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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
23rd June 1874.*

Read the following papers:—

No. 500A. Telegram from the District Engineer, Calicut, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Ootacamund, 3rd June 1874.

OVERSEER Mahoney guilty apparently of breach of trust. May I prosecute before Magistrate. I despair of conviction otherwise.

No. 500B. From W. S. HARRINGTON, Esq., District Engineer, Malabar, to Colonel G. W. WALKER, R.E., Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, dated Calicut, 10th June 1874, No. 54.

With reference to my telegram of the 3rd, and your reply of the 4th instant, I have the honour to forward a list of charges brought against Overseer Mahoney by Lieutenant Dobson, R.E., the Officer in charge of the Cannanore Range. These seem to me to justify the course of prosecuting the Overseer for criminal breach of trust, when further evidence against him will doubtlessly be brought forward. Should you be of opinion that to avoid the scandal of a public prosecution the Overseer should be "tried" as it were departmentally, I will of course proceed to do so. Other charges of disobedience of orders, incompetence, etc., have yet to be made out against the Overseer in connection with the Moorat bridge and other works.

No. 500C. ORDER THEREON, 23rd June 1874, No. 1,690-A.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 35A.

THE District Engineer, Malabar, will institute judicial proceedings against Overseer Mahoney in connection with the charges preferred against that subordinate without loss of time.

(True Extract.)

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

To the District Engineer, Malabar.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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Charges brought
against Overseer Mahoney

Evidence

Charge No. I

Selling timber from the
Maké Bridge and appro-
priating the money.
The money never having
been credited in the
accounts.

List produced in the
Overseer's own hand writing
for the quantity and value
of timber sold at the Maké
Bridge. 20th November 1872.
No record can be found in
my Office of this transaction.
There has only been one auction
by my order quite lately.
The value of the timber sold
amounting to Rs. 27/anna 8.
was never credited in Serjt.
Mahoney's accounts.

Having sent for one of the
purchasers Maistry Rosario
he informed me he had
bought chipplings from the
Maké Bridge paying ready
money for them; he wasn't quite
sure of the date but gave me
the names of two other purchasers
which corresponded with the
list of names. These other two
men and any more I can en-
counter with will also be question-
ed. Rosario mentioned the
kind of timber he had bought

and

and it exactly corresponded
with the list. He also states
that there was never any
auction but this one and
the auction held about two
months ago by my order.

Tellicherry 1st Jy. A. C. Dobsond
6/6/43

(True Copy)

W. J. Harrison

District Engineer,
Malabar.

Charge

Charge 1st 2

Epitome of Evidence

Appropriating Government money to his own use by sending in fictitious vouchers for timber for the Cootiaddy Chant Bridge 7th mile and ^{goods} for labour which was never used viz carpenter work having been done

Bill for timber signed by man named Amel and witnessed. Voucher for timber contractor can be found and witnesses of the names mentioned only a little boy Carpenter Cooke Ratters and introuched for by the overseer and purporting to be signed by the ministry.

The ministry denies the signature and says he never sent in any Carpenter Cooke Ratters no

Carpenter work was done. The timber for which bill was sent in entry also made in Cash Book and vouched for was cut out of the jungle by the ministry who states that he expressed it belongs to a man named Measellia (professional name) the owner of the ground & that he is neither Contractor or barasman. the ministry himself was told to get the timber and money was advanced to him for that purpose. He only paid for felling sawing and bringing to site of work & paid nothing for the value of the timber, as

as it was simply cut from the
jungle. On my visiting the
work I found only 18 Planks
at site of work. The maitry
who was in charge states
that there is also the following
quantity near the saw from
some little distance from the
bridge

6 Planks in a stream
2 Beams on the saw form
2 Railing posts on the saw form
He further stated that money
was given him for the purpose
of getting timber with (85)

Rupies in three instalments
by the Overseer is official photo
Book he was on the Cutchady
Chart 31st March and paid
for the timber. His inspection
report is different, stating
that he was at Moriat.

The Bill is paid, signed, & witnessed
at Moriat 31st March.

The entry in Cash Book without
date but appears to have been
written up on one day the
31st March as it is the last
entry but one for the month
for March

not seen by me
nor brought to my
notice by overseer until 1/4/88
when I was on the
Chart inspecting
the bridge

Sigs/A. E. Dobson

6/6/76

(True Copy)

M. Harrison

District Engineer,
Rajahmundry

Charge No III

Charge

Appropriating Government
money in the case of the Moriat
Bridge, by charging for the
hire of boats for 86 days
when there really was a bill
out for 48 days and he
could not produce a voucher
for one charge of 30 Rs made
for the hire of the boats

Epitome of Evidence

Extract from Cash Book

30th February
Hire of two boats at
Dannas each per
day for 18 days } 15-0-0
13th March
Hire of two boats at
Dannas each for
22 days } 22-0-0
31st March
Hire of two ^{large} boats at
Dannas each per
day for 19 days } 19-0-0
2nd April
Hire of two large boats
at Dannas each
per day } 30-0-0

86 days 86 Rupies.

x Mr Voucher accompanied the
charge neither can any papers
in the office records. The voucher
was called for but could not
be produced.

The contractor brought one
a kind of I. O. U. signed by
the overseer, and of which a
true copy is sent for hire of
boats for 48 days and he

also told me that he was owed
for 46 days and had not been
paid for the whole hire of the
boats. I was at the bridge
on the 3rd May and the Overseer
then informed me that he
had finished with the boats
used for a Platform for the pile
driving machine as all the piles
were driven and he was going
to send the pile engine to
Shekadas bridge to oversee
Francis.

5 th — 20 th February	= 15 days
20 th — 13 th March	= 22 days
13 th — 31 st March	= 19 days
31 st — 2 nd April	= 30 days
<u> </u>	<u>86 days</u>

The boats were dismissed about the
3rd May

Received from Muckey Goujamaud two large boats on a daily
hire of one Rupee per day

Dated 7th of February
1874

initialed / A. S. D.

Sigs / J. Mahoney

Received two large boats from Muckey Goujamaud in place
of Calli from 1st April to 2nd May 1874.

@ 1 Rupee per day Thirty two Rupees

(marked) A

initialed (A. S. D.)

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Sigs / J. Mahoney

Oversee D. P. W.

Sigs / A. E. Dobson A. R. E.

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IV Charge.

(True Copy)

Sigs / J. Mahoney

District Engineer
Malabar.

Ministry

also told me that he was owed

Rs 23 pounds
in Rs 500 13

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Charge.

Charge

Evidence

Selling Government Timber
without authority at Moorat
Bridge and receiving money
for the same and not crediting
the money in Cash accounts.

Having heard that the
Postmaster at Buddagara
had timber from the Moorat
Bridge in his house. I went
& questioned him. He stated
"I bought timber from Overseer
& Maistry Kurpagum both
at Moorat 4 or 5 Bandy loads
at the rate of one Rupee per
bandy. I have given money
into the Overseer's own hand
once or twice, and also to
Kurpagum, and they gave
passes to the guards at Moorat
for the firewood to pass free.
This was 24th May. I again
questioned him on 27th & he
repeated the same exactly &
referred me to another man
whom I have not yet seen.
He has also written a letter
to Overseer Francis which is
in my possession, which states
almost the same thing but
adds "the sale of firewood
having been conducted so
systematically and publicly
by the above Overseer and
Maistry

may try I did not for a moment imagine that the purchase of the firewood above alluded to would lead to such a question viz: his being in possession of Government timber.

True Extract

100 of A. C. Dobson

Tellicherry 6/6/74.

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W. Harrison

District Engineer,
Malabar.



No. 54 Malabar Distt. Eng'rs Office.
Calicut 10th June 1874.

From

The District Engineer,
Malabar.

To
The Chief Engineer
P. W. Department,
Madras.

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I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. H. Harrison

District Engineer,
Malabar.

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G. M. W.

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The S. D. S. Malabar
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Public Works report
Letter from the District Engineer
March 10, 1884, dated 10th January

I think you
will find
the enclosed
for review.

The prima facie case
seems clear - efforts
and he is to be tried -

But I am inclined to
prefer remand - if we get
a conviction we have an
European convict on hand
for the present & a broken
cooper for the future - He is
an untrustworthy - The only
fellow but is a R.C. he will
do his work & he kept out
of his club - He appears
to have been but 5 years in
the Service.

17/6 1884.

He must offer the alternative
- if not accepted try
him summarily.

If this man is to come back to Military duty I would
prefer his being tried, it may be remembered that a case
came before the other day in which a man of the same
was remanded on a charge of desertion - The question of whether
was decided by the Judge Advocate - I should think with all
the facts before him he should be directed summarily.

Submitted for
order whether judicial
proceedings
should be instituted
against Procaccini
Marbassy, or whether
he should simply be dismissed
from the Department
and remanded to his
Regiment as a
private.

Wm. M. Thompson
Lieut. Col. 1st Regt. Ohio

500 A-500 C

With the wish
renewed by

H. E. the Civil

the man, must
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put on his trial

L. O. P. 22.4.

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Mr. Dist. Engr.
Malabar

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Mr. Ma honey

Mr. District Engineer
has ordered to me:

judicial proceedings
oversee machinery
action with the charges
against him by
the Officer in
the Cambrase.