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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Public Works DEPARTMENT.

G.O. No.	459	Press
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Dated	12-2-	1873.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
12th February 1873.*

No. 260. Read the following letter from the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Division, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Bellary, 30th November 1872, No. 2,021 :—

With reference to G. O., No. 2,672, dated 13th November 1872, I have the honour to forward a letter* from Serjeant Frankland, Cantonment Overseer,

* No. 100, dated 26th November 1872. Bellary, explaining the part he took in the timber-yard transactions at this station. Mr. Fraser reports that the Overseer was not responsible in any way for the frauds committed. In G. O., No. 2,119, dated 6th September 1872, it is shown that the period embraced November 1867 to June 1871, and Mr. Frankland did not take charge of the yard until the end of March 1871.

2. I observe that Mr. Fraser joined the range in July 1871, about which date the Executive Engineer discovered the discrepancies, and between March and July the Overseer issued scarcely any timber. I have examined also the list of timber which was made out when he took over the stock on hand, and I find that the amount is small and has since been accounted for. I do not consider Mr. Frankland responsible, and I think his denial of all knowledge of the deficiency may be credited.

3. In Mr. Fraser's letter of the 22nd January, No. 548, embodied in G. O., No. 574, dated 2nd March 1872, a list of Yard Superintendents and Maistries is given; the former are not now employed in the department, and the Maistries have been dismissed.

4. As regards the Office Establishment, the following are the parties who have had anything to do with the accounting for the timber.

G. Stretnavasa Row, Head Accountant, dismissed by Government.

Narrainsawmy Pillay, 1st Assistant Accountant. This man assisted in preparing the abstract in the Range Office from the statements received from the Yard Superintendent of wood issued from the timber-yard. These compilations were exactly copied from the yard statements, the rate and value only being added. A writer of the name of Madoora Mootoo assisted for a short time, but he is not now employed. It appears that the Head Accountant had the compilation of the expenditure on account of timber which was charged in the Progress Report under each head of work, and is responsible for the entries. I do not consider that Narrainsawmy Pillay had anything to do with the adjustments of the timber accounts, or the crediting or debiting of particular works with the value of the wood. Three Accountants or Writers, by name Raghavendra Row, Kistnasawmy Moodelliar, and Venkiah Naidoo, were also employed in the office and are now in Government service, but beyond occasionally making a copy of the timber abstracts, and this very seldom, I do not consider them in any way mixed up with the transactions, nor cognizant of the discrepancies.

Veeraragavooloo Naidoo. This person is now the Cantonment Overseer's writer, and he occasionally prepared the yard issue statement for the Range Office during the short time he was employed at the yard. He acted under the orders of the Superintendent, and I have not been able to discover that he was implicated.

Mr. D. McKenna is now acting as a Maistry in the Cantonment, and is paid from the temporary establishment. He occasionally wrote some of the statements

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of timber issued from the yard. He was not long employed, and there is no evidence to convict him of participation in the frauds.

From Mr. K. FRANKLAND, Cantonment Overseer, Public Works Department, to the Executive Engineer, Bellary, dated Bellary, 26th November 1872, No. 100.

With reference to that part of Government Order No. 2,672, of 13th November 1872, that concerns me, I most respectfully beg to make the following statement.

2. In February 1871, I joined this range for the purpose of taking charge of the Bellary Cantonment.

3. Shortly after my arrival I was informed by Lieutenant-Colonel Palmer, then Executive Engineer in charge of the range, that after I had measured up the works in progress I should have to take charge of the timber in the Engineer's yard and relieve Maunsing, who, I believe, was placed in temporary charge in the interim between the time of Serjeant Richmond leaving the range until such time I could take over charge of the yard from him (Maunsing).

4. Owing to the number of works I had to measure (nineteen new works and seventeen repair works) and the great press of business, it being near the end of the official year, I was not able to take charge of the timber until near the end of March 1871.

5. On taking charge I carefully measured all the timber in the yard, and sent in a return of the same to the Range Office, showing the exact quantity I took over from Maunsing.

6. From the time I took charge to the time of your joining the range in July 1871, I had issued only 18 cubic feet of timber, and the balance, according to my stock return, was found by you to be correct.

7. From the time of my taking charge, up to this day, whenever I have occasion to issue timber, I invariably send in a return to the Range Office, showing the quantity and the work for which it has to be issued.

8. In conclusion, I most respectfully beg to state that I did not know there was a deficiency in the timber until it was discovered by you; had I known it before I should, of course, consider it one of my first duties to have reported the matter.

Trusting that the above will show that I have had nothing to do with the deficiencies referred to.

No. 261.

ORDER THEREON, 12th February 1873, No. 459.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19.

His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to accept the explanation submitted in this letter, and to exonerate the persons referred to in it from blame with reference to the timber deficit at Bellary.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Bellary.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Bellary Range
3rd Division

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Bellary

26th November 1872

W. Fraser Esquire, Esq.

Executive Engineer,
Bellary.

Sir,

With reference to that part of Government Order No. 2672, of 13th November 1872 that concerns me, I most respectfully beg to make the following statement.

In February 1871 I joined this Range, for the purpose of taking charge of the Bellary Cantonment.

Shortly after my arrival I was informed by Lieutenant Colonel Palmer, then Executive Engineer in charge of the Range, that after I had measured up the works in progress I should have to take charge of the timber in the Engineer's yard, and relieve Maunsing, who I believe was placed in temporary charge in the interim between the time of Serjeant Richmond leaving the Range until such time I could take over charge of the yard from him (Maunsing).

Owing to the number of works I had to measure (19 new works and 17 Repair works) and the great press of business, it being near the end of the official year, I was not

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In conclusion, I most respectfully
beg to state that I did not know there was
a deficiency in the timber until it was discovered
by you; had I known before I should, of
course, considered it one of my first duties to
have reported the matter.

Trusting that the above will
show that I have had nothing to do with
the deficiency referred to.

I beg to remain,

Your most Obedient Servant,

Frankland

Commissioner of the Range

D. 1871.

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had nothing to do with
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Enclosure to letter No. 5011.
dated 30th November 1872.
from the Supg. Engr. to
the Secretary to Govt.

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P. W. 5981

Proceedings of the Madras Government
Under date the 1st January 1873
Read the following

From the Supg. Engineer 3rd N. E. No. 2021 of 30 November 1872

His Excellency the
Governor in Council
resolved to give the
subordinate officials
who are mentioned in
the Supg. Engineer's letter
as having been in some
way connected with
the compilation of the
accounts of the Bellary
timber yard, the benefit
of the doubt which is

I would not say this.
It is clear that Frankland
had nothing to do with
the fraud - and the Supg.
Engineer acquits all the
others. The principals in
the fraud are not likely
to have multiplied assumptions

I would simply ~~assume~~ ^{accept} the explanation given by ~~the~~ ^{the} guilty knowledge of the

fraudulent transactions
lately reported.

His Excellency is
glad to learn that
Serjeant Frankland
can have been in no
way involved in the matter.

His Excellency desires
it to be clearly understood
that the fact put for-
ward by Colonel Beau
that Veeraragavalu
Saidu acted under
the orders of the Super-
intendent would
in no way have re-
lieved him from the
responsibility that
would have attached
to him had his duties
in connection with
the

accounts been such
that he ought to have
known of the objection-
able practices, on the
part of others, obtaining
the timber yard.

C. S.
G. M. W.

Master James W. M.

Range

No. 2021

Supdt. Engineer's Office 3rd Div.
Bullary 30th November 1872

From

The Supdt. Engineer

3rd Division

To

The Secretary to Government

P.W. Department

Fort Saint George

Sir

With reference to G.O. No. 2672 dated 13th November 1872, I have the honor to forward a letter from Sergeant Frankland, Cantonment Overseer Bullary explaining the part he took in the Timber Yard transactions at this Station. Mr. Fraser reports that the Overseer was not responsible in any way for the frauds committed. In G.O. No. 2119 dated 6th September 1872, it is shown that the period embraced November 1869 to June 1871, and Mr. Frankland did not take charge of the Yard until the end of March 1871.

I observe that Mr. Fraser joined the Range

Enclosure 1.

No. 100 Dated
26 November
1872

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Range in July 1871, about which date the Execu-
tive Engineer discovered the discrepancy, and be-
tween March and July, the Officer found some-
ly any Timber. I have examined also the list of
Timber which was made out when he took over
the Stock on hand, and I find that the amount
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~~Wendell~~
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no evidence to connect him with participation in
the frauds.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

Wm. Col. R. C.
Superintending Engineer

Recd 2nd March / 1872
6th Sept 1872
13th Nov 1872

P. M. 1872 Depart
From No 5981.
The Supt. Engineer
3rd Dec

To
The Secy to Government
P. M. Department
Fort St. George

Dated 30th
Recd 4th November 1872

Encl: 1. 2021

Reports the persons
who had anything to
do with the Timber
deficiency, and their
connections with matters
of fraud.

With an order

His Excellency the Governor in Council is
pleased to accept the explanation submitted in
this letter and to reiterate the persons referred to in it
from blame with reference to the timber deficit
at Bellary.

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St. George Bellary -
Recd 14/12/72

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To The District Engineer

Bellary

Dated

Recd.

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Nos. 260 & 261

Timber deficit at Bellary.

Accepting explanation
offered as to the ~~an~~ con-
nection of certain sub-
ordinates ~~with the~~ in the
timber deficit and
exonerating them from
blame.

Mean Col. R. C.
Superintendent Engineer
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