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8th May 1874.*

Read the following:—

No. 208C. From the District Engineer, Kurnool, dated 22nd April 1874, No. 5.

No. 208D. ORDER THEREON, 8th May 1874, No. 1,243-B.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 11B.

THE Kurnool Range Officer reports to the District Engineer that he has had to suspend a European Overseer, to whom he "gives credit for being as a rule very careful with his measurements and payments, and for paying some little attention to the proper sectioning of roads;" but of whom he also says, "that not only has very little been done in this taluq, but that the roads are in infinitely worse order than when I handed them over last year to Mr. Carroll." He also states as a fact of the case with reference to which he suspended Mr. Carroll that, "though only 7 miles from one end of the Bellary Road and 24 from the other, that Overseer failed in spite of his repeated orders to visit the road for five months." The result being that payments for August, September, October, November, and December, all had to be made in January.

2. The third charge of refusing to pay coolies is stated to be proved by a written takeed, dated the 7th January, in virtue of which the Overseer is alleged to have refused to pay for work between the 1st December and 3rd January when it was verbally stopped.

3. The second charge of short measurement is found by the Range Officer proved by his own measurements to the extent of Rupees 88.

4. The third charge of extortion has evidently been brought forward by the Kolkar and coolies affected by the refusal to pay up to date of dismissal, and by the short measurement of the first and second charges. It is really brought against the Maistry Aroonachellum Moodelliar, and as the Range Officer entirely acquits him of having appropriated Rupees 15-2-0, said to have been short paid, there is nothing to be said against the Overseer on that score, and it seems clear that the charge has been fabricated in revenge for a real grievance, and to support real charges.

5. Of discreditable and habitual neglect, the very fact of five months' pay having to be disbursed at once is conclusive proof. But with proper attention to his duties on the part of the Range Officer such a state of affairs could not have been possible. No explanation appears to have been asked of the Overseer, or is volunteered by the Range Officer. It would not have been too much to expect of the Range Officer that he should have made the payments himself, and arranged for future punctuality, if he found them so long delayed. It is presumed that he has taken personal action upon the second and third charges, and paid up the sum which he has himself pronounced to be due. But the conduct not only of the Range Officer but of the District Engineer, in regard to this affair, appears to the Governor in Council to have been extremely unsatisfactory.

6. Captain Taylor has had a narrow escape of removal from the department lately, and in the range to which he will be removed to work in a lower grade he will be careful that his management both of his work and subordinates does not

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again come in for the reprobation of Government. Mr. Overseer Carroll being young in the service, and represented as likely to amend under good management, is given one more trial under the District Engineer, Bellary, who is authorized to discharge him if he does not give satisfaction after six months' probation, and who will send Mr. Claridge to work in Kurnool in his place when relieved of his present duties.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Kurnool.
Bellary.

Controller.

Exd. S. T. Austin.

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Regd. Kurnool Range Officer
Camp Peapully 17th March 74
No 943
From, The Officer in charge,
Kurnool Range.

To,

The District Engineer,
Kurnool.

Sir,
I have the honor to report
for your information that I
have been obliged to suspend
Overseer Carroll on charges of
extortion, giving short measurements
and refusing to pay coolies. I
have herewith enclosed a copy of
the evidence given by certain
coolies at Kodumoor together
with the explanation offered by
Overseer Carroll and the statements
made by witnesses on both sides,
I find Overseer Carroll guilty
of all charges preferred against
him with the exception of extortion
which I am inclined to modify
into

gross neglect of duty? The facts
of the case are briefly as follow:

Overseer Carroll though only
seven miles from one end of the
Bellary Road, and twenty four
from the other, failed in spite
of my repeated orders to visit
this road, for 5 months; he
appears at last to have gone
to Kodumoor, (in December) cut
down the rolls in a most arbi-
trary manner from Rs 1040 to
Rs 810; a month afterwards the
coolies were paid by him at Patti-
conda, and they allege that they
only received Rs 795.--- instead
of Rs 810.---. Overseer Carroll
paid them at night, and his
reason for so doing is that he
was busy during the day, the
witnesses however declare that
he was doing nothing, and as
I have received a most inaccu-
-rate

Cash account and nothing else
from this man in the way of
work, I am inclined to give
credence to the assertion of the
coolies, that he was merely
idling during the fore and after
noons of those days on which
he made payments. It is well
known that without very great
care one is always apt to either
overpay or underpay a roll, &
hence the very greatest care &
attention should have been paid
by Mr Carroll when making
disbursements, but what accord-
ing to his own admission does
he do in spite of my repeated
warnings that he could not be
too careful in money matters,
in spite of my repeated warnings
not to trust to his subordinates
he sits some distance apart from
the money, he leaves the entire

payment to his maiotrics &
when the coolies complain that
they are being cheated he has
them driven off; again instead
of paying during the day he pays
by lamp light; the result of
such conduct being that while
the coolies on one side have been
molested of some Rs 15-2-0, he on
the other side, finds his cash &
balance short; in regard to the
charge of short measurement, I
find (on actual measurement)
in favor of the coolies to the extent
of Rs 88-0-0, his conduct in
regard to the third charge is
also unaccountable; before his
very eyes certain coolies under
Kolcar Mohideen worked on the
road near the village of Kodumoor
he directed this maiotry about a
week after to stop work and on the
8th January 74 he issues a Sakreed
of dismissal, in which he informs
the

I am convinced
that this man is
perfectly innocent
as far as the charge
of extortion is con-
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the Kolcar that he is dis-
charged from the first of the
previous month and in virtue
of this Sakreed refuses to pay the
coolies. - I regret to observe that
Maiotry Arunachellum is to
some extent implicated in this
case. I cannot speak too strongly
of the incompetency of Imperial
Maiotry Moorogasa Moodr, the man
has literally done nothing for
months, I have repeatedly com-
plained to you of my subordinate
and I would now respectfully
observe that not only has been
very little been done in this Taluk
but that the roads are in infinitely
worse order now, than when I hand-
ed them over last year to Mr Car-
roll. I do not know what steps
you propose taking in regard to
Mr Carroll, but I would here-
place a few facts before you
in order that you may be able

to consider not only his conduct but his worldly position, in case you should decide on taking very extreme measures, Mr Carroll has served under me over a year during that period he carried out in a very indifferent and imperfect manner the ordinary repairs of 98 miles of road and some petty repairs to tanks, he has written some 400 letters and kept up the ordinary accounts.

When arithmetical or other errors have been discovered in his papers and he has been directed to correct them, I regret to observe that he has failed in obeying orders. As an instance of this I would refer to his Cash Account for January 74 and to his Tank Return for the half year ending 30th September 1873. He has sent in no sections of Tank Bunds, he has sent in no surveys of roads

he has sent in no estimates of any importance, he has been months and months without inspecting works or making payments though repeatedly ordered to visit all his works monthly; he is accused by two of his subordinates of trying to force them to give false evidence against Maistry Sarangapany. By his representation and letters he led me to believe that this Maistry acted dishonestly whereas Magisterial investigation shows such to be not the case.

I can only give Mr Carroll credit for being as a rule very careful with his measurements and payments and for paying some little attention to the proper sectioning of roads. Having briefly reviewed his career under me, I now propose

describing his position and prospects, Mr Carroll is a European, (civilian) in the prime of life, without friends or relatives in the country, and nothing to fall back upon if punished by dismissal, in fact a sentence of this nature would in a short time mean probably utter ruin to him and though I consider he richly deserves the harshest possible treatment, still I would recommend him to your merciful consideration in the hope that you will be pleased to recommend him for one more chance in some other District and in charge of a smaller Taluq: He seems to feel his present position acutely and would I dare say reform and amend his ways if given one more chance.

It would not do to have him here, for, I am convinced that

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he is excessively disliked by the natives whom he appears to have treated badly and who may in defiance of all consequences take summary vengeance on him. In conclusion I would respectfully urge the necessity there is for securing the services of a smart sharp and zealous subordinate for the Puttikonda Taluq, one who would not find 98 miles of road too much to look after.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most Obedt Servt
W F Pugh Captain
Executive Engineer

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Extrait of a letter from the late District
Engineer, Kurnool, to the Range
Officer, Kurnool, dated the 14 March
1874. No. 1150.

Sir,

I have the honor to reply to
Your letter G^o 868, dated the 13th
Ultimo forwarding for my perusal
a letter from Mr Carroll about
my remarks on his inspection
report for December last:-

2 I quite agree with you that
Pattinson is too large for Mr
Carroll, as would in my opinion
be any talent in the Presidency,
no matter how small, for after
having seen something of himself
and his work I believe him
to be not only lazy and careless

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but thoroughly ignorant of his
work and wanting in common
sense:—

3 Mr. Carroll complains of
having too much work to do:

how? what is it? about 90 miles
of roads to look after, besides

what may be in hands on the

Maddikerry road and perhaps
a dozen tanks, not one of which
has been ever attended to except
those close upon the public
roads— where the roads are
carried over the tank lands—

and still he coolly writes that
he is so hard worked he
has been forced to leave the
Bellary road coolies unpaid
for 4 now 5 months and

the Maddikerry road coolies 2
or 3 months. This is really
monstrous after all that has
been said and written about
keeping coolies unpaid...

Para 4

If you can find a District
Engineer who will take your
3 Overseers I shall let them go
at once— and help you to do the
work until other men can be
got. I would rather as a Range
Officer, get the work done by
intelligent coolies than by
some of the Overseers, I know—
besides yours— An intelligent
cooly will do his best to carry
out orders, but some pig headed

Overseers in this District have
an amount of Vis-inertia which
nothing can overcome.

Para 5. As regards Mr Carroll
I wish you would tell him that
in my opinion, he should on his
own account try for a gratuity
if he cannot get employed in
another District, as I have
often said that for certain
reason I don't wish to dismiss
him - but it must ^{come} to that if
he cannot get out of this District
in some other way.

Signed / W. Fraser Esq

District Engr

True Extract

W. Seymour Captain
Executive Engineer
in charge

End Esq

No 5 District Engineer's Office
Kumool 22nd April 1874

From,

The District Engineer,
Kumool.

To,

The Secretary to Govt P.W.D
Madras.

Sir,

Range Officer
No 948 of 17th March 1874
to enclosures
from the
Dist Engineer
No 1150 of 14th
1874.
Judgment
as tried by
Magistrate of
by

I have the honor
to enclose certain correspond-
ence in regard to Overseer
Carroll. I have been
obliged to suspend him
for gross neglect of duty
and utter disregard of
orders - As I cannot well
play the double part of

accuser and Judge, I am
constrained to forward all the
documents to you. I respect-
fully request that he
may be removed from
this District, he has served
under two Range Officers
and given satisfaction
to neither of them.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your Most Obedt. Servt.

W. J. M. Captain

Executive Eng. In Charge

Compd. Gd.

P. No. 1874 Sept 5.
1874. 25/25
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From

The District Engineer
Madras

To

The Chief Engineer
Madras.

Dated 22nd
Sept. 25th April 1874.
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No. 5
P. No. 1263B. 8-5-74.

Encloses certain corre-

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to Overseer Carroll, and
informs he is suspended
for gross neglect of duty
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that he may be removed
from this District.

No 208-6

Sept 16/28 April 74

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8th May 1874

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Kurnool - (H. S. No. 5 of 22nd April 74)

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C.M.W.

Extract of last sentence in the 40
 despatch in D. S. only to D^g Engrs Kurnool
 & Bellary 8/5/74-

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To D. E. Kurnool ✓
 " " Bellary ✓
 " " Cantuoller ✓
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Draft Order.

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See Mr. Correll
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to pay. Collier is stated to be
proved by a written check
dated the 7th Jan., 1888.
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place, when relieved of his
present duties.

C. W. W.

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Govt. of 1874 Madras.

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To

The Dist. Insp.
Kurnool

Dated

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G. O., 8th May 1874, No. 1243 B

Nos. 2086-2088

Capt Taylor, District
Carroll &c.

Passing orders on the ~~Proceedings~~
Proceedings of the Kurnool
Range Officer, & the D^r Insp.
in connection with certain
charges of neglect of duty & dis-
regard of orders brought against
Overseer Carroll - Capt Taylor
is required to be ^{more} careful in
~~the future to make~~ he will be
~~to make in a less~~ his management both
~~in the future & in the present~~
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