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Public works DEPARTMENT.

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No. 562 Read the following letter from the Officiating District Engineer, Malabar, to the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 26th December 1872, No 11 —

WITH reference to G O No 2,753, dated 23rd November last, directing inquiry to be made as to the extent the system of advances prevail in the various ranges of the Malabar District, I have the honour to state that the Cannanore Range is the sole one where advances are considered necessary. I beg to forward

No 921, dated 11th December 1872 Captain Bailey's letter* on the subject, and must say I have serious doubt as to the alleged necessity of allowing advances. I am led to make this statement as precisely the same arguments were adduced in the Calicut Taluq when I objected to advances being made, but on my insisting that advances should be discontinued and orders should be obeyed, work I find now goes on much better than before

2. As Captain Bailey is an officer of long standing in the district, I imagine he is unwilling to inaugurate any new style of working, but if a system which Government disapproves of, and which is a source of demoralization to subordinates and an encouragement to neglect of duty, is to be put an end to, it is necessary, I submit, some serious remonstrance should be addressed to Captain Bailey personally.

From Captain H. BAILEY, Executive Engineer, Cannanore Range, to the District Engineer, Malabar, dated Cannanore, 11th December 1872, No 921.

In reply to your Circular No 1, dated the 6th instant, I have the honour to state that nine-tenths of the works under my charge cannot be carried on without advances

2 In most places local labour is not obtainable, and even where it is the people are too poor to come to work and remain for any time without advances for food, but in very many cases there is no local labour to be had, and in these it is impossible to expect that labourers, whose whole property is the cloth they wear, can leave their villages and go to another place without an advance. If they did they must simply starve, as it is quite certain the bazaar people would not trust them

3 Under these circumstances, I have the honour to request you will apply to Government for a consideration of the orders in question if you consider they must be acted on, as either work must stop or the Overseers make the advances from their own funds

4 When the orders you quote were published, I pointed out the impossibility of acting on them to the Superintending Engineer, and, as no objection was afterwards made to these advances, I presume he recognized the impossibility of working without them

5 I may at the same time point out that up to this Government have not lost a single anna of advances made to work-people during the fifteen years I have held charge of ranges in Malabar.

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Nedimbrinjal Road.

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Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries
March 1872	Rs	A	P	April	Rs	A	P	March	Rs	A	P
Sept 1872	33	0	0	May	35	0	0	April	70	0	0
				October	30	0	0	May	11	0	0
				November	20	0	0				
				December	15	0	0				
Total	33	0	0	Total	100	0	0	Total	81	0	0
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Alterations to Trunk Road

COONJEE MAYEN				GOVINDA NAIR				COONTY			
Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries
March 1872	Rs	A	P	April	Rs	A	P	March	Rs	A	P
April	165	0	0	September	168	0	0	April	53	0	0
May								June	30	0	0
June	50	0	0					July	47	0	0
July	50	0	0					August	35	0	0
August	25	0	0					September			
September											
October	15	0	0								
November	15	0	0								
Total	350	0	0	Total	168	0	0	Total	230	0	0
1st January, Balance	60	0	0	1st January, Balance				1st January, Balance	6	13	0

Repairs to Trunk Road.

COONJEE MAYEN				BAUPOO				MAHOMED COOTY			
Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries	Month	Advances		Recoveries
March 1872	Rs	A	P	April	Rs	A	P	June	Rs	A	P
April	100	0	0	June	22	0	0	July	75	0	0
May	150	0	0					August	10	0	0
June								September	80	0	0
July	100	0	0					October			
August	18	12	0								
September	50	0	0								
October	25	0	0								
Total	453	12	0	Total	22	0	0	Total	115	0	0
1st January, Balance	35	0	0	1st January, Balance				1st January, Balance			

(Signed) H BAILEY, Captain

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No. 563.

ORDER THEREON, 25th February 1873, No 607.

ACCOUNT, No 40

FROM a statement that has been obtained of advances made by the Cannanore Range Officer in the current

official year, it would appear that his assertion that nine-tenths of the works in his charge cannot be carried on without advances is exaggerated. In the first place these advances appear to be confined to road works in out-of-the-way places to which labour has to be imported, and secondly they are payments on account of work done after the first month or two rather than *bona fide* advances.

2. The Government do not object to original advances of the description shown in the statement, if absolutely necessary moderate in amount, made by the Range Officer himself or by Overseers on his responsibility, and quickly covered by work done. But they do consider that such payments on account month after month as those made to one Coonjee Mayen for alterations and repairs to the trunk road should cease to be made if *bona fide* advances, and if not advances but payments on account of work done the nature of which precludes its being fully measured up, they should be so recorded in the accounts as provided by departmental rules.

(True Extract)

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

Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

,, Controller of Public Works Accounts

,, Financial Department

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To The District Engineer
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