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15th March 1873.*

No. 331. Read the following letter from the District Engineer, Cuddapah, to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Fort St. George, dated Cuddapah, 4th February 1873, No. 330-A. :—

I AM sorry to have to bring the following to your notice for orders :—On the 8th November last, Mr. Seton, Sub-Engineer in charge of Budwail Range, inspected work in progress on the Chepaud tank, and found the measurements in books to differ from the actual pits; he also found the Overseer had not kept his measurements in the book issued for the purpose, but in a rough book; and from what he learnt at the time believed the Overseer had never measured the work at all, but simply copied from the Maistry's book. Mr. Seton then told the Overseer he should report him and request his removal, on this the Overseer sent in his letter No. 413 of 8th November 1872, (enclosed,) but it was not forwarded by Mr. Seton, pending certain explanations called for by Mr. Seton regarding the Chepaud tank, in the meantime the Overseer wrote to the Superintending Engineer, his No. 449 of 18th November 1872, (enclosed,) no notice appears to have been taken of it; the man then sent me a letter direct, making certain allegations against Mr. Seton and which I returned to him to be sent to me through the proper channel with any documents he had to prove his statements; he accordingly sent me the enclosed No. 635 of 9th January 1873, with four enclosures.

2. I met Mr. Seton and the Overseer at Mantapumpully on the 10th January to inquire into the matter, when the Overseer gave me the five original documents (enclosed). I also enclose Mr. Seton's letter No. 725 of 23rd January, replying to the charges.

3. I may state that the work at Chepaud tank has within the last four days been inspected by me, and, where pits can be found, I find a great difference between the Overseer's measurements and mine; in the other case no pits are to be found, they are stated to have been destroyed by a second breach in the tank, which destroyed the work done. The villagers, who are interested in the work being done, say, that it was done, but I can hardly believe it, or, if it was, it must have been very badly done to breach immediately water touched it, and I have been obliged to authorize its being paid for. The man has borne a very bad character for a long time, and was actually on probation at the time, I have fined him one-eighth of his pay and removed him to another range.

4. My own opinion is that, owing to Mr. Seton having put himself under an obligation to the Overseer, the man did or tried to do as he liked, thinking Mr. Seton would never report him; also that Mr. Seton does not seem to have been aware of the serious nature of the transaction alluded to, and did not think he had put himself in the Overseer's power at all, hence the bad work and neglect of the Overseer and the exposure of Mr. Seton. I therefore forward the whole of the papers for your orders.

No. 332. ORDER THEREON, 15th March 1873, No. 821.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 44.

It does not appear to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the nature of the dealings between the Range Officer and Overseer was other than is simply stated in the letter of the former; and the

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bad construction attempted to be put upon the correspondence by the Overseer is most discreditable to him. The District Engineer will deal with his departmental shortcomings without reference to this countercharge brought forward by him against the Range Officer.

(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

Encl 14

No 330 A. District Engineer's Office
Cuddapah
Feb 24th 1873.

From The District Engineer
Cuddapah

To The Secretary to Government
R.O. Dept.
Port St. George.

Sir, I am sorry to have to bring the following to your notice for orders; On the 8th Nov^r last Mr. Seton Sub Eng^r in charge Budvail Range, inspected work in progress on Chepauk Tank, & found the measurements in books to differ from the actual pits; he also found the Overseer had not kept his measurements in the book issued for the purpose but in a rough book, & from what he learnt at the time taking the Overseer had never measured the work at all, but simply copied from the Main Survey book. Mr. Seton then told the Overseer he should report him & request his removal, in this the Overseer sent in his letter No 413 of 8 Dec^r 1872 (enclosed; but it was not forwarded by Mr. Seton pending certain explanations called for by Mr. Seton regarding Chepauk Tank, in an answer the Overseer wrote to Sup^r of Engineers letter 449 of 18th Dec^r 1872 (enclosed) no notice appears to have been taken of it; the man then sent me a letter direct making certain allegations against Mr. Seton & which I referred to him to be sent to me through the proper channels, with any documents he had kept on his statement. He accordingly sent me the enclosed No 635

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Sir

Yours most obedt Servt
J. L. L. L.

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N^o 821 P. H. D.

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Read the following:-

From

The Dist Engineer
Cuddalore

(H. E. No. 330 of 4th Feby/93)

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The District Engineer
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To
Government
P. M. S. D.

No. 330 of 4th

Subd. 4th February/93
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taken by him in the
Cuddalore tank in 1873
- relation to the
C/2 821-18th Feby/93

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forward by him against the
Range Officer.

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I hereby certify that the
contents of the enclosed
are true and correct
as they appear in the
original documents
submitted to me for
certification and that I
have not altered or
added to the same
in any way.

To the District Collector
at the District Office

Decr 18/3/73

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Govt. of 1873 Madras.

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To The District Engineer
Cuddalore.

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Encl.

G. O. 15th March No. 821.

No. 33/1332

Overseer Kivamartha Iyer.

Passing orders on letter from
the District Engineer, Cuddalore,
regarding Kivamartha
Iyer, Valang Annaswari,
Paddanoor.