material made
use of unlawfully
Broken pieces of
Bricks in the
Salvage Cuckooery and
the old Door frames
Doors and windows
were duly auctioned
and the sale produce
be remitted into
your Office Account
J. F. D. S. J. D. S. J. D. S.
Yours most obedt. Servt. J. F. D. S.

Enclosure in a
letter from the Distt.
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G.O. No. 2671A - 31 October
P.W. 4319/73.

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Received
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No. 464

District Engineer's Office
Tanjore 31st July 1873.

From

Major R. F. Oakley R.E.
District Engineer
Tanjore

To Colonel C. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government
P.W.D.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you
that in March last a Petition was received
by me stating that Mr Donaghue (Sub
Engineer in charge of No. 5 Range) was
employing Road Coolies in the erection of
his new Bungalow at Mannargudi and
that he was making use of old material
belonging to Government. The Petition was
sent to Mr Donaghue for explanation:
as regards the employment of Road Coolies
the Overseer, under whose charge the Road
was, denied that any Road Coolies were
employed and Mr Donaghue acknowledged
that some old Doors and Windows which
had belonged to the Taluk Pichay had
been purchased on his account when
the article had been put up for sale
by auction. Though it would have been
well perhaps that he should not have had

Enclosure 9
Originals
ZYXWVT
Copies
SR. C
To be kept in
this office.

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had purchases made on his account, the transaction was perfectly straightforward and open.

2 In May I received a petition from the Road Coolies on the Northern Section of Road No. 15, complaining that they had been employed for 4 months from December to March on Mr. Donaghue's new Bungalow at Munnangudi; that they had been dismissed because when Mr. Donaghue found fault with the condition of the Road they stated it was due to the fact that they had been employed on his Bungalow for 4 months and not on the Road and threatened to intimate the same to me when I visited the Taluk, that 1½ Months pay was due to them and that certain of Mr. Donaghue's servants were paid as Road Coolies.

Disputed as
in the petition to
No. 15 in W

3. As I was about to proceed thru the 5 Range I directed the Petitioners to meet me at El Mirador, and I was engaged for 4 days in the inquiry. The Persons examined were.

• Valoo Thamen head Cooly who had sent the Petition -

Rengius	
Olav	+
Karainen	
Veith	
Maruthew	+
Holm the Squire	+

1831
Road Cookies Bay

Vekivalu Pillay, Overseer.
Govindasamy Pillay, Maistry of Northern
Section of Road No. XV.
Veeramootoo, head Cooly who brought
labourers

labours for the same had been
performed by Mr. Donaghue, Mr. Hainty,
Kegonatha Row, Gopaul, Mr. Donaghue's
Coopa Pillay, a Contractor, Gopaul,
and Veerapen, Mr. Donaghue's
driver.

5 The Road Coolies had learnt their story well and repeated it without a break when permitted; they all commenced by stating that they had been 5 years on the Road but that their Pay Lists of 1871 show to be untrue as regards the Coolies' marks & wages of others whose evidence was not taken down. They all stated that they were continuously employed on the Enigma for the 6 months from December to March except during an interval of 2 or 3 days when the Proprietor of the works which were being roofed in declined to allow the work to be continued.

6. The Quereer Vekki-
vattu Pillay who had had the
General Superintendence of the Build-
ing denied that any Road Coolies had
been employed upon the Building,
but the testimony of Gnanapathi Pillay,
Ramasamy, Regoonatha Row, Govinda-
Ramy Pillay, and Veeramootoo to the
contrary was overwhelming and some
of these were men brought forward
by the Quereer to prove his state.

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Statement that the Road coolies had not been employed.

7— Mr Donaghue himself stated that he was not aware that Road Coolies had been employed, he was present during my enquiry and was himself satisfied that the Road Coolies must have been employed more or less upon the Building, but the Overseer's Letter No 6 of 8 April shows that their employment could not have been continuous as they had been on some occasions employed on Roads 18 and 23.

8— In the course of the enquiry it transpired that materials had been obtained for the work which had not been paid for, from men who had been Contractors in the Range. It further appeared that money had been borrowed by the Overseer for the work. In the course of the enquiry he stated that he only paid for labour &c as he received funds from Mr Donaghue and when Local fund Maistry Gunapathi Pillay's accounts up to 26th January/93 were shown to him, he stated that he did not recognise those accounts and that they were not correct but he had no other to produce and in reply to question No 13 in W. he acknowledges that those accounts are correct, and there can be no doubt that Gunapathi's are the only accounts for work executed up to 26th January and

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and then Rupees 710-13-7 had been expended while Rupees 358-4-0 had been paid. The Overseer having only received Rupees 100 from Mr Donaghue up to that date that he received another Rupee 100 on the 3rd January.

9— The Overseer stated that the total cost of Building had been about Rupees 947, up to June he had received Rupees 500 from Mr Donaghue and Rupees 441-13 had been borrowed but still hundreds of coolies and much material had not been paid for - while the Estimate amounted to Rs 774 Rs. It would appear that Mr Donaghue has been defrauded to a very considerable extent by the Overseer - and the money stated to have been borrowed on Mr Donaghue's account either was not borrowed on Mr Donaghue's account, or if borrowed on his account, ought to have been repaid, as he provided the occasion with funds from time to time.

10— As there could not be the smallest doubt that the Overseer was not speaking the truth as he frequently contradicted himself during the enquiry or stated what other evidence proved to be untrue, a number of questions were sent to him and his replies and Mr Donaghue's comments upon them are

Q. The Overseer has said in his letter that he has not received any money from Mr Donaghue since the 1st of January. Is this correct?
A. Yes.
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A. Yes.
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A. Yes.

W

are enclosed, a few comments
have been made by me in red ink;
from the Overseer's replies it is clear
he contradicts much that he said
when being examined viva voce. His
Letter dated 30 June speaks itself
and shows his dishonesty for he
admits that his untruthful state-
ments were due to his not
knowing made up his mind whether he
should screen the Range Officer
or speak the simple truth: in his replies
to the questions he appears to have dis-
regarded both alternatives for he certainly
does not screen his Range Officer,
while Mr Donaghue's remarks show that
many of his replies are untrue and as
they contradict his verbal replies, it is
clear that he has in the one case or
the other deliberately lied and would
recommend his dismissal. I have had
occasion to find great fault with him
for making Estimates for forages in an
improper way and for charging too
high rates for them and I consider him
thoroughly untrue, untruthful and dis-
honest.

11 — Mr Donaghue's replies
or comments on the Overseer's
answers are not so satisfactory
as could have been wished, in as
much

much as his ignorance of the employ-
ment of the Road Coolies on his Range
or of the amounts being expended, &c.
show a neglect of his own interests
and a defective supervision of the
work executed on his account which
would have been very reprehensible
had the Range belonged to Government.
In his letter however, he gives a
clear statement of the circumstances
under which he called in the aid of
the Overseer and his dismissal of the
Road Coolies and the numerous oc-
casions on which he found fault
with the Overseer indicate a fearless
regard to his duty incompatible with
the idea of his connivance at any
irregularities by which he might
have been benefited, for he would
hardly have made the Overseer and
the Road Coolies his enemies if he
had thus thrown away their knowledge
been himself depriving Govern-
ment.

12 — I must mention
that Range No 5 is a most unpopular
Range. It is thinly inhabited. It is
large, its water in many parts is
bad, it is difficult to procure pro-
visions and labour is scarce in it
and it is most difficult to get
members of the Department from
the

the highest to the lowest grades to stay in it, and the frequent changes on this account has prevented the establishment of that system and discipline which prevails in more favored parts of the District and there is no doubt that the lax discipline which prevailed in it when Mr. Donaghue took charge rendered a tight hand necessary and Mr. Donaghue by checking abuses has undoubtedly rendered himself unpopular.

13 — I am not yet satisfied whether the Road coolies were employed in April and May or not, when this has been cleared up, orders will be issued relative to the payment of any sums really due to them. The overseer is contumacious and will not reply to the questions put him on the subject.

14 — Now that the Road embankment has become well consolidated it is necessary to employ a fixed establishment to maintain the Road during the dry weather and as the allotment for the Road in 1873-74 has been reduced I am of opinion that Mr. Donaghue was quite right to dispense

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dispense with the services of the Road Establishment.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedient servant
W. G. Hayes Major R.E.
District Engineer

forwarded, that letter was written in good faith, at that time I held a favourable opinion of the Quenier for he succeeded in winning my confidence which he retained until the 5th April, after that I suspected, that I had an unprincipled person to deal with, my suspicions were subsequently confirmed on the 17th May when I accused him of an attempt to defraud Government by an overcharge of Rs 92-14-7, his guilt was so far acknowledged, that, after begging very hard for forgiveness, and by many promises of amendment he induced me to permit him to make good the money in order to enable me to save him from the humiliating position he put himself into.

The recovery was a disgrace to ~~him~~, but there was no alternative excepting the more serious one of reporting him which would have resulted in still greater disgrace.

See Memo
no 7 forwarded with
letter no 106 dated 13
July

See Memo no 86
do do

See Memo no 86
do do

disgrace, and as Government did not lose in any way by my leniency, and since the chance was granted in view of allowing him to retrieve his character. I acted with the best intentions, and in the firm belief that it would teach him a severe lesson, act as a caution, and that it would restrain him in future, from repeating an experiment which if indulged in would ultimately end in his dismissal from the Department, but I am now convinced that, I erred in not reporting him to you for this offence, because instead of improving him he has positively become ten fold worse, and is now the leader of a combination of disappointed contractors, and dismissed artisans, who are doing their utmost to obstruct, insult, and annoy me in every possible way; but I do not fear them as long as I am able to maintain

reported in letter
no 100 dated 5 July

the confidence and support of my superiors
and by performing my work conscientiously I can
afford to despise them.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servt

Wm. H. H. H.

Sub. Engineer in charge No 5 Range.

Enclosure in a letter
from the District
Inspector to the Sec-
etary to Government
No 597 dated 8th September
1873.
H.O. no 2671 A. 51-10-73

S. W. 50 25/73.

Letter No 164 from
Mr. Donaghue re-
porting on the line to
payments made
towards the erection
of his Bungalow
at Mungah.

No 496

No 5 Range Office

Manargoody 17th March 1873

From

The Officer in charge of No 5 Range
Manargoody

To

The District Engineer
Tanjore

Sir

Agreeably to your Pocket No 840
dated 12th March I beg to state that,
there are in this Range two Siding Overseers
one of them (Mr Taylor) has passed the
examinations laid down for the grade of
Overseers

Mr Taylor is willing, and at present
employed on special duty, he
understands his work and
takes an interest in it.
I think he merits promotion.

Vellivale Pilly. Willing and active
and I think he merits
promotion.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most Obedt Servt

(Signed) W F Donaghue

Supervisor in charge No 5 Range

(True copy)

Donaghue

Sub Supervisor in charge No 5 Range

Copy of letter to Mr
Donaghue
recommending him
for promotion
for Vellivale Pilly

P. M. 5025/75.

4 Dec. 26/11. d. 31-10-75

Incluse in a letter
from the District
Inquirer to the
Secretary to Govt
the 5/11/11. d. 8/11/11

No. 597

District Inquiries Office
Tampre 8th September 1873

From Major R. F. Cooke R.E.
District Engineer
Tampre

To Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Government D.P.W.

Enclosed
in enclosure
11/11/11

Sir, As directed in your No 328 of the
29th August I have the honor to inform
you that the following payments have
been made up to date by Mr Donaghue
on account of the work executed on his
Bungalow at Nicomargudi.

To whom	How	Amount	When
Quartermaster Vellivale Pilly	By money order	50	November
D ^o	Currency	50	December
D ^o	note	100	31 st January
D ^o	Cash	50	Middle of February
D ^o	"	50	2 nd March
D ^o	"	100	early in May
D ^o	"	100	20 th June
To coolies	"	15-3-4	3 rd August
"	"	38-11-7	4 - "
"	"	15-2-0	14 - "
For materials	"	73-8-6	August

I enclose the original letter from Mr.
Donaghy in which the above informa-
tion is afforded and observe that
the transaction relative to the refund
of Rs 92.14.7 by the Overseer was not
reported to this office. A copy of No 496
of 17 March is enclosed, the original was
received before I took charge of the
District and appears to have been
mislaid for it is not to be found in
the office.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

A. G. Bates Major R.E.

District Engineer Sanyal

No 164

5/8/11

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P. W. 1873 Department
 No 740 for 1873
 From No 5025.
 The District Surge
 To the Secretary to Govt
 P. W. D.

Dated 8th Sept 1873
 Recd 12th Sept 1873
 En: 2. No 597

Reporting relative to
 Payments made by
 Mr. Douglas to
 wards the erection of
 his Bungalow at
 Munnargudi
 8-24-73

No 527
 23rd Nov 1873
 Sent to Col. G. S. Pitt-Rivers

No 5 Range Office
 No 172 Munnargudi 11 September 73

From The Officer in charge of No 5 Range
 To The District Engineer -
 Lajong.

Sir,
 I beg to bring to your notice
 that on the dates marginally noted, I
 8th March - From Master Assistant - 269 - purchased
 25th June - From Master Assistant - 269 - Timber
 25th July - From Master Assistant - 269 - for the
 12th Sept - 1273 1/2 - roofing
 of the
 Subsidiary jail works connected with
 this Range to the extent of 1273 1/2 cft.
 The Timber purchased was chiefly
 in logs, the measurements are given
 in the accompanying Exhibit marked A.
 2 - The Timber was entrusted to a
 Master Carpenter by name Gopal Achary
 the measurement of each piece being
 taken by me on receipt of each supply
 in the Carpenter's presence. This man
 received my instructions from time to
 time regarding the logs selected to be cut
 up

up for particular squabbles and was
sometimes assisted by me in chalking
out the work, but the sole management
and control over the Carpenters and
Sawyers was centred in him during
my frequent absence from Head Quarters.

3 — I had no suspicion whatever
that any fraud was practised on me
until the timber for the Mangalore
Jail works was nearly all cut up
into squabbles and when over one half
of it had been fixed in position on
the Roofs the balance of wood in the

Timber yard for the Puttur work
appeared to be small and from the
result of a rough calculation I
informed the Carpenter that I thought
he was cheating, he denied the charge
that there was a deficiency, and asked
for a little time to account for all the
wood entrusted to him. This was on
the 23rd July & as I was obliged to
go away into the Puttur Taluk
on the following day I gave Gopal
a long time until I returned which
was on the 31st I was or 8 days afterwards

and then, when I found that he was
still unable to account for the missing
timber I complained to the Police
and charged the Carpenter with the
fraud. I believed, & still believe
him to be guilty of, probably too,
in combination with others.

4 — On the 4th August a second
& more careful measurement of
all the timber was taken by me,
these measurements gave a result
of 1146 cft of which 552½ cft were
cut up for the Mangalore Jail and
593½ were reserved in logs for the
Puttur work.

5 — Since the above date the
Carpenter has accounted for 3½ cft
used up in making a weather board
for the Jail, a few bricklayers' levels,
rods and squares. — The difference
then between the quantity of wood
cut up plus the quantity in hand &
the purchased quantity is cft 124½
the percentage for wastage on 552½
cft taken at 10 per cent reduces the
deficiency to cft 69½.

6 — The logs purchased by me
were

were tolerably square, particularly the first supply obtained at a Public Auction conducted by the Master Attendant of Negapatnam, and although I have since learned that the Railway Engineers allow a wastage on their timber from 20 to 25 per cent. I am inclined to believe that this allowance is excessive for square timber and in allowing 10 per cent I believed I had taken a fair average for wastage since several of the smaller pieces that would be reckoned as wastage in the Railway have been converted into sleepers so that the only wastage that I have observed is that resulting from shavings and saw dust.

7 — The Carpenter accuses my servants of having helped themselves from time to time to the refuse which he says would amply account for the deficiency. It is strange that he never brought this to my notice until after he was himself accused. My servants are paid daily for firewood, and if they have been guilty of stealing fragments of wood as now represented, the Carpenter then with whose cognizance the

the theft was committed was a party to the transaction in as much that he was held responsible & accountable to me for all the timber put into his possession.

8 — Although I brought the loss of the timber under the notice of the Police Authorities and offered a reward of 50 Rs that would lead to a conviction, it was with a view if possible of obtaining some clue to the combination I firmly believe is against me, more than to the recovery of the timber which shall be no loss to Government, as I purpose to make good the deficiency myself.

9 — Ever since I took charge of this Range there has been all along a dead set against me, and instead of receiving assistance & support from my Subordinates they have thrown as much difficulty in my way as possible in view to prevent me destroying irregularities & corruption that I found to exist in the Range.

It is needless to recapitulate them here, as I have already in former communications brought

brought them under your notice, I
certainly would be glad if it were
practicable to be removed to some
other Range in this District, as I am
worried with anonymous threatening
letters & some of these of the most filthy
and insulting character, to say nothing
of the petitions and complaints sent
against me to Head Quarters. I really
do not feel safe in this place. At any
hour in the night an enemy may fire
the roof of my house & destroy, if
not my family, at least my property.
I have served in nearly all the Ranges
in this District with, I believe, every sa-
tisfaction to my Superiors. It has
been in this Range only that I have ex-
perienced any difficulty in the
discharge of my duty which I firmly
attribute to the fact that there have
been so many changes of Range officers
within the last few years, that too much
reliance was placed on the Subordinates
and that the latter had too much of
their own way and because I have
changed all this, I have to contend
and fight my way against a combination
of

of Overseers, Agents & Contractors,
which I need hardly say makes
my duty any thing but agreeable,
on the other hand, had I not disturbed
the old system that existed for
years past all would have gone on
smoothly & you would not have
been troubled with any complaints
against me or against any body else
in the Range.

I beg to remain &c
Signed W. F. Donaghy
Sub Engineer in charge of No. 5 Range

(True Copy)

M. M. Capt R. R.
District Eng. Fresno.

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28.8.73 Petition from one Gopala
Achary one of the Carpenter Master
employed on the sub jail works at
Mumargod under the supervision
of Mr Sub Eng^r Donaghue stating
several particulars connected with
the misappropriation by that officer
of Govt^y Teak wood worth about Rs 1500
to his own Bungalow; that to make his
superior officers believe that the sub-
Eng^r was not in fault, he handed
him over to the Police Station Officer
at that place on a charge of having
stolen a portion of that wood and on
enquiry it having been proved that
the sub Eng^r himself was in fault

the ^{the} Inspector of Police & his subordinates
managed to dismiss the case in con-
sideration of their friendship with the off.
shushed up several matters which
if taken notice of would involve a
magisterial enquiry which he is sure
would result ~~would~~ go much against
the sub^lorg; and prays that some
European officer may be deputed to
enquire into the details connected with
the loss of timber, that the Police off.
at the place may be ordered to deal justly
in the matter and give him ^{that} an occasioning
to prove the misappropriation in the part
of the sub^lorg by means of the 23 wit-
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Enclosure in letter
No. 649, dated 20th
September 1873, from
the District Engineer
Tanjore, to the Secre-
tary to Govt. S. P. D. O.

G.O. No. 2671 of 27-10-73

P.W. 5177/73.

Petition from one
Gopal Achary Car-
penter in missing
employed on Sub-jail
works at Namargudi.

District Engg Office -
Tanjore 20th September 1873.
No. 649.

To,
Captain H. R. Mead. R.E.
District Engineer - Tanjore.

To,
Colonel G. W. Walker R.E.
Secretary to Govt. S. P. D. O.
Fort Saint George

Enclosures - 2.
1. Original Peti-
tion with all
actual transac-
tions.
1. Copy of letter
from Mr. Donag-
hue.

As called for in your Memo
No. 328, dated 29th August 1873, I have
the honor to report that I have, at
Namargudi, made inquiries re-
garding the truth of the Petition of a
Carpenter Maistry by name Gopala
Achary, employed at Namargudi under
Mr. Sub-Engineer Donaghue and I find
the following to be the facts of the case.
2. For the work of the Sub-jail
at Namargudi and the Pottuisthak
futcherry Mr. Donaghue purchased
Teakwood and had it sawn up and
wrought in the Compound of his house,
on the 23rd of July he had suspicions
that

that wood had been stolen & hastily
charged the Maistry with theft, on
the 4th inst, he made a more careful
examination of the wood and found
that allowing a wastage of 10 per cent
that 69 cfts of wood were missing and
on this made a charge of theft against
the man before the Police, he had
no other evidence whatever to go on.

3. ~~When~~ The Police proceeded much
more cautiously than Mr. Donaghue
and made inquiries at the Negapatam
Railway work shops as to the usual
amount of wastage there and found
it was from 20 to 25 per cent, they
therefore declined to go on with the case.

4. ~~When~~ I find on inquiry the total
quantity of wood brought was 1294 cfts
and that there is $552 \frac{3}{4}$ cfts of wrought
wood in the work $256 \frac{5}{8}$ cfts of sawn
scantlings and $282 \frac{6}{7}$ cfts of wood in
log, this makes the wastage 24 per
cent or it may be taken more correctly
as 15 per cent on that, sawn into scantlings
and 28 per cent on that wrought in the work

This

15. ~~When~~ This is by no means excess-
sive and I think shows that although
there may have been small quantities
it is not possible that the Carpenter
Maistry or any one else stole any
quantity of wood, and had Mr. Don-
aghue known any thing about timber
work or had he as he should have
done, made inquiries, he certainly
would not have accused the Carpenter
of theft in the hasty and inconsi-
derate way he did.

6. ~~When~~ With regard to chips & small
pieces of wood, there are none on the
work they are all gone, their value must
have been but small. I have however
no doubt but that Mr. Donaghue's
servants used them for firewood or
that they were otherwise stolen.
Mr. Donaghue considers that the
Carpenter Maistry is entirely respon-
sible for this, I do not agree with him,
the work was done at Mr. Donaghue's
Head Quarters and he should have
known (and of this he appears igno-
rant of) that there ought to have been

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a large quantity of chips shavings &c
and should have made enquiries
as to where they had gone.

7 The Carpenter Maistry
accuses Mr Donaghue of having
used a small quantity of the wood
for his own private use and also that
it was worked up by Carpenters charged
to the Imperial Sub-jail roof. This
Mr Donaghue denies, he acknowledges
that he at the time made up some things
but says he used private wood and
paid private workmen; As I have
no reason to disbelieve Mr Donaghue's
statement and as it is impossible
4 for me to prove the matter one way or
the other I have not attempted to trace
9 the wood.

8 I regret to say that although
Mr Donaghue sent the case to the Police
on the 4th August he did not report
the circumstances to this office until
a September, it was not until the 8th
an September on the receipt of Mr Donaghue's
Inspection list that I was aware of

his proceedings.

9 I forwarded a copy of his letter
No 172 dated 11 September and with
reference to his final remarks and
request that he may be transferred
I can only report that there is evi-
dently a very strong feeling against
Mr Donaghue amongst his subordinates.
I cannot as he does attribute it en-
tirely to the reason that his prede-
cessors did not exercise so great
a check on the Subordinate Contractors
&c as he has done, but I do attribute
it to a great extent to want of
judgement on Mr Donaghue's part
and his proceedings now under re-
port show how much it has been
wanting.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt.

M. M. M. Captain

District Engr. Tanjore.

No. 5 Range Office
 Munnaragudi 18 September 1873

No. 185

From
 The Officer in charge
 No. 5 Munnaragudi Range.
 To
 The District Engineer
 Tanjore

Sir,
 I have now to inform you
 that, two of the principal parties to whom
 I am said to be indebted to the extent of
 Rs 375-0-9 appeared before me this day
 to claim their money which I have paid
 them, and received their receipts in dupli-
 cate, in clearance of all demands; the
 duplicates I enclose for record in your Office.

The balance Rupees 22-2-0 due
 to the minor parties I will adjust as soon
 as they present themselves for pay-
 ment.

I trust this settlement
 will satisfy all claims against me,
 and that you will hear no more
 about it.

I have &c.
 /Signed/ W. Donaghy.
 Sub Engineer in charge of
 5th Range
 /True Copy/
 M. M. M. Captain R.
 District Engineer Tanjore

Admission of muck
 - near the new post
 29th M.

Public Works 1873
 - 28-8-77
 The District Engineer
 Tanjore

The Secretary to
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Enc: 2.
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 Reporting on the
 present by Special
 Agent Comptroller
 the Sub-Engineer
 in charge of the
 District Engineer
 Tanjore

Ordered & recorded.

By the District Engineer
 in charge of the
 5th Range
 Munnaragudi
 18 September 1873
 W. Donaghy

Md Maud Captain &
District Esquire Taylor

Mr. A. J.
Apr. 3rd 1893
Went to Acad. 29 Feb 1893

P. B. 1873 Richard
 Lloyd Garrison
 No. 5322
 The District Registrar
 & Secretary to Court
 of H. C.
 Dated 26th September
 1873
 Recd.
 No. 659.
 Reported that the
 said Registrar has
 now fixed his office to
 reside at some place
 where the account of the
 Registrar of marriages
 shall be taken that the
 balance on the same
 account may be ascertained
 as soon as possible

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Petition from one Valoo
Thaven, 15th mile Cooly in the Mun-
nargoody Range of the Tanjore District
stating that he and all his gang
were ordered by the Range officer
and mistry to work from Kovvur
to the end of March in the construc-
tion of a bungalow newly built by
the former - After their return to
the mile the Range officer went
there on inspection & finding certain
parts of the road much neglected
asked them the cause of it - On

their attributing it to their absence from the road for those four months he threatened at the time to dismiss them if they should state the same before another superior officer and did dismiss shortly afterwards - That they appealed to the D^t Insp^t twice without any effect & therefore pray that the Gov^t will order their re-employment & payment of the balance of their wages -

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COPIES OF TESTIMONIALS.

MADRAS RAILWAY, ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

Shoratoon Palghat, 19th December 1859.

Vettivaloo Pillay has been for nearly two and half years with me as Pupil and the Surveying Levelling &c., which I have given him to do he has always done accurately and has been always diligent attentive and well conducted. I give him this Testimonial on my removal.

(Signed) R. H. COE, Engineer District 15.

M. R. C.

District 15, S. W. L.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, Engineering Pupil worked under me on the 2nd Section when it was being set out he has been continually in the works since that time he is well able to set out and Level and has been of great assistance to me during the time I have been in charge of the District.

SHORATOOR,
3d June 1861.

S. L. KOE, Resident Engineer.

MADRAS RAILWAY COMPANY,

Chief Engineer's Office, Madras 7th January 1864.

Vettivaloo Pillay, entered the Railway Services as an Engineering Pupil in June 1857, and has from that date been employed on the works as an assistant to several of the District Engineers from whom he has received favorable Certificates. I can recommend him as a useful man.

(Signed) W. G. SMART, Chief Engineer.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, acted as Surveyor in the 7th Section for 15 months under my orders. I found him generally hard working and good field Surveyor but not very good in the office. He also had charge of a Range of 4 miles of Earthwork for 4 months and showed himself efficient and careful in looking after and measuring this—Vettivaloo Pillay is a good steady man and I believe him to be honest and he certainly does his work to the best of his ability.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay,

I have no chance of giving you any employment here as the staff is to be broken up at once. I send you a recommendation which may be useful.

DONEPARD,
November 25th, 1865.

(Signed) C. W. E. HENSLOWE, Executive Engineer,
8th Section M. H. C. Co.

MADRAS IRRIGATION AND CANAL COMPANY,

Nundial Division, December 4th, 1865.

No. 255.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, has been employed on these works for about two years, first as a Surveyor but during the past nine months has had charge of a portion of the Canal under construction.

He has proved himself trustworthy, energetic, willing, and careful to instructions and were the works to be proceeded with. I have no doubt his services would be retained but as it is, he will probably soon leave, in consequence of reductions in the Establishment and I shall be glad to hear of his obtaining suitable employment.

(Signed) F. A. SMART, C. E.

In charge Nundial Division.

AYALOOR 10th February 1866, Nundial Division.

C. Vettivaloo Pillay, has been employed I understand about 2½ years by this Company and I received a very favorable impression of his usefulness not only by the high characters given him by the late Executive Engineer of this Division but also by his energy in every duty during the short time he served with me. He leaves this as the works are at present closed for a time but upon the resumption of Labour here I shall be very glad to employ him again.

(Signed) H. FERGUSON, Asst. Engineer in charge

No. 497.

Nundial Division, 20th February 1869 Saturday.

CAPTAIN OAKES R. E., Supp. Engineer 6 Division.

Sir, With reference to Circular No. 1,173 dated 11th February last, I beg to inform you that Local Fraud Overseer Vettivaloo Pillay has given every satisfaction during his employment in the Range. He is intelligent active and obedient. All the Roads with the exception of No. 2 are under his charge and they have been kept in good order. He is likely to make a useful Subordinate and I would recommend his being confirmed in his appointment.

(Signed) W. H. WALTON, Officer in charge No. 1 Range,
Tanjore.

1861. 26th March 1861
 J. N. 6024/73

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Mannargudy
4th August 1873

The Secretary to Government D. P. W.

Sir,

I understand from Major Baker Docket No. 445 dated 28th July 1873 that he has referred to Government the correspondence connected with a charge brought against Mr. Donaghy and myself by certain Road Police regarding their employment on the erection of a private Bungalow for Mr. Donaghy. In justification of my own proceedings in the matter, I beg humbly to forward herewith a correct statement of the facts of the case for the benevolent consideration of Government.

Soon after Mr. Donaghy took charge of this Range he asked me to build a Bungalow for him. I after consulting with several of my friends informed him that it was not right for me to have any direct hand in the matter, but that if he began the work and got it carried out by masters appointed by his own superior, I should be glad to render any assistance which may be asked of me from time to time and as necessity arises. The work was thus put in hand and the site being just a few yards away from his own residence it was carried out under the direct or immediate supervision of Mr. Donaghy himself. All that I did in the matter was that I bought certain materials from Nagapatnam and other places and also advanced money, whenever the servants employed by Mr. Donaghy required it. This money has been made good partly (Rs. 50) and the rest still remains to be reimbursed. I have not made out any account of the expenditure nor have I sent in any bill for any amount. This can be easily ascertained by inspecting the papers connected with the Bungalow.

1873/8-31-October
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It is to be
noted that
the Bungalow
was built
on the site
of the old
Bungalow
which was
destroyed
by fire.

orders. These were all made out by the maistries and placed under Mr. Donaghur's orders and were handed over to him direct without my having had any hand in the matter. They do not bear my signature. I am not in the least responsible for the amount laid out on the Bungalow nor am I able to say whether it was properly spent or not. I think I will be considered right in saying that this was not part of my duty. By this I do not mean to say that Mr. Donaghur has been defrauded of any amount of money, for in my own judgment the amount charged is only fair and any impartial Engineer who may inspect the Bungalow will find it so at this very moment.

One of the charges brought against me is that I employed Road coolies in the Bungalow work. Some of the witnesses examined state that I gave orders to the coolies to go and work in the Bungalow, which I certainly did on one or two occasions, when it was raining, under the orders of Mr. Donaghur himself, but I am not aware of their having been retained there subsequently. During my inspection I have seen them work on the Road on several occasions and was therefore at that time led to think, that they had been working on the Road incessantly. Mr. Donaghur sent me an order, asking me whether any road-coolies employed on his Bungalow work. I went and inspected the Road and found that they were all working on the Road. I replied his order in the negative. This order of Mr. Donaghur, I have now written to the Major. Mr. Donaghur's endorsement in the complaint is very long forwarded to the Major. It was then sent to the Major.

Donaghur to have at once inquired on the spot and ascertained the truth if he had wished, but he was satisfied with simply entangling me into writing a reply of the kind. wrote. The witnesses examined have told to Major. Colver in plain terms that their work on the Bungalow was with the consent of Mr. Donaghur and on the latter denying this, they have pointed out to special occasions and pushed him into a position to admit the truth of their statements. Indeed as pointed out in para 2nd, I had no hand in the payment of the Road Coolies and could not therefore have any interest in employing Road Coolies in the work. I take this opportunity also to bring to notice that a few days after Mr. Donaghur found this Range and before herutnant Smart left it, he suggested the advisability of getting the evidence claimed by the Kharalgars and others, but him Smart objected to it and said that Govt. servants should not be employed in private business. This fact can be ascertained by making a reference to him Smart. It will thus appear that the coolies if employed at all were employed under the orders of Mr. Donaghur and not of mine. In proof of this, I beg to enclose copy of a report written to me by Maistry Durmalunga Pillai who was in charge of the Mammargudi sub-jail works with an extract of a letter written by me to Major Colver on the subject from which it will appear that some of the Coolies therein engaged were employed in the Bungalow work under the personal orders of Mr. Donaghur without my knowledge.

Another point about which Major Satter was
angry with me is the slight discrepancy which
existed between what I told to that gentleman
in person and in writing. I have written to him in
my letter of the 30th June 1873 that "during your
honour's investigation I had almost lost my power
of mind being confused as to whether I should serve
my Range Officers or to state the simple truth". In
this I have not expressed myself accurately. I sim-
ply meant to say that having been all over such
draw aside about the matter I did not know
what to say, as if the facts be stated I should have
to criminalize the Range Officers who is my super-
rior. If in doing this I have in any ^{way} ~~any~~ ^{way} ~~way~~ ^{way}
blatly to solicit the pardon of Government. The discre-
pancy between my statements is no point of fact
very slight and is of very little effect on the
nature of the question at issue. I fully trust that
the paternal Govt. will take a most lenient view
of the points in consideration of the circumstances
under which I was then placed.

Throughout my service in
Govt., the Railway and the Irrigation Canal
Company, I was held in high estimation and
have earned a name for honesty, integrity
and ability as will appear from the enclosed
Testimonials (marked B). Major Baber made
me a local Fund overseer and specially recom-
mended me for a Salub overseership. (vide G.O.
dated 21 April 1871 no. 1124). Subsequently Capt. Hoisted
made me a Salub overseer on the strength of
the Government Order. Even after he went

to Godaverry he offered me a post of an overseer
in that district, but I declined it. Major Galt
just before he left this place to Madras inspected
my Taluk and has passed very good remarks
about my works. He cannot possibly know him-
self of what I had done during his absence ex-
cept through the representations of Mr. Donaghy
who it is only natural will try to throw all
the blame on me, in order to exonerate him-
self from the charges brought against him. Mr.
Donaghy himself has recommended me for
promotion by his letter no 496 dated 17/3/1873 and
was in very friendly terms with me before the
complaints in question were brought against
him.

In conclusion, I beg most humbly to refer the Govt. to Capt. Montgomery who was here when the complaints began to be made against Mr. Donaghy. I have not the least doubt, but that gentleman is aware of the whole truth. Trusting to meet with all success.

I beg to remain
 Sir
 your most Obedt. servant-
C. Vettiveloo Pillai
 Taluk overrarr.
 Mannargudy

80-2111-A-01 dated 1/18
 Regarding
 the charges
 brought against
 him for the
 employing of
 Road coolies &
 on private lands in
 the Sanyal District

Notes & Encl.
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To. Mr. J. S. Pillay
 J. S. Pillay
 Changanassery

From
 P. M. 1873
 P. M. 1873
 P. M. 1873

Submit - That Mr. O. is simply a precise & accurate person in the manner & is no more
 to blame than any magistrate who issues - as shown by the evidence - on the evidence -
 I am led to believe
 some to a wrong
 judgment on the evidence
 as to blame attaches
 to him - than has so much
 to do with the error of judgment
 which more and more
 than I am much surprised
 with their dependence on
 a local point of view
 than upon the evidence on which
 necessary material

My dear Mr. J. S. Pillay
 I have been very busy
 with the case of Mr. O.
 and have not had time
 to write to you as I
 wished to do. I am
 very sorry for this.
 I am, Sir, very
 respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. S. Pillay

The charges against
 Mr. Dinanath as shown
 by these papers are
 (1) that he employed on
 the construction of his
 private dwelling house
 (a) Road coolies &
 (b) Government and Local
 fund subordinates within
 his range

(2) that he employed Govern-
 ment material and certain
 bricks - not distinctly
 accounted for - in the
 construction of the latter not being
 paid for
 (3) that he practically
 borrowed large sums of
 money from one of his
 subordinates for the same
 purposes
 The

The records of the
 Evidence taken in the
 District Engineer's Summary
 inquiry - imperfect and
 indifferently drawn up ^{judgment in the}
 as I think it is, especially ^{matter.}
 on the 2^d point - clearly ^{Now it is, prima facie,}
 shows that with regards ^{most unlikely that Messrs}
 to the first - since the words "taken" had been
 of the District Engineer ^{submitted} such as
 the proof is "overwhelming" ^{mistake} - and according
 that the Road Coolies ^{I do not find in these}
 were so employed, and ^{papers anything to show}
 the Evidence shows ^{that he has done so -}
 Mr. Donoghue was - ^{as that Mr. Donoghue}
 was natural - often present ^{much}
 on the work during such ^{has done nothing to}
 Employment, and it is ^{treatment so harsh as}
 in Evidence that he ^{that proposed to apply to him}
 had himself given orders ^{against him}
 to collect them for that ^{purpose} are ^{there, viz}
 purpose. The Evidence
 Shows

Road Coolies' on his
 private dwelling -
 Now to say that a
 man has ^{in his private house} employed
 road Coolies is not
 (at first sight) to say
 that he has committed
 a very serious offence.
 If he indeed he employed
 them without paying them
 out of his private purse,
 or took them from ^{public} work
 on which they were
 engaged, ^{for other detained}
 and so as to injure the
 public service he would
 deserve censure. But
 there is nothing in these

Shows that no payment
 on private account was
 made to these men and
 that when they complained
 to the District Engineer
 they were summarily
 dismissed by Mr. Donoghue
 with, they allege, - the District
 Engineer inquiring a balance
 of wages due to them.
 Mr. Donoghue denied
 these facts when called
 for explanation by his
 Superior Officer, but
 afterwards admitted
 the employment and
 pleaded ignorance.
 I consider that the
 legal inferences to be
 drawn from these direct
 Evidence, from all other
 circumstances of the case,
 from the nature of his
 duties, from the undoubted
 character

Character of his Conduct
in respect to the upper
subordinates - One noticed
hereafter - and others
considerations, is that
the Road Coolies were
employed with the knowledge
of Mr. Donoghue - probably
under his directions -
and that Mr. Donoghue's
first denial of the
Established impropriety
as contained in his
Explanation on the
Petition of the Coolies,
was a falsehood.

The Employment of
Ganapathy - Ministry of the
Local Fund Establish-
ment and of Govindasami
Pillay - the Ministry of the
Northern Division of
Road No 15 - is conclusively
proved and apparently
not

in supervising
the work
without of
course
interfering
with his
public duties
purposely to ~~show~~ that he
did either of these
things. Moreover, he says
that these men were
employed without his
sanction; and I cannot
see that this assertion
is absolutely disproved,
(a) that he employed
an overseer on his
private dwelling, & (b)
borrowed money of him.

As to (a) - he explains
that he merely ~~incumbent~~
"asked the assistance"
+ see above)
"of the overseer" and here
again I fail to see any
grave offence.
As to (b) - the charge
is by no means proved.

He is willing to show
that the overseer
paid away any money
with it was furnished
to him by Mr. Donoghue.
Sundiff, Mr. Walker
say that "either he
borrowed money" of the
overseer, or did not
pay for the material.
He has never paid
for the whole work.
That he bought
first material at a
public auction.
That it appears that
he did not pay for the
material which was
brought down: but it is

not denied. The latter
superintended the work
and kept the accounts
throughout apparently.
The Employment of
Vetti Veli as overseer under
Mr. Donoghue is clearly
Established by his
own evidence - at first
a very unwilling witness
against his superior officer
and abundant other
testimony, and is not
denied by Mr. Donoghue.
He found the Funds
for the Employment of
labor, the purchase of
material, &c. The
accounts of instalments
paid by Mr. Donoghue
from time to time are
produced by Mr. Donoghue
and conclusively prove
these transactions.
It is thus fully
proved

periods that Mr. Donoghue
did employ his official
subordinates of all grades
on his own private work
and that through a
considerable period
of time.

On the 2^d point it
appears that Mr. Donoghue
purchased doors and
windows the property
of Government - which
were sold by auction
by whom does not appear,
but apparently by his
own Department. The
District Engineer states
that this transaction
was perfectly straightforward
and open - the record
fails to show the grounds
for this consideration.

I am unaware
what the Departmental

entirely not in itself
a sufficient reason for
precluding an efficient
& zealous public
servant.

I cannot agree therefore
to the proposal to inflict
any punishment upon
Mr. Donoghue. I think

the worst that we do to
do is to express the
disapproval of the fact
in regard to his purchase
at the auction, & say

that he ought to have
been careful not to employ

the services of such
persons if he intended
to do so. but he
was not to the
public service.

Major Oakes said - by Law whenever the
competent judge of fact, law is dealing with matters
in point of view of
Mr. Donoghue: and
I consider that
punishment, a more
or less severe, is
in such a case, not
to be meted out of place
& calculated to
injure the public
interests.

I wish to add that I

rules are on this very
important matter of the
purchase of materials
no longer required which
are ordered to be sold
on public auctions by
the subordinates of the
D.P.W. In the Revenue
Department such
purchases
are very strictly forbidden.

by Law whenever the
law is dealing with matters
involving such sales by
Public Officers and such
conduct would probably
lead to the dismissal of
any Revenue Servant is
proved. I have purchased
articles sold on public
auctions. Captain Oakes
says it would have been
well perhaps that he
should not have had
the purchase made on
his account. I consider
Mr.

Mr. Donaghue's conduct
open to the severest
censure, even if such
improperly he not
formally forbidden by
Departmental rules.

As regards the
alleged use of his name
which are not known
to have been paid for
- whether the property
of the State or of a Contractor -
the record is remarkably
incomplete - but it is
not traversed in the
inquiry.

The third point -
that of placing himself
under large pecuniary
and private obligation
to his Subordinate - the
is clearly provided against
Mr Donaghue and fully
admitted. In fact

do not understand why,
in all other departments

the Secretariat, cases
of any difficulty are
submitted to the
Secy in a "memorandum"

Orders - clearly
stating the facts &
giving the Secy's
opinion - whereas
in the P. W. Dept.

all that is received is a
D.P. letter by which
it is proposed to commit
the Secy to a particular
decision - This practice
was objected to by the Secy
some months ago, & ought
now to cease.

Yr Oct 8/92

Mr. Donaghue's Subordinate
found all the funds
and labor to build

There can be no
doubt in my opinion
that Mr. Donaghue
has been guilty of
very serious irregu-
larities - but I

his private residence
and has been but partially
separated by such isolation
as Mr. Donaghue could
spare. There were very
small until the transaction
was discovered in May
and a large balance
is still due.

consider that the
punishments in-
flicted on him
in the Dr. Alt. order
which I presented
in the event - that
suppressing the

No principle of
public administration
is more firmly and
properly established than
that which stamps the
conduct of this kind
with the severest reprobation
and the principle must
be firmly upheld - The
simple fact of being
improperly indebted to a
Subordinate will, I believe,
remove any officer of
the highest rank from

the service of State; and
I can see nothing in this
Case which mitigates
the offence or should
perhaps ward off the dis-
honourable imputation
consequences - aggravated
as it is by other improp-
-eties. That Mr. D. was

As regards the
testimony of Vetterlich
an overseer under
Mr. Donaghe - which official relations
is quite immaterial other
abuse finding on evidence. This is, I think
abundant - it need
only be remarked that a very important
Mr. Donaghe's conduct can be shown to
have placed his subordinate

precisely in that position
as which the policy of
for absolutely forbidding
for money-dealings between
superiors & subordinates
when is intended to bribe
- a position where

decently
deter - but he
should be
plunged else where
and to know
think - should
be Dr. after all
then a member
into trouble it
actually put
him to be placed
in a new field
of action

J.D.S.
16/10

with regard to
Lark & his P.S.
I would explain
that

and official honesty are
Equally endangered -
Vetterlich at first did
all in his power to screen
his superior and is said
to have prevaricated in
support of Mr. Donaghe's
at first falsely asserted
innocence - this was
probably pre-arranged
between them in the
first reference - until
inquiry had established
the offence, which he
(Mr. Donaghe) had
committed by overlooking
evidence. The prevarication
alleged by Captain Oakes
I have characterized
Vetterlich's early verbal
testimony is fully and
reasonably accounted
for his evidence with
as given in his subsequent
deliberate answers
to

to written questions is during the many
consistent with facts and natural inference years I served.
and has all the characteristics of in all Dept. mem.
truth. Captain Drake for the last 4 years
justly remarks that which a draft order
Mr. Donaghue's comments whenever he thought
on these answers are not so satisfactory as the Chief Clerk a clear
could have been written. After writing a
the deliberate written mem? or a simple
evidence of falsification must be accepted, report for order.
as obviously conveying If ever in it true
the truth, and the times he has heard that
wrong does himself the fact is not a blame
convicted I think of if the draft is in
withholding the truth - which case it is
must not be permitted to be altered in a
to screen himself behind altered in a
discrepancies in testimony and was in it
who which his own conduct. This news - or a fact
had brought about. Draft is in his hands
but in his hands

Mr. Donaghue I think stands fully convicted of the charges by evidence of fact, and just inference which I consider sufficient
conclusive, and he is properly amenable to the punishment which I gather from the draft the Chief Engineer would mete out. I think myself as a head of the Department have adjudged lengthened suspension or dismissal from the public service - but I consider that decisive reduction Mr. Donaghue's immediate removal from the District is indispensable and that he must be required as Mr. Linn
The "Draft" system is a little trouble & delay. It is for under the draft system I feel that the draft is a very serious matter in comparison with the draft system.
I do not see any reason to alter in view of the course the Government has pursued in these papers, and I do not see how Mr. Donaghue's removal with respect to the draft system.
I think this was said in Council when the matter was discussed

Suggest to pay the
balance of account
due without demand
as the condition of his
further employment
in any grade.

Regret that I am I do not understand
unable to accept - in why the practice
face of facts so formidable - the P. M. D. is

On the contrary - Captain
Parker asserts that
Mr. Donaghue's presence
in the P. W. D. is
different from that
in the Dept. -

has been beneficial
in the Range - Mr. Dmaghin
Ngor (!) in dismissing poor
Cookies of more or less

workers of more or less lengthened employment through whose representation for orders "is submitted he has been found out when the case

As regards the disposal of the vessel I consider it promotes any kind of doubt or difficulty

Consider that his
conduct - reprehensible whereas it was before

that in the P. A. Defect
no ~~such~~ "Name" for
admission ~~was~~ ^{all}
submitted for all. At
least, if there present
were not a case in
which ~~it~~ ^{such a case} ~~was~~ ^{should be}
submitted, one
does not readily see
how such a case ^{could}
ever arise. ~~it would~~

Twice (but? redudant)
is not saved, but lost,
if, instead of stating the
case ~~so that~~ briefly
and clearly, so that

as his natural unwillingness
to appear against his
diligent Superior morally
is - should be dealt with
with great consideration.
He had been placed by
the wrong doing of his
European Superior in a
position of the greatest
- and in the case of a
Native irresistible temptation
to prevaricate so as to
screen his Superior
from the consequences
of his conduct. On
mature reflection
he however stated
what is on the main

unmistakably the truth
- though the veracity
is impugned by the man
in whose interest he
had advanced. Evidently
some of money and had
taken

taken unrewarded
trouble.

He has borne an
apparently an unblemished
character, his good
testimonials, and
stands high in the
kitchen service of the
D.P.W. He has been
mentioned & commended
by the District
Engineers & Mr. Donaghy
up to the time of this
occurrence - which reflects
far more discredit
on his ^{immediate} European superiors
than on him.

As soon as Mr. Donaghy
is found out, we have
an outburst of indignation
& accusation by
Mr. Donaghy - on which
it would be d.

foot may form their
own opinion, the
letter is left to the foot
of reading ~~the papers~~
in the immediate detail
with a view to learn
the history and
branches of the ~~question~~
question.

Sept 21/73

and very inexpedient
to act - in the face of
the candid representation
which Vetterlin has
addressed to Government,
I think that anything
beyond a mild animadversion
on his part - in his mind
well-meant - prevarication
would have the worst
effect.

But as Captain Oakes
seems ^{now} to have a dislike
to the man from what
has occurred and to
distrust him, I would
remove him to another
neighbouring District.

Island as a
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Note.

Under the circumstances
of my temporary absence
of

of office I will not take
part in the discussion
raised on this paper.

As the Hon. Secretaries
& Government should prepare
Drafts & Orders for
orders stating the facts
with their own opinions on
judicial or quasi-judicial
cases or not.

I will now submit with
deference my emphatic conviction
that these extra-judicial
statements and opinions are
out of place when the members
of Government are exercising
practically judicial functions,
and that they more frequently
confuse than aid sound
judicial judgments. The
practice is not being opposed
to the views of all the most
experienced judicial authorities
and to the practice of judicial
tribunals of all kinds; and
it is virtually forbidden by the
Law in Commercial matters.

My own feeling is that the
Secretaries' duties as respects
the quasi-judicial functions
of the Government begin after

the principals have passed
judgment and I believe that

it does tend to promote
justice and harmony between

Can this division of labor

24/11

W.H.

His Excellency
the Governor in Council
is satisfied from
the evidence submitted
with his letter No. 464
of 31st July that the
District Engineer
of Tanjore has too
good reason for
stating Salook Avesar
Vethivalu Pillay to be
thoroughly untrustworthy.

and dishonest; and
his services will
accordingly be dis-
pensed with.

The conduct of
Mr. Donaghue can-
not however be
approved; and as
it appears that he
was promoted to the
rank of Sub Engineer,
over the heads of three
seniors, on the 1st
April last, when the
Government were
unaware that this
change was impending
over him, such pro-
motion will be

~~Mr. Donaghue~~
I think this work
of dealing with
Mr. Donaghue
is rather hard;
it is ~~Mr. Donaghue~~
he ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~rather~~ ^{rather} ~~hard~~
with some ~~unpleasant~~
as to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~terdy~~
payments.
Major Parker says that
he ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~leaved~~ ^{leaved} "a fearful
" regard to his duty
" uncomfortable with

"the idea of this
commence to any
irregularities by
which he might
have benefited,"

cancelled; and he
will revert to his
former place from
the 1st instant.

The Government
cannot but believe
that his ignorance
as to the employment
of road coolies on
his private work,
and of its cost from
month to month
was wilful. There
was no positive
objection to his being
assisted by his
Overseer in carrying
it out had he

insisted on its being
accounted for, and
payments being
made for it, precisely
like any Government
work under his
charge. But it is
acknowledged that
up to 26th January
he had only paid
Rs 100 on account
of it, whereas the
Ministry in charge
of the work had
received nearly Rs 60.
And although the
Bungalow estimated
to cost Rs 44, and

167
stated by the Overseer
to have cost from
Rs 47 to Rs 1040,
was completed in
March, Mr. Donaghy's
payments on its ac-
count up to the
date of the inquiry
only amounted to
Rs 500. Evidently,
either money was
advanced for him
by his subordinates,
under obligation
to whom he thereby
placed himself;
or labour and mate-
rials remained

unpaid for. These
irregularities have
brought down on
Mr. Donaghe the
punishment of having
his promotion re-
tarded for a time;
such of his corres-
pondence with his
subordinates as has
been handed up
by the District En-
gineer shows him
incapable of straight-
forward firm
and systematic
action in public
matters; and the
to warning which he

Whether or
not with his
private affairs?

now receives will
it is trusted lead
to more consistent
action in his private
affairs, and to his
speedy restoration
to the rank he has
lost.

G.M.W.

Ch. Engineer Sanjoro
Contr. P. Jr. Accounts

No. 27/ 2671

Public Works Department
Proceedings of the Madras Government
Read the following:-

From,
The District Engineer
of Tanjore } (H. E. No. 4647 31 July 1913)
" Do " " " 597 " 8 Sept 1913
" Do " " " 649 " 20 " " 1913
" Do " " " 659 " 26 " " 1913
Petition from C. Vethivaloo Pillay (" dated 14 August 1913)

Submitted to the Government
for consideration
25/10/13
M. S.

These papers relate
to the result of an
investigation into the
following charges
which have been
preferred against
Mr Sub Engineer
Donaghue.
Emth

I. Employing road coolies in the construction of a private dwelling house.

II. Employing an Overseer under his orders in the supervision of the work, and borrowing money of him for carrying it out.

III. Purchasing at a public auction Government materials for the building.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has given his fullest consideration to the evidence which has been adduced in support of these charges, and while admitting that the District Engineer had good reason for suspecting Salook Overseer Vetti-
valoo Pillay to be un-
trustworthy; get taken

There seems to be some mistake here - I don't find that the P. had decided his dismissal - for such it is - Mr. Linn merely recommended the same view & he old not be removed till after the birth of the same kind of proof elsewhere. Then of course no break in his service.

As a matter of fact
I don't think Mr. Donaghue
will
26/10 not

into consideration his subordinate and dependent position, he directs that his employment in his present capacity in the Tanjore District should cease; but that it be optional with any officer of another District to employ him if requiring his services.

As regards Mr. Donaghue the Govt. observe that there is no proof of his having taken away the coolies from public work or paying them from public funds. The Overseer

and that he be provided for in the Tanjore District where a vacancy is stated to exist

Overseer appears to have
been simply asked to
afford assistance in the
construction of the
building and there is
not sufficient proof
that he paid away
any money until it
was furnished him
by Mr. Donaghue. His
Excellency in Council
cannot however but
remark with disapprobation
Mr. Donaghue's
proceeding in pur-
chasing Government
materials at a public
auction, his conduct
in this respect is
open to severe censure
and he ought to have
been careful to prevent

the employment of the
Coolies on his private
work as such an
arrangement could
not but be inju-
-rious to the public
service. He has given
occasion to public
scandal and will
be removed to the
Buddapah District,
vice Mr. Hayes pre-
sented; his place being
filled by one of the
recently promoted
Supervisors. G.W.

To The W. Sup. Tanjore
District
* H. Sup. (Buddapah)
* (Buddapah)

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Du. 3-depts to both 21/11/73-
X.D.C. - 13/11/73
* 20/11/73

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Govt. of 118731 Madras.

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The District Engineer
Tanjore.

Dates

Recd.

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G. O. 87 Dated 26/7/81.

★
Nos. 26024/55/

Re Mr. Sub Insp. Donaghy.

Paying orders on certain
charges preferred
Against Mr Donaghy
in connection with the
erection of his private
bungalow at Manayur.